To Whom It May Concern.

I would like to express my dismay at moves to have the position of ABC Staff Elected Director on the ABC Board removed.

I believe the Staff Elected Director improves ABC governance, independence and accountability.

Governance is improved by those who understand the day-to-days workings of the ABC all too well - the program makers and support staff - having representation on the board.

With the government of the day able to change the face of the board to fit their views the Staff Elected Director offers a voice independent of the current government's agenda.

The ability for co-workers to directly question the Staff Elected Director about board decisions improves the accountability of the board.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission.

Sincerely

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