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Prime Minister Theresa May wins no confidence vote

Prime Ministers speech in full

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USPA NEWS - Prime Minister Theresa May remains as Tory leader after surviving confidence vote. The Prime Minister won 200 votes on Wednesday night, but 117 MPs voted against her. The result means the PM is immune from another leadership challenge for a year. She will now resume Brexit negotiations with the EU - focusing on the contentious Irish backstop.

Here's Theresa May's speech in full

"This has been a long and challenging day, but at the end of it I´m pleased to have received the backing of my colleagues in tonight´s ballot.

"Whilst I´m grateful for their support, a significant number of colleagues did cast a vote against me and I´ve listened to what they said.

"Following this ballot we now need to get on with the job of delivering Brexit for the British people and delivering a better future for this country.

A Brexit that delivers on the vote that the people gave.

"That brings back control of our money, our borders and our laws. That protects jobs, security and the Union. That brings the country back together rather than entrenching division.

"That must start here in Westminster.

"With politicians on all sides coming together and acting in the national interest.
"For my part I have heard what the House of Commons said about the Northern Ireland backstop and when I go to the European Council tomorrow, I will be seeking legal and political assurances that will assuage the concerns that parliament have on that issue.

"But while delivering Brexit is important, we also need to focus on the other issues that people feel are vital to them.

"The issues that matter to them today. The issues that we came into politics to deal with. Building a stronger economy, delivering first class public services.

"Building the homes that families need. We owe it to the people who put us here to put their priorities first.

"So here is our renewed mission.

"Delivering the Brexit that people voted for. Bringing the country back together.

"And building a country that truly works for everyone."

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