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31st October 2020

The Rt Hon Boris Johnson, MP, The Prime Minister

House of Commons

London

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Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing to you to express my concern about your governments disrespect for our laws and democracy and its intent to undermine the necessary organisations that ensure it is held accountable.

There are many examples which provide evidence that power is being centralised and that the institutions which uphold our laws and democratic processes are being abolished or rendered powerless.

*I ask you to declare your support for a representative democracy that respects our laws, international laws, the will of the British people, their representatives and the institutions which help to ensure our system of government becomes more democratic, not less.*

Sincerely,

Alex Cooper

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Other signatories

Disrespect for Parliament

UK Supreme Court ruled today that the Government’s decision to prorogue Parliament for five weeks was unlawful

<https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/decision-of-the-supreme-court-on-the-prorogation-of-parliament/>  
  
September 2019

Disrespect for International Law

UK government admits it will break international law over Brexit treaty

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-54073836>

The Internal Market Bill breaks international law and lays the ground to break more law  
  
<https://www.instituteforgovernment.org.uk/blog/internal-market-bill-breaks-international-law>

September 2020

Disrespect for our laws: Justice and Security Act

New chair condemns No 10’s attempt to impose ‘preferred candidate’ to lead Intelligence and Security Committee

“ … the 2013 Justice and Security Act explicitly removed the right of the prime minister to choose the ISC chairman and gave it to the committee members.”

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2020/jul/16/julian-lewis-attempt-to-impose-grayling-was-improper-request>

July 2020

Disrespect for democracy - plan to scrap watchdog

The commission regulates political donations, spending and other areas, and has the power to undertake its own investigations, and fine parties and officials for breaches of the rules

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2020/aug/31/tory-plans-to-scrap-election-watchdog-undermines-democracy>   
  
Our elections watchdog needs strengthening, not scrapping

<https://www.electoral-reform.org.uk/our-elections-watchdog-needs-strengthening-not-scrapping/>

August 2020

Refusal to Ensure The Integrity of Elections

Legal action taken against PM over refusal to investigate Kremlin meddling

Cross-party group files claim to force inquiry into Russian interference in UK elections

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2020/oct/29/legal-action-taken-against-pm-over-refusal-to-investigate-kremlin-meddling>

October 2020