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Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to express my opposition to suggested changes to the electoral reform bill requiring people to provide certain forms of identity when voting.

Such a requirement is potentially discriminatory and could restrict the rights of certain sections of the community to exercise their democratic right to vote. It would also make the queues at voting stations longer, which are often long enough and off-putting to many voters.

I would also express my support for the introduction of electronically assisted, and widened postal voting as this will encourage active participation by younger generation and make voting easier for those who have difficulty accessing traditional voting stations.

regards

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