

Dear _____ MP,

Firstly, let me wish you a very Happy New Year from everyone at [the3million](http://the3million.org.uk), the organisation of EU citizens in the UK. 2020 will be a crucial year for all of us, and we hope no EU citizens will be left behind when the year ends.

As the representative of your constituents, you have a moral duty to care for all, and in this email, we ask you not to forget the most vulnerable EU citizens in our communities, who are put at risk because of the nature of the EU Settlement Scheme.

- For digitally literate and in-work EU citizens, the digital application scheme works well, but;
- For too many people who have long made their home in the UK, the scheme is causing much anxiety as they scramble around for evidence trying to prove that they have lived here for 5 years. As a result, many are being granted limited leave to remain (pre-settled status), meaning their future is not secure until they go through the whole process again within the next five years;
- There is a backlog of several hundreds of thousands of applications – many people have been waiting for months and are still waiting;
- No similar scheme has ever reached 100% of its target audience. Anyone who doesn't apply in time faces criminalisation and the hostile environment - including loss of jobs, rental accommodation, access to healthcare and benefits. This is what happened to victims of the Windrush scandal, and the Home Office is risking this happening again.
- Hundreds of thousands of EU citizens who are currently living lawfully in the UK - many of them vulnerable and long term residents - won't be able to apply on time, with serious consequences as described above.

You can prevent this. The Withdrawal Agreement offers a choice, allowing the UK to implement a registration scheme, instead of an application scheme with a deadline, as chosen by Theresa May's Government.

During the vote of Withdrawal Agreement Bill, we ask you to support amendments whereby an automatic guarantee and a registration scheme is chosen instead.

There are several tabled amendments which address this: Amendments 5, 6 and NC5.

Please take the time to read our briefings should you wish to find out more:

- Changing the EU Settlement Scheme to be a registration (i.e. a declaratory scheme) (www.t3m.org.uk/WAB_EUSS_declaratory) (2-page PDF)
- The issues with Pre-Settled Status under the EU Settlement Scheme (www.t3m.org.uk/WAB_EUSS_presettled) (2-page PDF)
- The need for physical documents to prove status under the EU Settlement Scheme (www.t3m.org.uk/EUSS_PhysicalDocuments) (2-page PDF)

With kind regards,

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