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Independent Commission on Freedom of Information

Call for evidence response

Dear members of the Independent Commission on Freedom Information,

I am writing as the editor of UK journalism news website Press Gazette in response to your consultation on changing the Freedom of Information Act.

The act as it stands is far from perfect. In fact it would benefit from being strengthened.

For more than a year we have asked each of the UK's police forces for information about their use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act to secretly view the call records of journalists in order to identify their confidential sources.

We would argue that this sort of information is firmly in the public interest.

Yet every force has hidden behind a variety of exemptions under the act to refuse every single request we have made.

Our requests have been refused on various grounds under the act including:

12.1 – costs

14.1 – vexatious

23.5 - concerning security bodies

24.2 – national security

30.3 – investigations

31.3 – law enforcement

40.5 – personal information.

We would argue that the widespread police use of RIPA to collect the phone records of law-abiding journalists and their legal sources is a matter of clear public interest which should be subject to disclosure under FoI. Now is perhaps not the place for a detailed discussion of the issues around this particular case. But suffice to say that the act as it stands has very many ways for public authorities to avoid disclosing information.

Press Gazette, and the readers we represent, is extremely concerned about any moves to further weaken the act for requestors.

Notwithstanding our frustrations with FoI, it is a piece of legislation which has greatly improved public transparency.

Fees for FoI requests

On the detail of your consultation, I would like to emphasise that any fees for FoI requests would greatly reduce Press Gazette's ability to use the act. We simply do not have any budget for FoI requests and would be unlikely to be granted one in the future.

Many of our FoI requests involve surveys of every local authority, or every police force. We have used this method to collect details of public expenditure on PR and communications. Any fees would make it impossible for us to make such use of the act in future. I suspect many other small business and specialist news titles would also fall in the same category.

The broad thrust of your consultation

Press Gazette launched a petition on 21 October 2015 as part of the Society of Editors' Hands Off FoI campaign.

The wording of this petition responds directly to the terms of your consultation.

It states:

The Freedom of Information Act established the broad principle that public bodies must release information if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in it remaining secret. We, the undersigned, urge the Government not to do anything which would detract from that principle.

In particular we urge you:

to ensure that the Act continues to allow for the release of internal discussions at local and central government level when there is a public interest in doing so

not to seek to create any new veto powers over the release of information

not to introduce charges for Freedom of Information Act requests or appeals.

Any charges could dramatically undermine the ability of requestors, including regional press journalists and freelancers in particular, to use the Act to hold authorities to account.

Investigative journalism is time-consuming, expensive and sometimes difficult to justify for news organisations which are under financial pressure. It needs to be nurtured and encouraged, for the benefit of society and democracy, not subject to Freedom of Information charges which would be effectively be a tax on journalism.

At the time of writing, more than 41,000 people have signed this petition. Their names, and reasons for signing, are attached to this submission. The latter runs to more than 400 pages. I hope you can take the time to look at these responses from journalists, and members of the public, all over Britain. They provide ample evidence of the extent to which people care passionately about having access to public information.

Signatories range from leading journalists like Robert Peston, the new ITV political editor, who said:

“The health of a democracy is directly related to our ability to hold its institutions to account, which in turn requires full and timely disclosure of their conduct and policies .”

To members of the public like Zoe Syson, from Farmfield, who said: “As a parent of a child with Autism I nearly used the FOI Act to support my child's educational placement and I know many parents in a similar position have and found it very valuable when gathering evidence to support cases.”

In nearly ten years of editing Press Gazette I have never known an issue to so galvanise both are readers and members of the public. It is completely unprecedented for a petition launched by us to gather such a high level of support.

Please do not recommend any further curbs on the public's right to obtain information from the government and local authorities.

Yours sincerely,

Dominic Ponsford
Editor
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Recipient: Matthew Hancock MP

Letter: Greetings,

Don't weaken the Freedom of Information Act

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Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Gema Bate	Stourbridge, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	I'm a journalist an this is vital for public information
sarah probert	birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	I believe in Freedom of Information and access to information
andrew gaved	tunbridge wells, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	As a journalist, access to public information is vital. Introducing a charge would go against the very nature of the Act.
Jo Bayne	Bath, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	I'm signing because weakening the Act is another attack on democracy.
John and Juliet Shone	Ellesmere, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	Even with FOI, there is too much secrecy. We must not let the government get away with devaluing a vital journalistic tool. More transparency, please!
Bryony Waite	Basingstoke, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	Freedom of interest requests help local journalists uncover important information. With investment in local journalism dwindling, it is unlikely companies with tight budgets would support staff paying for requests. It is the public, who deserve to know the truth about where they live, that would then suffer.
Martin Huckerby	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	This is a important feature of our democratic system, which will not flourish if we keep cutting back on the rights that have been won for the citizen.
Nick Mathiason	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	Fol is a vital tool in holding public institutions, politicians and officials to account. The UK should be proud it has an Fol law rather than trying to dismantle it in a move that would have serious implications not just here but abroad. (TBIJ and Finance Uncovered)
Paul Janik	Slough, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	Government, in all its manifestations, must be accountable to the people - OTHERWISE we have a dictatorship.
Natalie Fahy	Manthorpe, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	It's hard enough to get information as a journalist as it is. We need FOIs to continue! (Digital Publisher, Nottingham Post)
Jim Armitage	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	The Freedom of Information Act is vital for me to do my job keeping tabs on issues surrounding government that are in the public interest
Andrew Allison	Beverley, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	The Freedom of Information (Fol) Act has been an invaluable tool that has enabled me to do my job effectively. Thanks to Fol requests of councils in Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, I gathered data that persuaded the Government to change the law on allowing us all to record, blog and tweet at council meetings. If anything, we should be allowed more access to information, not less.
Lawrence Webb	bicester, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	Fol should be freely available to all journalists, from keen youngsters on free weekly papers who could earn more working in McDonald's to national newspaper staffers with expense accounts. Don't erode the power of this relatively new democratic right to uncover misdeeds, ineptitude, negligence and wrongdoing by charging for it!
Liam Billington	Ashton-under-Lyne, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	FOI is a fundamental freedom of the people to scrutinise government. It shouldn't be weakened, it should be strengthened to include NGOs, housing associations, charities and businesses that accept government grants or contracts.
David McNicol	Dunbar, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	Fol is a vital tool in an age where it is all to easy to hide information from the public. It should be uncomfortable for Government and other public bodies. Scrutiny always is. If the Government wishes to save money it can always legislate to place more information into the public domain by default.

