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## BETTER OFF OUT

Making the positive case to leave the EU  
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## Norman Tebbit becomes Better Off Out Patron

"We should govern ourselves" - Tebbit

The cross-party Better Off Out campaign is delighted to announce that Lord Tebbit of Chingford, the former Cabinet Minister and Chairman of the Conservative Party, is the new Patron of the campaign to leave the European Union. He is the third patron of the campaign, along with Lord Weatherill, former Speaker of the House of Commons, and best-selling author Frederick Forsyth CBE.

Lord Tebbit said, "From being a supporter of British membership of the Common Market in 1970 I have come to believe that the United Kingdom would be Better Off Out of the developing European Republic of the 21st century. We British have a thousand year history of self-government. We have been free and democratic longer than any other nation. The European Union is too diverse, too bureaucratic, too corporatist and too centralist to be a functioning democracy. We are happy to trade with our European friends and the rest of the world - but we would prefer to govern ourselves."

### Notes to Editors

- 1) Better Off Out is a non-partisan campaign of The Freedom Association to make the positive case for leaving the European Union. Since its launch in April 2006 it has gathered a wide range of support from politics, academia and the general public. A list of prominent supporters can be found on our web site.
- 2) The Rt Hon. Norman Tebbit, Baron Tebbit of Chingford, CH, PC, sat as a Member of Parliament 1970-1992, serving as Margaret Thatcher's Secretary of State for Employment, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, President of the Board of Trade, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Conservative Party Chairman (1985-87).

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