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Keir Starmer, Shadow Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, responding to David Davis's announcement about a Withdrawal Agreement [and Implementation] Bill, said:

"This is a significant climbdown from a weak government on the verge of defeat.

"For months, Labour has been calling on ministers to guarantee Parliament a final say on the withdrawal agreement. With less than 24 hours before they had to defend their flawed Bill to Parliament they have finally backed down. However, like everything with this government the devil will be in the detail.

"Ministers must now go further. They need to accept Labour's amendments that would ensure transitional arrangements, and protect jobs and the economy from a cliff edge."