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Isla Aitken	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	Holding authority to account should not be the privilege of the monied elite. Freedom of Information should be just that - free.
Mike Pattenden	Harpden, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	Information should not have a price put on it.
Ofcors-Ucan Liveon fifteethree quidaweek-plus benefits	CHESHIRE, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	Freedom of Information is a cornerstone in the Freedom of Individuals
Alan Burkitt-Gray	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	Freedom of information is one of the best guarantees of freedom and democratic accountability
Colin Cram	Glossop, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	The FOI strengthens the accountability of MPs, Ministers, the Government as a whole and public sector officials to the electorate, i.e. to their paymasters
jo hill	York, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	Secrets have no place in our society. Holding those who act on our behalf to account is of paramount importance.
Rob Kinchin-Smith	Banbury, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	It's essential to modern liberty
rene mcdonald	glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	this is not acceptable.
Gareth Quinn	Hyde, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	So councils like Tameside council are held to account and don't bury all their misdemeanours.
Julian Cole	YORK, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	Because this is an important freedom which must not be lost
Mark Watts	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	FOIA is a useful tool to help hold power to account, as has often been demonstrated by Exaro. The debate should be about how to strengthen FOIA, not undermine it. The fact that governments do not like FOIA is a very good indicator as to why the rest of us should.
Kevin R. Lohse	Ashford, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	authority should always be held to account.
Andrew Redman	AMMANFORD, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	It is the only way that the general public have a chance to view some of the truth about the dealings of others who would wish to hide some of their actions
Charlotte Petherbridge	Buckingham, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	Information is power, and limiting access to it is an attack on the very basis of democracy .
Rosie Robertson	Beverley, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	Complete transparency and a public's right to information is of paramount importance. We lose this right and we lose trust in the system!
Alan Parker	Billesdon, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	This is the most important act for many years and protects the public. We are told that public and private organisations should be more open so do not remove the means by which they can be forced to disclose information.
Vincent Arthey	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	This was fought for, hard. It must nit be jettisoned.
Charles Boase	Monmouth, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	Embarrassment is not a good enough reason to put a tax on information.
Anita Watson	Bridlington, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	No secrets, no lies
Art Hutchins	Pulborough, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	You'd only want to do this if you had something to hide
Adrian Shelley	Basildon, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	Freedom of expression, and to information, Should be a given in liberal democracies.
Mike Magee	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	Weakening journalists is not at all good.

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Neil Macfarlane	Gateshead, United Kingdom	2015-10-21	"We can make this one of the most open, accountable and transparent governments there is. Hold us to account. Together we can set a great example of what a modern democracy ought to look like." David Cameron, 2010. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0stXV_fWWtU
barnaby welsh	Chittlehamholt, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	The foi we have now was fought for long and hard and supported universally. To spend money tinkering with or curtailing it in these times of austerity makes it look like the government has something to hide.
GEOFF PHIPPS	BANBURY, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	This information should be freely available to the public
Patricia Butterworth	Torrington, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Self-evident!
Katie Silver	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	As a journalist, the best stories come from FOI. I don't want to weaken the power of freelance investigative journalists to dig.
Mark Warner	Holton Heath, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Absolute power corrupts absolutely
Nigel Green	Horsforth, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Foi is a crucial help for journalists working to tell the public what is really going on inside government, police forces, councils and other bodies that would otherwise keep secret what they don't want us to know.
Mervyn Clingan	Frome, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I think the FOI should remain
Kate Sullivan	Hampton Hill, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	The governing of our country should not be a secret. Politicians are elected and must answer to the electorate.
Narinder Purba	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I'm signing because I believe that FOI had been a huge asset, one that has held people and organisations accountable, revealed important truths and helped remind us that journalism can be a force of good.
Helen-Ann Smith	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	FOI requests are vital to the future of a free press and properly holding leaders to account
Victoria Wade	St Albans, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I'm a journalist at Sky News and completely disagree with weakening the Act.
Lulu Sinclair	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I believe that, as a citizen and taxpayer of this country, I have a right to know what my Government and/or officials are up to. The FOI is something good and worthwhile that came out of Tony Blair's leadership. It's ironic that, because it works, our leaders want to dilute or do with away with it. Let's not let them.
Dominic Deeson	Faversham, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Any dilution of the public's right to know of the actions and decisions being made in their name is unacceptable in a parliamentary democracy. I have not seen any coherent explanation of why a government would even consider debilitating the FOI Act as it stands. In fact, it should be looking to strengthen it further and make it easier for UK citizens to make requests for information. Otherwise, the question is inevitable: "What are you trying to hide and why?"
Alison Stacey	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I'm signing because charging for FOI requests could seriously damage transparency in public bodies
Graham Knapp	France	2015-10-22	As a British citizen I am proud to come from a country where public officials are held accountable. I believe the FOIA should be extended to cover more privately held information.

