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## Dear Subscribers.

In addition to ongoing US government shutdown, the long-delayed UK Parliament Brexit bill vote will occur today. It is scheduled to begin at 19:00 GMT (14:00 EST), and end around 20:30 GMT. The received wisdom is that all of Prime Minister Theresa May's hard work will come to naught. Research by credible analysts at the Financial Times and elsewhere points to 200+/-AYEs and 420+/- NOs.

While that gap is an estimate, and could narrow quite a bit, it still points to a significant loss. And with this implying a greater chance the UK crash out of the EU with a "No-Deal Brexit" thud at the end of March, the question is why the UK (and EU) markets are not suffering? Possibly further negotiation with the EU? The UK FTSE stock index is only a bit below 7,000 (equal to US equities early 2018 lows), the Pound is up into the low end of the key GBP/USD 1.30-1.28 range, and Gilt (10-yr UK govvie) is only up a bit further along with govvies on weak data.

Weak data has been an overall driver, especially with the ongoing US government shutdown that is exacerbating overall global growth weakening. Please see this month's OECD Composite Leading Indicators (CLI) (<a href="http://bit.ly/2FxK0BV">http://bit.ly/2FxK0BV</a> for our marked-up version) noted on Monday. This has been a cautionary forward view since the middle of last year. Also see Monday's ALERT!! for our views on the extended implications of the US government shutdown that are now spreading.

Sometimes markets know an impact is looming, yet will not fully reflect it until it actually occurs. Is that the case for the Brexit influence? We shall see.

## Courtesy Repeat of Monday's critical consideration

Ever since the front month S&P 500 future dropped below the early 2018 lows into mid-December, we skipped a lot of our previous higher level activity discussion. Suffice to say that ever since the early December (post-G20 Trump 'Tariff Man' tweets) sharp slide back below 2,708 it was in a 'failure swing' noted since then. That quickly led to the violation of the 2,675-70 area (including the 2017 Close.)

The drop below early-2018 2,529-52 lows was critical due to next significant lower support not being until the major 2,400-low 2,300 area, with a Tolerance to the early 2017 2,318 congestion area low. This can still be seen on the monthly chart (<a href="http://bit.ly/2VBvb6D">http://bit.ly/2VBvb6D</a>) from the end of last year. Those areas form the bounds of a broad range, which the market has pushed above since last week Tuesday.

While it must be noted that only a failure back below the 2,529 February 2018 low will restore near-term bearish momentum, there is substantial interim congestion (October-November basing attempt and previous) in the 2,600 area. That extends to approximately 2,635, and includes weekly MA-9 and MA-13. As such, it appears that the relevant trading range has ratcheted up, yet without any overall positive trend reversal unless that resistance is overcome.

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