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Dr Dennis Jensen MP
Chair
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Petitions
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear ~~Dr Jensen~~,

Thank you for your letter of 20 October 2014, reference number 970/1441, regarding a petition requesting the tabling of a motion of 'No Confidence' in the Prime Minister.

Please relay my response to the petitioner as follows.

Any member of the House can, in accordance with the Standing Orders, seek to move a motion expressing 'no confidence' in the Prime Minister, or indeed any other Minister. I note that the petitioners have already approached a number of members who have stated a lack of confidence in the Prime Minister, but are not willing to move a motion to that effect.

I am certain that no members are willing to move a no confidence motion because such a motion would not pass the House at the current time, given I and the majority of my colleagues strongly support the Prime Minister and do not agree with the petitioners.

There is no mechanism of the House by which a motion can be moved or tabled without the backing and initiative of an individual member, and thus I am unable to assist the petitioners further.

I encourage the petitioners to visit www.liberal.org.au to see the good work their Coalition government is doing for all Australians.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Pyne MP