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Mike Dodd	Chertsey, Surrey, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I'm signing because I believe in open government and transparency; Government, national and local, should be open to proper scrutiny by the people who elect representatives and pay for the bureaucracy. The servants should be accountable to the masters.
Andrew Moffatt	Poynton, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	FOI is a vital tool for keeping the public informed about what is being done in their name and with their money.
Jaimie Kaffash	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Pulse news editor. Signing because this legislation will make it harder to scrutinise government, which is essential in a democracy
Paul McNamara	LONDON, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Give me a day of your time and I will happily go through as many of the public interest investigations that have only been possible because of FOI. That's the one reason changes to the FOI Act are great for politicians and TERRIBLE for the people they serve.
Jackie Gaynor	Ramsbottom, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	The watering down of the FOI Act would make it even more difficult to hold public bodies to account. Transparency and truth would be the main casualties.
greta smalley	leicester, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Fol is a good thing for a democratic govt that is elected by the people for the people. We the people should know what our govt is doing
Nigel Praities	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Undermining the FOI Act will destroy public interest journalism and leave society and Government the poorer
Ian Crafw	Hove, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	The clue is in the "f" bit of FOI.
Roderic Dunbar	Craigavon, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Any weakening would also weaken the democratic process.
lee hibbert	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I believe in transparency and openness within government.
Darren Boyle	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I am a journalist and the FOI act is an important tool for keeping those in positions of power in public office to account.
Matthew Hare-Scott	Caterham, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Weakening transparency weakens the ability to hold Government to account.
Nathan Tickner	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	It's important
Tim Crook	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I'm signing because the Freedom of Information Act gives people access to information about the decisions taken by public authorities and this makes our institutions democratically accountable. FOI processes should not be privatized and commodified.
Simon O'Neill	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	The Freedom of Information Act has been crucial in my work as a journalist, uncovering stories of great public interest which would otherwise have never seen the light of day.
Monty Munford	cooksbridge, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	This is important...
david leigh	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I'm an investigative journalist and professor of reporting at City University. I know how vital FOI is and how much politicians and officials hate it
James Silcocks	Keelby, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Don't put more obstacles in the way of the press holding authorities to account in the public interest.
Belinda Skudder	Bracknell, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I don't want to live in a dictatorship with information being drip fed when someone in government decides they want us to know stuff. We live in a democracy. Let's keep it that way.
Liz Jones	Herne Bay, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Don't put a tax on journalism

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Amy Dron	Valley Village, CA	2015-10-22	Please do not tamper with or reduce the Freedom of Information Act. FOI is essential in a democratic society. The costs of operating it are low; requests do not take a long time to complete thus making them unworkable; transparency is essential in a healthy, functioning democracy; many important actions, discussions and questionable practices have been revealed through FOI to the benefit of society; most commentators and people involved say there is no need to change the current FOI Act.
Simon Barrow	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Information is power, and it needs to be kept open, free and accountable.
Jules Mattsson	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	If you think FOI spending is expensive, you're missing the point. Charging or otherwise weakening the act would be a travesty for journalism and the public
Ewan McQueen	troon, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	The current Freedom of Information Act has allowed me to report on many relevant stories in the public interest in my local patch of South Ayrshire, Scotland.
David Roberts	Darlington, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Public bodies must be open to public scrutiny. In fact, it should be taken one step further and private companies which carry out work on behalf of the public sector should be subject to FOI regulations.
Andrew Langstaff	Gainsborough, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	A functional democracy requires that power be held to account, and not able to hide behind weasel words of secrecy.
Joel Cooper	Ilfracombe, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I want freedom of information - simple!
Natasha Sutton	Herne Bay, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I'm passionate about the dedication that goes into the research, investigation and approval of information that is gathered to reach the papers and the rights of telling that story to the members of the public. It's an achievement in itself. It should not be tampered with.
Al Gilmour	Glenrothes, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	It is vital to try to hold the powerful to account
Lesley Potter	Reading, England, United Kingdom, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Someone has to hold the public officials to account. These days it's impossible to go in to the council and look at their books, as you could in the past. This is our only resort, and we need to treasure it
Stuart Findlay	Inverness, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	The Freedom of Information Act has been essential in my career as a journalist. Without it, countless important issues would never have been uncovered. FOI is vital to the future of a free press and should not be diluted.
Fleur Doidge	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Governments should be more transparent, not less. They are meant to represent the people.
Ed Howker	Huddersfield, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Elected politicians and their officials work on our behalf. It is our right to know what they are doing. To weaken the Act is to curtail our freedom and weaken democracy itself.
Neil Wilby	Huddersfield, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Part of my livelihood at stake if charge applied to FOI requests, which are integral to my vocation.
Nick Lingj	Leigh, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	In a free society we shouldn't let the most powerful hide their secrets
Colin Doubleday	Swindon, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I have discovered far too many pieces of scary policy hidden behind a lack of public communication. Govt must always be open to scrutiny.
Thomas Seal	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Transparency is the essence of democracy.
Jamil Mroue	Rickmansworth, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	If the public is in the dark, the country cannot lift the load of progress by government alone. The society must be well informed to shoulder its share.

