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Subject: Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters - proposed changes to voting system

Dear Joint Standing Committee Members,

I am writing in support of the legislation introduced by Senator Brown's that would allow each voter, rather than parties, to allocate preferences above the line in future Senate elections.

The current arrangement leads to voters feeling disenchanting with the electoral process. The Victorian Senate result from 2004 was a classic example. A Family First Senator was elected with less than 2% of the vote, when the Greens candidate was not elected after achieving over 8% of the vote. The ALP directed preferences away from the Greens against the wishes of the vast baulk of their members and voters.

I urge you to support the changes that Senator Brown proposes.

Yours sincerely,

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