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To: FPA, Committee (SEN)

Subject: removal of prisoners voting rights



Dear Senate Committee,

By way of submission to the Committee I attach a chapter from the book Prisoners as Citizens edited by myself and Meredith Wilkie from HEREOC and published by The Federation Press in 2002.

The chapters is David Brown "Prisoners as Citizens"

This chapter contains arguments in favour of a full and universal franchise, including for prisoners, in keeping with modern democratic principles. I find it quite extraordinary that in this day and age the Federal government is proposing to deprive prisoners of this right, particularly in the light of recent decisions in Canada and the UK which treat the right to vote as a fundamental human right.

Regards

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