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Christine White	Barnsley, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Transparency which ensures democracy
Rachel Savage	Stroud, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Sunlight is the best form of disinfectant. Don't defang journalists just because you find them disagreeable.
Elizabeth Ingrams	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Freedom of Information requests have increased the level of participation in democracy in this country, they are vital for us to maintaining an open and accessible government, they increase levels of trust in society and mean that ministers think twice about cover-ups.
Clare Wilson	Worcester Park, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Because it helps us hold authority to account.
jamie wiseman	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I don't believe information that is gathered by a government paid for by citizens should be chargeable to its citizens.
Julian Petley	Uxbridge, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	The Act is nothing like strong enough as it is, and to do anything to detract from what is already a pretty minimal measure would be totally unacceptable.
Gwen swinburn	York, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	We would never have exposed the multiple wrongdoings at city of York council without FOI
PHILIP WAGSTAFF	Methwold, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	It's an absolute minimum freedom which should be strengthened not weakened.
Chris Anderson	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Local press are currently being squeezed to breaking point by corporate owners. The loss of this vital tool for maintaining transparency in public bodies would be a dangerous step further away from having an informed public. FOI is not a costly inconvenience, it's accountability
Jacques Protic	Menai Bridge, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Of immense importance to prevent our nation slipping into the Orwellian World
Chris Carlton	Bingley, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Those at the top need to be accountable to those they serve - us!
Gerarrd Martin	Valencia, Spain	2015-10-22	Osborne's dream that we 'work like the Chinese' needs that we are stripped of our rights. The scrapping of FOI is just another step towards our capitulation of all we and our ancestors fought for over centuries.
Milan Rai	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Government secrecy undermines democracy.
Julian Smith	Swindon, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	The FOI is the only politically independent means of allowing the People - the ultimate employers of the entire apparatus of State (including the monarch) - to see what is being done with their money and in their name. There are already too many exclusions, most notably in the name of commercial confidentiality. The last thing we should do is place further restrictions on what information can be accessed. Please abandon this bill and instead work towards "open book" government, where publication in full is the default not only for government itself but for all businesses trading with or supplying it.
Charles Gibson	Harrogate, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Too much secrecy already exists in the Establishment. It would only protect the Guilty.
Joe Middleton	Seal, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	FOI is a vital tool for journalists to scrutinise government spending and actions. Taking away or weakening this ability is fundamentally anti-democratic and ensures government can act under a blanket of secrecy.
dave taylor	newport, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I value FOI
Jacob Dirnhuber	Failand, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	The most compelling argument in favour of FOI is that the government wants to end it.
Joe Curtis	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I am a journalist and believe in the ability to hold public bodies accountable for their actions, something which would be substantially harmed by restricting the scope of/access to FOI

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Paul Newton	Brentwood, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Because I'm a recent graduate and without FOI requests my potential future as an investigative journalist would become increasingly more difficult - There will be a lot more cases of wrong doing should certain areas of FOI requests be removed.
Alex Scropton	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	As a journalist I believe it is vital that my colleagues are able to hold power to account. An attempt by this government to roll back this ability fundamentally threatens the freedom of the British press.
TESSA Finch	Kidwelly, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	It enables the public to do the job we believe the inspecting and regulatory bodies do for us - BUT THEY DON'T! We need the Whistleblowers and the Armchair Auditors more than ever before (and I used to be an auditor with the Audit Commission for Wales).
Ross Findon	Newport, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	FOI is vital tool that allows the public to hold authority to account in a democratic society. Giving those in power the ability to veto releases relating to internal discussions would spell a return to shady decisions made in smoke-filled rooms. Furthermore, charging the public to ask how their money is being spent would be a perverse irony.
Roddy Ashworth	Colchester, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	The Government claims it is committed to increasing transparency. Restrictions on FOI access would be a retrograde step in pursuit of that policy
John Keenan	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	The FOIA is a cornerstone of a democratic society.
Josef Davies-Coates	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Fol is important for democracy.
Ryan Gallagher	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Transparency is absolutely vital to healthy democracy and good governance. Weakening the Freedom of Information Act would not serve the public interest.
Don Utter	Columbus, OH	2015-10-22	Citizens have a right to know what the government is doing in their name. Millions of documents classified are hiding fraud, waste and abust.
Ian Hirst	Knutsford, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	FOI has become in invaluable part of the accountability we need to function as a modern democracy.
Zoe Wickens	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I'm a student journalist and highly value being able to make FOI requests, the public interest is important!
Rhiannon McGregor	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	This is an important right that needs to be retained to ensure that any public body acting wrongfully can be held to account for its actions.
Nick Turner	Brampton, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Freedom of Information requests should not be seen as burden on public bodies, but an essential tool for improving them by holding them to account
Darryl Chamberlain	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Weakening FOI will undo some of the work government has done in recent years in promoting transparency in local government. Don't do it.
Steven Brown	Dewsbury, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	if they weaken this act they are putting our information at risk
Danny Mitchell	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	As a former journalist and current PR professional, I strongly believe that the FOI act is a fundamental cornerstone of democracy. Changes to this will severely hinder reporting and restrict the press' ability to hold authorities accountable for their actions. An active, completely free press is absolutely key to society and any attempt by the government to stifle journalists is an attack on democracy and the rest of society as a whole.
Alan Wright	Weston Rhyn, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	The Freedom of Information Act is vital to public transparency
Sarah Churchwell	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	It was *only* because of FOI that the expenses scandal was uncovered. It is in politicians' best interests to resist transparency, as it is in the people's to have a right to it.

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Gerard Leahy	Horsham, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I am convinced of the over riding real and symbolic contribution the FOI Act makes to openness in our democracy
Liam Friel	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I want it to be more transparent not less.
Ruth Peat	Enfield, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	We should all be able to have access to information when we want to
jason carroll	Stoke-on-Trent, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Because it's just & righteous
Caroline McCartney	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Transparency in our democracy is essential.
Ian Donegan	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I the freedom of information act shouldn't be weakened.
Kaleo Madrid	Hutto, TX	2015-10-22	Rather i get ddosed or not, im signing this because im very big on rights and i hate the government and society to this day. i think its time for a new power to rise, to take over, and free this country. No more lies, Noe more.
Mark Yarwood	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I'm signing because I want the government held accountable and I do not want anymore cover ups.
Ian Garrow	Bardon Mill, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I believe in open government and transparency
Sam Fortescue	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	The days of 'behind-closed-doors' and sofa government must be behind us.
Richard Parsons	Staines-upon-Thames, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I feel we have a fundamental right to know what those employed in our service are doing. For all but a handful of people, there will be nothing to hide but respect earned for their openness and honesty.
Freddy Mayhew	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I'm signing because who wants to live in a society where government bodies not only don't want to share information that is in the public interest but actually don't have to? The FOI request has become a vital tool in the free press' toolbox when scrutinising the people and organisations claiming to serve the public. The ability to carry out effective scrutiny is integral to a free society.
Simon Caldwell	Wigan, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I'm a freelance journalist who has used to FOI Act in uncovering scandal during research that was clearly in the public interest and I wouldn't like to see anything done to undermine this law.
Pamela McGowan	Carlisle, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I'm signing because... I care about democracy
Phil Booth	Lewes, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Coordinator, medConfidential & #saveFOI
Stuart Andrew Edgar	Royal Leamington Spa, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Accountability to the electorate & taxpayers is of paramount importance in a liberal Christian democracy.
alberto montesinos	Halifax, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	In order for greater public confidence FOI is essential and truly democratic. To try and weaken these powers is to act against democracy and demean public confidence further in Parliament.
Charlie Wright	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	the information subject to the FOI Act is OURS. Government is supposed to serve the public, not the other way round.
Sheena Mckerrell	Keighley, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	If we have an Open & Transparent Govt why would they wish to limit the FOI act?
Alex Varley-Winter	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Freedom of information is essential to democracy.
Steven Nott	Cwmbran, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I care
Claire Bennett	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	The public has a right to 'know'! No secrets please. Accountability.

