

Together we're stronger

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The SNP and the Greens have forced through the Scottish Parliament a vote calling for yet another divisive referendum.

Every Scottish Labour MSP voted against the plan. Scotland is divided enough – we do not need to be divided further. If you agree then sign our pledge at www.togetherstronger.scot and send a message to the Nationalists that they should focus on the job of governing instead of trying to divide us.

Commenting following tonight's vote in the Scottish Parliament, Scottish Labour leader Kezia Dugdale said:

"Scotland doesn't need or want a second independence referendum.

"There is absolutely no evidence that another divisive referendum is the will of the people of Scotland.

"We need the SNP government to get on with the job of governing. That means focusing on jobs, growing the economy and helping family incomes.

"Holding another referendum on leaving the UK is the wrong thing to do for Scotland's economy, especially when there is so much economic uncertainty from the Tories' reckless plans for a hard Brexit.

"There absolutely should not be another independence referendum until after Brexit. We have no idea what Brexit looks like, or how it will impact our economy and families in Scotland.

"If there is to be another vote, the people of Scotland deserve clarity on what they are being asked to vote on.

"This process cannot be a stitch-up between Nicola Sturgeon and Theresa May.

"Both governments must make it an immediate priority to focus on the Brexit negotiations and securing the best possible deal for Scotland and the UK.

"If, after Brexit, the people of Scotland want a referendum on leaving the UK then it isn't the job of the UK government to stand in the way of that.

"The Labour Party I lead will never support independence. We believe that together we're stronger."