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To: Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee

Subject: Fwd: re changes to electoral rules

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Dear Sir Madam, I strongly object to the Government's mission to change one seemingly small, but major change that was put in place almost as an aside by the previous government that was a very important step to protect our electoral right from rorting, by preventing false votes and multiple votes. No words can say that the primary basis of our democracy is ever free from this behaviour. A book by Dr. Amy McGrath should ring alarm bells to public officials. There have always been reports of fraud in our voting obligations and it really does put a terrible face to the new government, that this small improvement should be so quickly discarded. To be serious, the government representatives concerned must realise, that discarding this ,will help in some way on very tight percentages. To discard this obligation begs me to ask, why and why change a electoral process, that should be a sacred right for all citizens, with such gusto. Surely we all should be concerned at any change that could allow the tampering of our rolls, the unalterable benchmark should always be ,truth and honesty. I felt very pleased that I had to give a driver's license to prove who I am. I thought at last some needed reform for a system that should be fool proof. John A Gates

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