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Jason McCrossan	Sittingbourne, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I believe in the freedom of information
Michael Young	Barnet, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Freedom of Information means freedom of understanding ...
Denyse Walker	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	They fear the day the people wake and see the truth for themselves. We must keep up the fear for the sake of the truth they wish to keep hidden.
Shy Keenan	Essex, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	@pressgazette Weakening the FOIA only empowers bad people Mr Hancock ...please don't do that
May Bulman	Wolverton, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Authorities must be held to account. The public also has the right to know what's going on up there.
Gerald Cooke	Longhope, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Transparency supports a democratic state
Mark Ward	Glyn Ceiriog, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	If they have nothing to hide then they have nothing to fear
Patrick Prekopp	Aylsham, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	There should be no secrets in a democracy.
graham hewett	Johnby, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	information about public servants should be made available unless it can be shown that its against the national interest
Hannah Lawrence	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	FOI is an essential part of the public being able to hold government to account.
Genevieve Roberts	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I believe that public bodies should be accountable, and release information in the public interest freely. I work as a freelance journalist, mainly writing features for The Independent. Thank you for considering this petition.
Siegmar Mischke	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	You cannot open a book without learning something.
Chris Tindall	Thorpe Market, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I am a freelance journalist and have seen first hand how FOI can be a positive force for change.
Camilla Sterne	Denver, CO	2015-10-22	I'm a journalist.
Simon Oxenham	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Because free and open FOI is vital to journalists' ability to hold the government to account.
Miles Watters	Rosemarkie, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I'm signing because we need open government and can't sanction a veil of secrecy to hide bad decisions and mistakes
Bill Hodgson	Bolton, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I want to see a widening, not a narrowing of access to information I have paid for through mine and my families' taxes already taken from us by the public exchequer. I think the FOI laws should be extended to all private sector organisations that receive public funds for the goods and services they may supply. I also think that the concept of 'commercial confidentiality' as an excuse for barring access to sensitive commercial information should be banned as a matter of public policy only to be reviewed when and where freedom of information has caused very significant public or individual harm to have occurred.
Eric Hewett	Penicuik, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Freedom of information is a sign of true democracy
Peter Buckell	Norwich, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	It is a human right!
Alan Bunce	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	It's a bit much that they want to bring in the snoopers' charter so they can see what you're doing but want to undermine FOI to stop you from seeing what they are doing.
Liz Carnell	Harrogate, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	I'm a journalist and these measures are not in the public interest. People have a right to know.

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Daniel Wavell	Ryde, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Governments / Councils already hide too much, don't let it get worse!
Paul Hatchwell	Newbury, United Kingdom	2015-10-22	Access to information lays the foundations of a functioning, healthy and equitable democracy. Restricting it or charging for it is a corruption of these principles which I strongly oppose.
William Tomlinson	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	We have a right to know what's happening and a right to speak up about them take it away we get to know nothing
Matt Hewitt	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	As a journalist I value openness.
Paul Conroy	Colchester, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	FOI works - leave it alone.
Sheila Oliver	Stockport, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	A new primary school at Stockport was put on unremediated brown asbestos, was £5m overbudget (on a £5.5m project), had poor drainage for a toxic site over an important aquifer draining into a fishing pond, illegally took public open space for the development and failed to provide the planning condition £600k replacement public playing fields. That atrocity is what can happen just in LibDem run Stockport.
David Comeau	Caterham, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	Transparency is key to a modern and honest democracy and the FOI Act sets us apart from the rest of the world in that sense.
Peter Munro	bourne end, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	Because it is crucial for holding the government and vested interests accountable
Fen Tyler	Telford, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	The FOI Act has been widely used since 2000 to hold Government and Local Authorities to account. It should not be neutered
Alfie George Tobutt	Little London, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	The press exists to hold power to account. Without the ability to access necessary information this cannot be done to its full extent. Weakening the Freedom of Information Act would be a blow for democracy.
Adam Parker	New Milton, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	I'm a reporter, and not only is this an essential tool for the industry that should be free to enable the unrestricted enquiries of a free press, this is an essential for citizens, too, that provides a formal process for much-needed transparency in government.
Jean Morgan	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	The FOI Act is central to open governance and needs to be bolstered, not watered down.
paul jones	Whitley Bay, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	Critical that journalists do not lose this vital investigative tool.
Marc Reeves	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	FOI is a vital tool for citizens and journalists. I am the editor of the Birmingham Mail, Birmingham Post and Sunday Mercury.
Paige Maxfield	Sileby, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	I'm signing because we deserve the truth, not someone else's version of it.
Ian Angles	St Andrews, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	FOI is a powerful way to hold public institutions to account.
Leigh Mencarini	Kenilworth, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	I am a regional journalist and I believe it is still our duty to hold authorities to account.
Simon Gilbert	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	The reformation of the FOI Act is the biggest threat to transparency and accountability in many, many years.
Antonia Bannister	Coleshill, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	Watering down our ability to use this important investigative tool calls freedom of the press into question. As journalists, if we can't hold public authorities to account, then who can?
Paul Tulk	Bromsgrove, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	To change anything is to make it easier for Paedophiles to hide. It must not be made easier for them.

