The International Alliance for Youth Coalition supports the Scottish Government’s efforts to address the issue of young franchise who would normally not be eligible for voting on such important matters. It is the right step in providing a voice to such young people who would form the future generations of Scotland and have all the right to vote for its future and how they wish to see it.

The IAYC presents the following suggestions to the Hon. Members of the Referendum Committee and hopes that these would be of value to the committee members.

**Suggestions recorded for the text of the bill as introduced:**

1. **Section 2(1)(a)**  
   Reads, ‘…aged 16 or over…’

   IAYC believes that this is not in conformity with what the Call for evidence describes the bill to be. The Call reads, ‘register eligible under-16s who will be 16 or over by the date of the referendum’.

   A rewording

2. **Section 4(2)(a)**  
   Reads, ‘…appearing to the registration officer…’

   IAYC believes that while the criteria has been defined in Section 2, the wording appear does not allow objectivity and pursues subjective nature, which could mean that a young person, who would be eligible, not appearing to be a valid voter would fail to entertain himself.

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President  
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