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THE **BETTER OFF OUT** CAMPAIGN

THE POSITIVE CASE FOR LEAVING THE EUROPEAN UNION

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MSP SAYS “BETTER OFF OUT” OF THE EU

Brian Monteith, Independent Member of the Scottish Parliament for Mid Scotland and Fife, has joined Better Off Out, a cross-party campaign pressing for the UK to leave the European Union.

Mr Monteith said, "Time after time I have given the reformers the benefit of doubt, but no longer. Labour will not reform the EU. Don't even ask the Liberal Democrats. Now the Conservative Party, in its decision to abandon its plan to take Britain out of the Common Fisheries Policy, has shown it is not serious about change. Reform is dead as a policy. It is not credible or believable. We'd be better off out – and if it means a grass roots campaign to achieve it then that's what we must do."

In his weekly column in the Edinburgh Evening News, he also laments that David Cameron has scrapped the Conservative Party's pledge to withdraw from the EU Common Fisheries Policy, which has decimated both the Scottish fish stocks and the Scottish fishing industry.

Mark Wallace, Campaign Manager of Better Off Out, said, "We are delighted to have Brian on board the campaign. Since our launch a month ago we have attracted the support of MPs, MEPs, Peers, Councillors and thousands of members of the public, and to have Brian making our case at Holyrood is excellent. The people of the UK know that the EU is stunting our economy and undermining our future, and the more of our representatives who are willing to stand up for them, the better."

NOTES FOR EDITORS:

1) BETTER OFF OUT is a mainstream, non-partisan campaign to make the positive case for Britain leaving the EU. It is a campaign of The Freedom Association, which, since 1975, has championed personal and political liberty in the UK..

2) Further details of Brian Monteith's comments, and those of other BETTER OFF OUT supporters, including economists, politicians and members of the public, can be found at www.betteroffout.co.uk

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