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Emma Yeomans	Lewes, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	I'm a student journalist at University College London. I previously trained (NCTJ Diploma) and worked on a local in Brighton, as an intern. Could I have afforded to pay for Freedom of Information requests then? Could I in any way afford to do so now? The idea of charging for Fols disproportionately affects new or young journalists and freelancers, and could damage the future of investigative journalism by preventing young hacks from learning how to use this vital investigative tool.
Christopher Carrie	Solihull, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	The importance of maintaining the FOI act cannot be overstated!
Joe Campbell	Harrow, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	As a journalist whose career has involved writing for magazines, national, local and regional newspapers and broadcasting for almost 30 years, I know how hard fight the battle was for FOI. The job of journalists is to hold those in power to account and any attempts to push this door closed will be a huge impediment.
Ted Ditchburn	Whit ley bay, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	I'm signing because the act was the best piece of legislation produced in the last 20 or 30 years for empowering citizens (mainly) to hold their various governments at City, Regional and National level to account
Mark Thomas	Moreton, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	Our rights under the Freedom of Information Act do not go far enough as it is. Any move to weaken the rights of citizens to find out what public bodies are doing, often with their taxes, will be a retrograde step for a free society.
Tim Pendry	Tunbridge Wells, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	If there is one thing that is necessary at this time, it is bringing the Executive to account. The Act is clearly designed to claw back power to a State that intensely dislikes the scrutiny of activists, the media and independent citizens.
Patricia O'Meara	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	I believe government should be transparent and citizens should know what is going on.
Mike Gingell	Guildford, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	Constant undermining of individual liberties by Westminster Establishment including BBC
Matthew Clemenson	Upminster, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	Any change would be a terrible thing to the free press in this country.
Rosalind McKenzie	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	Journalism lecturer The public has a right to know information held by authorities and it is the job of the press to hold local and central government to account. Any watering down of FOI will diminish the ability of individuals and journalists to uncover how public money is spent and how decisions are reached
Emma Youle	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	Freedom of Information requests are a vital tool in allowing journalists, on behalf of the public and in the public interest, to scrutinise the powers-that-be and bring to light stories that would otherwise remain hidden. A free press will be seriously weakened by any attempt to dilute FOI powers. I strongly urge the government to reconsider.
Andrew Bowan	Chester, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	We have a right to know!
michelle madsen	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	This act allows us to call the government to account, do not let them dilute it!
Mark Wadie	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	The FOI Act is hugely important to democracy and for holding public bodies to account. It should be left as it is.
William (Billy) Briggs	Cellardyke, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	I believe here should be more transparency with government and public bodies. This is an unjustified assault on British democracy.
Adrian Don	North Shields, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	Fol is the only way we can at least attempt to have transparency in government and public bodies.
Owen Pearce	Cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	Protecting public interest is paramount. One of the building blocks of a just democratic society.

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Niels Nielsen	Roskilde, Denmark	2015-10-23	Democratic governments should be open, inviting the trust of the governed, not demanding it while being secretive
Howard Mustoe	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	The FOIA has landed journalists some of the biggest stories going. MP expenses started as a FOIA request.
Ken Grayling	Norwich, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	Why should our elected representatives want to hide what they do?
Dave holcroft	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	It is important to keep the act intact
Dan Whiteway	Slough, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	I'm signing because FOI is a vital journalistic tool keeping authorities accountable and answerable
Liam Barnes	Oakley, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	Fols are massively important for journalists, campaigners and basic democracy. The law should be extended, not tightened up to let more people off the hook.
Dominic Harris	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	Reporter, Press Association - tools to allow accountability are vital for a true democracy.
David Wilcock	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	The Freedom of Information Act is a vital tool in the arsenal of those interested in holding those in government and other public institutions to account.
Sasha Clarkson	Saundersfoot, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	We the public are your employers: and you need to be held to account as, historically, you've never been trustworthy!
Patrick Widdess	radom, Poland	2015-10-23	As a trained journalist I understand the importance of FOI to hold public bodies to account.
Brian Flynn	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	I'm signing because this is a cynical assault on democracy by those who want inconvenient truths covered up.
Jacqueline Bowles	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	FOIA is vital to being a democracy. IT must not be undermined. Other nations have this and more. Lets keep it! Vital
katherine edgar	Bournemouth, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	Allegedly, the UK is NOT a dictatorship!
Jason Hayman	Bournemouth, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	People should not be able to cover their track by putting information out of reach
David Gregg	Wilford, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	Student Journalist, the University of Westminster.
Dene Stuart	Potters Bar, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	Freedom of information underpins democracy and we are seeing to many freedoms removed.
Kathleen Parsons	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	We need the FOI.
Peter Yeung	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	The FOI is a fundamental part of British society.
Matthew Chapma	LONDON, United Kingdom	2015-10-23	The Freedom of Information act is a force for good and should not be watered down. We should be proud to have it because it proves we are a strong democracy with nothing to hide
Sean Sabourin	Westgate-on-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-10-24	Without the Fol a great many actions by the government would go unnoticed. It is now one of the few mechanisms by which the public can hold the, ever more, secretive government to account
Terry Clarke	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-10-24	People shouldn't be kept in the dark. We're not mushrooms!
Gordon McFadden	Wrexham, United Kingdom	2015-10-24	We need as a charity transpary from public bodies
Robert Ball	LEICESTER, United Kingdom	2015-10-24	Don't weaken the Freedom of Information Act

