

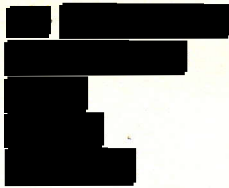
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HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

Mark Taha



15 October 2013

My Ref: TAHA01001

Dear Mark Taha,

**TRANSPARENCY OF LOBBYING, NON-PARTY CAMPAIGNING AND
TRADE UNION ADMINISTRATION BILL 2013-14**

Thank you very much for your message and the fact that you are so closely involved with this matter makes a very great difference to myself and to others opposing this dangerously illiberal and pernicious legislation.

You will be aware that the Liberals and Conservatives combined to carry the day by 44 votes and it is a source of very great sadness to me that we were not able to persuade another 22 Coalition MPs to vote for freedom of speech. The matter now goes to the Lords where the Party Whip is applied less rigorously than in the Commons so although a battle has been lost the war is yet ours to win.

Thanks again for getting in touch and I am very grateful to you for letting me know your views in this matter which is of great importance to us both.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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