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To: [Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee](#)
Subject: Electoral and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2015
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Dear Committee Members,

I would like to oppose some of the provisions of the above named bill at present with your committee.

- reinstate the \$1,000 gift threshold amount, backdated to 21 November 2013; One thousand dollars doesn't buy much these days and this limit is far too low. I would suggest \$15,000. I think that donors shouldn't be required to comply with onerous nit-picking legislation that will waste a lot of time and prove nothing. Also retrospective legislation is not a good idea. What's happened in the past should be left in the past and backdating legislation that requires others to comply, smells of a witch hunt. Voters don't appreciate retrospective legislation because what they did in the past was according to the rules in place at the time. Who can second guess what other items of legislation might be brought in to rake over the past? There is no sense of justice in this.
- remove voter proof of identity requirements; I cannot post a parcel overseas without producing proof of identity. If I want to open a bank account I have to give proof of identity in a number of forms. The Electoral Commission has in the past posted a letter with identity details for the convenience of voters. This saves any hassles at the polling station. Proof of identity minimizes any risk of voter fraud. The only people needing identity then are those who have moved house shortly before the election.

I believe that the Commission's identity papers speeds up voter queues at polling stations and should not be changed. Proof of Identity for local government elections should also be retained.

Thank you for listening to my point of view.

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