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Barbara Dresner	Hyde, United Kingdom	2015-10-24	This would would weaken British democracy.
Eve Knight	Germany	2015-10-24	I work for a charity that has used FOI to get a better picture of services so that we can focus on what needs to improve
Janet Shapiro	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-24	FOI requests have helped to make those making the decisions more accountable. We must not lose this, but extend it to private companies.
James Shaw	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-10-24	This is simply an attempt to help neuter the operation of an important mechanism for holding public bodies to account.
James Starkie	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-24	transparent government ensures accountability.
Olivia Loveridge-Greene	Gillingham, United Kingdom	2015-10-24	As a trainee journalist, the inability to access such pivotal information would be completely and utterly, tragic.
John Puntis	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-10-24	FOI are crucial for monitoring how public bodies spend the public's money. No change to the current Act is required
Dave Conroy	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-10-24	It's one of the few ways we can (Hopefully!) get the truth ...
jill friedmann	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-10-24	It is our right to know. How else can there be effective scrutiny.
Martin Wiltshire	Swindon, United Kingdom	2015-10-24	FOI improves accoutability and democracy. Weakening it in any way removes our ability to hold our elected representatives to account.
Anna Pollert	Leamington Spa, United Kingdom	2015-10-24	The FOI Commission has suggested that it is considering introducing charges for FOI requests. When a €15 application fee was introduced under Ireland's FOI Act in 2003, the volume of requests crashed to one quarter of its previous level. Significantly, Ireland abolished FOI application fees in 2014.....In a separate move, the Ministry of Justice has proposed that there should be a £100 charge for appealing to the First-tier Tribunal against an Information Commissioner decision. There are already many exemptions from the FOI. To restrict requests further is a blatant attack on democracy. Worth reading https://www.cfoi.org.uk/campaigns/stop-foi-restrictions/
allyson pollock	e3 4ds, United Kingdom	2015-10-24	Fol is vital for public accountability and scrutiny eg PFI contracts and privatisation
Sarah Sharp	Chichester, United Kingdom	2015-10-24	I'm signing because I have needed to use Fofl quite a few times. I am a campaigner with little money but with hard work I have been able to bring about change. Feeling that one can find out information for free from the authorities that work for us is very important to me.
Warrell Harries	Chichester, United Kingdom	2015-10-25	We need to know the truth
Toni Haynes	Chichester, United Kingdom	2015-10-25	I believe access to information should be a right not a privilege.
Faisal Khan	Bradford, United Kingdom	2015-10-25	FOI (freedom of information) is a powerful instrument for uncovering the truth. Once the changes are in place those in power can feel comfortable in what they want remain hidden from the public will remain and that they will be above scrunity and accountabilit.
Kaiser Mahmood	Bradford, United Kingdom	2015-10-25	Politicians need accountability for the actions
Jean Simpson	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2015-10-25	The public interest is at stake. Do not weaken the Act or impose charges.
zoe bradley	bury st edms, United Kingdom	2015-10-25	We need our speech, we have little else left

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Robert Herring	Ipswich, United Kingdom	2015-10-25	What limited information we have about the deaths of the sick and disabled on benefits only came out because of FOI. Don't let the deaths of vulnerable people be swept under the carpet!
Kay Lacey	Swindon, United Kingdom	2015-10-25	I use FOI to ensure local councils & other organisations don't get away with covering up their financial and environmental failures. How can i afford to pay for hundreds of similar info requests to councils?
frank dwyer	ellesmere port, United Kingdom	2015-10-25	Common cense.
Serge motee	Gloucestershire, United Kingdom	2015-10-25	The freedom of information act has improved good practice by making people more aware about wht they write and therefore do it responsibly , it has also help to counteract miscarriages of justice : sign of a Democracy and a civilized society !
florence Cooke	Peterbotough, United Kingdom	2015-10-25	how can we call ourselves and the country a democratic nation if only a small number of our people can be aware of important information and decisions?
Roy Buchmueller	Felixstowe, United Kingdom	2015-10-25	I'm signing because yet another of our rights is put under threat by this vile uncaring Tory Government.
David Faulkner	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2015-10-25	"Freedom' of information means just that - freedom, not financial penalty!
Richard Coates	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-25	We need MORE and not less transparency
Paul Tobin	Broadstairs, United Kingdom	2015-10-25	Untidy truth is better than a transparent lie.
David Helliwell	Carlisle, United Kingdom	2015-10-25	Editor, News & Star and The Cumberland News, Cumbria
Noreen Shah	Bradford, United Kingdom	2015-10-26	It is essential that the public has the right to access this information in the interest of democracy.
Victoria Parsons	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-26	Reporter, The Bureau of Investigative Journalism
Christopher Lowe	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-10-26	The Freedom of Information act has been very important in uncovering information that government has by wanted to release. This has led to important changes in government that without FOI wouldn't have happened. We should not allow government to become more secretive and unaccountable.
dolly daniel	maryport, United Kingdom	2015-10-26	More transparency not less
David Payne	Broadstairs, United Kingdom	2015-10-26	We all need to be able to ask for infomation regarding matters of public interest.
Geoffrey Lewis	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-10-26	I believe that upholding liberty has been one of the merits of this country and to water it down would be a disaster. We need to support Shami Chakrabarty and the organisation Liberty to ensure transparency in the UK
Peter Brooker	Southwell, United Kingdom	2015-10-26	I'm signing because transparency and access to information is fundamental to holing public sector to account and our rights under FOI must not be diminished.
John Conlon	Milton, United Kingdom	2015-10-26	I want a more open society
Matt Grigsby	Stockport, United Kingdom	2015-10-26	FOI requests are helpful to illustrate issues where democracy is failing and needs to be addressed for the greater good. See Private Eye for more details.
Craig Cunningham	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-26	I'm signing because governments should answer to their people and this helps keep institutions transparent.

