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I write on behalf of the Devon Chamber of Commerce which represents more than a 1000 businesses of all sizes and sectors and over 40,000 employees. The Chamber would wish to make the following points:-

- In the last survey of Members 60% of respondents said that they preferred to stay in the European Union and 30% responded that they wanted to leave. The percentage in favour was even greater amongst those companies who trade in the European Union. The Chamber is about to survey its Members again and will have up- dates on these figures in March.
- Companies who currently receive economic support from Europe are concerned that they will suffer, unless assurances are given that a future UK Government would replace any money lost as a result of exit.
- There is a similar concern that public infrastructure currently funded by Europe will not be provided unless the UK Government gives assurances that it will replace any money lost.

Yours faithfully

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