Submission from Salvatore Finegan

Dear Sir or Madam,

I hope you are well. I am writing in order to voice my opposition to the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Bill, and I hope that the legislative initiative is shelved.

I fear that the autonomy of the University of St Andrews will be greatly weakened and it will be vulnerable to direct political influence; its academic reputation will suffer; it will lose its edge, in a global market, to attract the best students, the best academic staff and funding; and that on the whole this will be bad for St Andrews, for Scottish higher education, for the economy, for the country.

It is neither clear whether the bill is even necessary. World class minds aren't made in Universities that suffer from changing government ministerial influences.

Regards,

Salvatore