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Scotland's referendum

Today Scotland stands at a hugely important crossroads..

The position we find ourselves in isn't one of our choosing. In common with most people across Scotland, I wish that we weren't in this situation.

The Prime Minister has set her course towards hard Brexit, without listening to Scotland's voice at all.

And the collapse of Labour means we face a prolonged period of uninterrupted and unchecked Tory government at Westminster.

Since the referendum in June, the Scottish Government's extensive and genuine attempts at compromise with the UK government – attempts to protect Scotland's interests – have fallen on deaf ears.

All of this has massive implications for Scotland – for our economy, jobs, opportunities, public spending, and living standards.

At stake is not just our membership of the EU, but the kind of country we want to be.

That's why, after careful consideration, I have set out a plan for the way ahead – to allow the people of Scotland, as best I can, to be in control of events, not just at the mercy of them.

It is important that Scotland has the right to choose our own future at a time when the terms of Brexit are clear, but before it is too late to decide on our own path.

I am taking the steps necessary to make sure that Scotland will have a choice – whether to follow the UK to a hard Brexit, or to become an independent country able to secure our relationship with Europe, build a stronger and more sustainable economy and create a fairer society.

That choice will not be taken by me, the Scottish Government, or the SNP. It will be decided by the people of Scotland. It will be Scotland's choice. And I trust the people to make that choice. I trust you to make that choice.

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Kind regards,



Nicola Sturgeon

