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The government has triggered Article 50 – which means we are leaving the EU. But the battle for our democracy and our rights has only just begun.

The British government is planning a ‘Great Repeal Bill’, which could affect our rights, and our social standards and environmental protections for decades to come.

The Bill threatens to hand massive powers from parliament and the people to the government. Under so-called Henry VIII clauses, ministers would receive enhanced powers to make law outside of parliament.

Even in Henry’s time these powers were controversial. At a time of such uncertainty we shouldn’t be giving the powers of a renaissance monarch to the government.

The task of the Great Repeal Bill is huge – to transfer thousands of European laws into British laws. During that process we can’t allow ministers the power to scrap important rights and protections.

During the Article 50 debate,

MPs let us down by giving the government a blank cheque to negotiate our EU exit with no restrictions or guidance.

We must wake up Parliament – it’s time to stand up for our rights. Don’t let this government behead our democracy.

We demand:

- The government reveal a **clear and detailed Bill** very soon with a clear timetable which ensures necessary time for consultation and debate
- Any **delegated power to the government must be strictly defined** with additional processes to scrutinise proposals
- **Henry VIII powers are avoided** and delegated powers are strictly limited with sunset clauses
- The government must guarantee, in law, clear provisions to **prevent watering down human rights, equalities, and environmental laws and standards**

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