



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

PUBLIC PETITION NO.

PE01801

Name of petitioner

Vincent Mills on behalf of Radical Options for Scotland and Europe

Petition title

Retain powers of economic and industrial intervention.

Petition summary

Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to negotiate with the UK Government to ensure that in any future EU withdrawal agreement, Scotland retains the power to provide state aid to workplaces threatened with closure; take public utilities such as rail, bus and power fully back into public ownership and require public sector contractors to recognise trade unions and collectively bargain wages.

Action taken to resolve issues of concern before submitting the petition

We have raised these issues directly with MSPs privately and via public meetings.

Petition background information

We are asking the First Minister to take heed of the motion passed unanimously by the 2019 STUC conference to ensure that powers:

- to provide state aid to workplaces threatened with closure;
- take public utilities such as rail, bus and power fully back into public ownership; and
- require public sector contractors to recognise trade unions and collectively bargain wages

are retained by the Scottish Government as part of any EU withdrawal deal.

The need to retain these powers has become urgent because with the UK formally leaving the EU, the kind of future relationship that Scotland and the UK will have with the EU is currently being negotiated.

Depending on the agreement reached, it may be impossible for Scotland to offer state aid, nationalise enterprises or require businesses to recognise trade unions in future, powers we believe are necessary for Scotland to flourish.

Unique web address

<https://www.parliament.scot/GettingInvolved/Petitions/retainpowers>

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