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To MEP Nigel Farage, Europe of Freedom and Direct Democracy Group, United Kingdom Independence Party

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Dear Nigel,

A big day is approaching: a day when the UK will decide to stay in the EU.

Obviously, you are not so convinced yet. Therefore, I want to make a huge offer to you ahead of the historic in/out referendum this Thursday. I am so confident that the British people will do the right thing and vote to remain in the EU that I offer a €1 million charity bet to you on Leave!

Every time I see you in Brussels, which isn't too often, you are turning your back on everyone - I would not turn my back on a bet with you or anyone. I also know you like a bet as I saw you in the bookies backing Leave with £1,000. How about we raise that to €1 million, Nigel? Want to go all-in? Let me know! Everyone's a winner because the money would go to charity!

I love the UK. I spent half of my life in Australia and the rest all over the world creating businesses. I lived in the UK after moving to London with nothing and started selling leather jackets in the streets of Camden Town. I learned a lot there about how the British value economic freedoms and respect individual initiative.

I know that you, in particular, and many British people love to criticize the ineffectiveness of the EU. I agree. I am a huge advocate for EU reform. I am sure there is no need for two Parliaments in Brussels and Strasbourg when one could do the job. I am so tired of taking that train to Strasbourg every month. This can all and will be reformed - with the UK in the EU. We need you here and we need you to be stronger. Don't leave Europe to Germany and France. That would be a pity for markets, businesses, researchers, innovators, entrepreneurs and creators worldwide.

Also, I wouldn't like Putin to raise a toast to Brexit. I lived under the Big Bear and I didn't like that too much. Me and my mother had to flee. I think that the biggest winner in Britain leaving the EU would be Russia and I don't feel safe about it observing what is happening in Europe.

As a betting man I'm sure you saw the odds move in the favour of Leave for a short period last week and seen the move for Remain in more recent hours. As you know they are a much more reliable indicator of what is going to happen than traditional polls. Let's raise the stakes Nigel! We all need to remain to remain winners.

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