I wish to register my opposition to proposals in the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Bill. What evidence is there that the current method of governance is unsatisfactory? The Scottish universities are perhaps the most successful sector of the entire educational system and breaching their autonomy by imposing restrictions on both the membership of Courts and the appointment of Chairs seems both harmful and unnecessary. The government would do better to concentrate on improving basic literacy and numeracy in the population at large.

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