SCOTTISH INDEPENDENCE REFERENDUM BILL

WRITTEN SUBMISSION FROM CHARLOTTE BLACK

I know you are approaching the close of the consultation period and I do want to register my concerns about two aspects of the proposed referendum process.

1. That it should be run independently from the Scottish Parliament by the Electoral Commission – to ensure that everyone throughout the UK believes the result is fair.
2. As a Scot – born, bred and educated in Scotland and a former Westminster parliamentary candidate in Scotland and part of a business with five offices in Scotland today – I feel especially aggrieved that I am not able to vote in the Referendum, which will deliver an irreversible decision and not simply a four year term for a Council or Parliament. Now that I work in London and am registered to vote here - I am disenfranchised in this crucial decision. A special dispensation, as given to 16 and 17 year olds in this election – should also be given to Scots currently registered elsewhere in the UK or abroad who were say, registered to vote in Scotland within the last twenty years.

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