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Your European Parliamentary report from Emma McClarkin MEP

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Dear Colleague,

Welcome to my latest newsletter. In such an important year, it can be easy to forget the things that happen in the European Parliament.

With the left-wing Syriza party having won the Greek elections earlier this year, it is more important than ever that we Conservatives continue to argue for prudent finances and sensible policies in Europe.

As part of the ECR group—now the third largest group in the Parliament—we are now better placed than ever to make these arguments, and this is something that I continue to do.

I hope to meet many of you out and about in the upcoming weeks and months, and I'd like to wish you all a very successful May.

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REAL REFORM

Our manifesto pledge at the Euro elections was to fight for real reform, renegotiation and a real referendum.

Speculation over whether Commission President Juncker is prepared to offer us a renegotiation and treaty change has been settled with Juncker's confirmation that he is prepared to renegotiate a "fair deal" for the UK and accept treaty changes.

But the only way we will get any reform of the EU, any renegotiation, or a referendum is to vote Conservative. No one else can or will deliver on giving the British people their say. We cannot let this chance to change our relationship with the EU slip away.

TACKLING CORRUPTION AT THE HEART OF FIFA

Earlier this year, I co-hosted an event in Brussels to talk about FIFA reform.

Co-hosting with me were Damian Collins MP and Belgian MEP Ivo Belet. The event aimed to bring together politicians, football and business people from around the world who share a common concern about the crisis at FIFA and are prepared to speak out for reform of the organisation.

The event called on the candidates for the FIFA Presidency to agree to the



establishment of a FIFA Reform Commission to be overseen by an independent international authority such as UNESCO.

The event was very well attended, and gained some real traction in the media. We want to continue this momentum so that we can force serious and long-lasting changes to the way FIFA is run, which would have long-term benefits for the game.

It is clear to all that corruption is endemic within FIFA. We are calling for real change in FIFA, with real reform, transparency and accountability. Strong governance and democracy should be at the heart of FIFA as the Governing Body of the best-loved sport in the world.

The reform needs to start from the top down. It's time to give football back to the people.

BACKING BREAST CANCER INITIATIVES

At the start of the New Year I backed two initiatives to raise awareness of breast cancer.

The first of these was a cross-party Written Declaration on breast cancer which I helped launch, and the second was an event about breast cancer, which I hosted at the end of January.

At the event, an art installation was unveiled to highlight the plight of patients with advanced breast cancer, who often feel isolated from society and defined by their illness.

Having breast cancer in the family, I am more than aware of the impact of this terrible disease on patients and family. We need to do all we can to

promote early detection and best treatment for those suffering from cancer, and we also need to make sure we are doing all we can to help those with continued treatment and support.

These women are hugely important to their family life and also their communities, so we must not overlook them when looking at our long-term cancer care plans.



EMMA McCLARKIN MEP - Fighting for the East Midlands in Europe

Conservative MEPs representing the East Midlands are Emma McClarkin and Andrew Lewer

Campaigning with you – across the East Midlands

Below: With Heather Wheeler and supporters in South Derbyshire.



Below: With Mark Sherwood and his team in Calverton, Nottinghamshire.



Below: With Alberto Costa and his supporters in Blaby, Leicestershire.



Below: In Charlesworth, Derbyshire, supporting Andrew Bingham's team.



Below: With Helen Harrison at Taylors Transport in Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts.



Below: In Willesthorpe, Derbyshire, with our candidate Maggie Throup.



Below: Supporting our candidate Lee Rowley and his team in Dronfield, North East Derbyshire.



Below: Supporting Andrew Bridgen and his team in North-West Leicestershire.



Below: With my team, supporting David Mackintosh in Northampton South, Northamptonshire.



Below: With Tom Pursglove's team in Corby, Northamptonshire.



Below: With Sue Gerrard and Ed Argar in East Goscote, Leicestershire.



Below: With Matt Warman, our candidate for Boston & Skegness, Lincolnshire.



Below: In Bassetlaw, Nottinghamshire, with our candidate Sarah Downes.



Below: Burton Joyce, Nottinghamshire, with Carolyn Abbott and her team.



Below: Botcheston, Leicestershire, with our Council candidates.

