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Crispin Blunt MP

House of Commons,

London SW1A 0AA

Sir,

#### PRISONER VOTING

I am a constituent of yours and regret the fact that you are no longer Prisons Minister. Given your liberal record, I urge you to consider the following representation.

Prisoners lose their liberty but not their citizenship. They should thus retain the right to vote, as happens elsewhere (eg Australia, Europe and South America).

In any event, the rule of law requires compliance with court orders, including the European Court of Human Rights. To breach the Convention would be a national disgrace, especially as it was drafted by an English (Conservative) lawyer (Maxwell Fyfe).

Yours,

Edward Goodman

(Solicitor).