I wish to exercise my democratic right to express my views to the Referendum (Scotland) Bill Committee consultation on the Scottish independence referendum process. My views are:

- The referendum process ought to be run independently by the Electoral Commission.

- The ‘Overseas 15 year rule’ for British General Elections should be adopted with a minor addition to also include those formerly registered in Scotland but now registered elsewhere in the United Kingdom being granted the right to vote in the Scottish referendum.

- The SNP’s proposed application of the same voter eligibility as the Scottish Parliamentary and council elections is not appropriate for a decision which is permanent, unlike a four year tenure.

- I do not think it is fair that European citizens residing in Scotland can vote in the independence referendum but non-resident Scots born and brought up in Scotland but resident elsewhere in the UK cannot.

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