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I strongly oppose the concept of electronic petitions on the grounds it will greatly devalue their importance, notwithstanding their true worth.

Personally signed petitions require a genuine effort from the organisers in both preparation and the collection of signatures, which should include the printed name and address of those who sign to provide relevance.

We all now experience email organised by interest groups, which persons can forward at the pressing of a button.

I recently received a series on energy savings in which each sender claimed to have implemented a list of identical savings measures, the nature of which were impossible to duplicate from household to household.

Should members be prepared to tolerate such a process I certainly will not be prepared to deliver them to the clerk's office in a manual or electronic form, as whilst the current arrangements frequently are suspect, an electronic system would be so abused as to give no credibility to any petition received thereafter.

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