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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in response to the call for evidence with regard to the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) bill.

I would like to object to the passing of the bill on the basis that it curtails the freedom of thought and operations of Scotland’s higher education institutions with unnecessary control in a way which is highly likely to be to their detriment.

‘One size fits all’ is not appropriate to governance of Scotland’s universities. The proposals in the new bill will add additional bureaucracy and regulation which will prohibit them from getting on the job for which they have built up an enviable, world-wide reputation as educational institutions of extremely high quality at every level, including governance.

Existing governance arrangements are tailored to the needs of the institutions and, most importantly, their students, and follow the Scottish Code of Good Higher Education Governance.

Yours faithfully

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