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**Paul Blomfield MP, Labour's Shadow Brexit Minister**, responding to the Government's decision to vote against Labour's amendment to the EU Withdrawal Bill seeking effective transitional arrangements, said:

"The Tories have chosen to put ideological red lines above jobs and the economy.

"The Government's decision to close down the opportunity for sensible transitional arrangements is deeply self-harming. It is not in the national interest and increases the risk that we will crash out of the European Union without an agreement. As the former Conservative Attorney General Dominic Grieve said during the debate, serious questions must now be raised about this Government's competence.

"If Ministers had any sense then they would rethink their decision and work with Labour to rewrite this flawed Bill."