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Simon Murfitt	Basildon, United Kingdom	2015-10-26	FOI requests play a vital role in holding organisations to account and need to remain easily accessible for journalists.
Nick Kocharhook	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-26	Fol is the primary tool journalists and the public can use to make sure that government is representing them correctly. We need to make sure it continues to serve that purpose.
Michael Tye	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-10-26	Too much is being hidden, need more accountability
Jacky Ivimy	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-26	It's vital that we citizens are kept informed of what's actually gig on, which is often hidden behind a government smokescreen. We need more transparency not less.
Wills Robinson	New York, NY	2015-10-26	The need to maintain transparency
Simon Hacker	Wotton-under-Edge, United Kingdom	2015-10-26	We surely cannot turn the clock back on this tool for transparency and justice.
Matt Precey	Norwich, United Kingdom	2015-10-26	It's an essential tool for shedding sunlight on murky places, for making the opaque transparent.
aubrey ebenezer	Kidwelly, United Kingdom	2015-10-26	sort it out
Dede Wilson	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-26	This is supposed to be a democratic country. Watering this down is taking away our rights to accountability and allowing censorship of whatever the government wants to hide. This is the first step to fascism. We must not allow it.
Michael Monaghan	Ashurst, United Kingdom	2015-10-26	This Government seems determined to remove democracy and put everything into the unaccountable hands of big business.
John Davis	Ramsgate, Kent, United Kingdom	2015-10-26	#truthwillout
M Golding	Wilmslow, United Kingdom	2015-10-27	It helps the public to scrutinise those who purport to act in the public's interest. For this reason alone, our public authorities do not like it, preferring to act & cover their deeds well under cover.
Mo Ball	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-10-27	Othe Fol is a valuable tool for holding officials to account to the general public.
John Hooper	Eastbourne, United Kingdom	2015-10-27	This a is a blatant attack on British democracy. MP expenses uncovered by FOI requests! https://www.cfoi.org.uk/campaigns/stop-foi-restrictions/
Barry Lane	Eastbourne, United Kingdom	2015-10-27	I want to keep the last little scrap of democracy we have left, not watch as that, too, is destroyed by politicians who wish to hide from the electorate.
Anne Ivil	Lewes, United Kingdom	2015-10-27	Secrecy holds no place in democracy
Simon Anderson	Smethwick, United Kingdom	2015-10-27	The FOI act keeps people accountable. In an ideal world, we shouldn't need it. But in a country that's becoming evermore uncaring and corporate-centric under Cameron, we need it more than ever.
Joseph Bell	Harrow, United Kingdom	2015-10-27	I am deputy editorial director, RCNi.
Michael Wagstaff	Colchester, United Kingdom	2015-10-27	I agree with it
Norval Smith	Vienna, Austria	2015-10-27	I don't believe in unnecessary governmental secrecy.

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Lyn Whitfield	Winchester, United Kingdom	2015-10-27	The Freedom of Information Act was an important piece of legislation for giving journalists, public officials, and individuals access to data, documents, and debates. It is already hedged around with safeguards that bodies can use to prevent the release of information; at least until challenged. There seems no good reason to undermine the basic rationale of the act, or the way it is being used, by imposing further barriers to individuals using it, including exemptions and charges. It is also worth noting that many bodies now refuse to release information without going down the FoI route, so the imposition of charges would have an even bigger impact than many might imagine.
Christopher Marchant	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-27	FOI is an important tool for journalists and members of the public alike
George Ryan	Watford, United Kingdom	2015-10-27	All power needs to be checked for abuses. FOI is a tool which is vital for citizens and journalists to monitor public bodies. To weaken it would damage democracy in the UK
Barrie Pennington	Crank, United Kingdom	2015-10-27	What civilised society would limit access to information about how we are governed.? The phrase 'the innocent have nothing to hide' should also be applied to those who represent us. In my own case, a local authority deliberately withheld information about the criminal activities of senior leaders in schools. My only reservation is that I found the Information Commissioner to be weak, unwilling to use his powers and too willing to accept the local authority's word at face value. A somewhat useless quango.
Laurence de Mello	Buenos Aires, Argentina	2015-10-27	Member of The British Association of Journalists
martin vickers	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-10-28	We are supposed to be a democracy There is increasing evidence of corruption in politics
Michelle Byrne	Swindon, United Kingdom	2015-10-28	This is a progressive Act that ensures accountability in all public institutions.
ALICE DYER	Lympne, United Kingdom	2015-10-28	The Freedom of Information Act has led to many stories that have had a real positive impact on society and revealed injustice. This ranges from councils wasting millions of pounds in public money to police officers abusing the system. These are injustices which the public deserve to know about and which will also prevent repetition of such crimes in future. This FOI Act is vital not just to journalism but also to a civilised modern society.
Gail Purvis	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-10-28	FOI has been one of the most eye opening services available in the UK
Cheryl Bennett	Fulbourn, United Kingdom	2015-10-28	We clearly need protection from this Government, which has no respect for human rights.
Christopher White	Dover, United Kingdom	2015-10-28	Democracy is under threat
Vicky Ellis	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-29	I'm signing because FOI is a crucial mechanism for transparency in government. Any charge for it would become a levy on journalism. That's not what I call democracy. Risks are a charge would particularly hit the least-funded journalists or skew which issues are investigated or not. It's crucial to keep FOI free from charges.
Andy Richardson	Hednesford, United Kingdom	2015-10-29	FOI's are an imperative tools for journalists and must be safeguarded. A beacon of light for matters of public interest.
Jon Sharman	Sutton, United Kingdom	2015-10-29	I'm a journalist and the Act helps me inform readers.
Bruce Benson	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-29	An independent writer on consumer and money issues, and a Member of Chartered Institute of Journalists, comprehensive, rapid responses to FOI requests - without *anti-spirit-&-object-of-FOI* vetos or bureaucratic prevarication or obfuscation are essential if our democracy is to mean anything.

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Paul Thomas	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-29	Weakening the FOI will significantly undermine journalists' ability to hold the authorities to account
Neil Pearson	Croydon, United Kingdom	2015-10-29	As an information professional I feel strongly about people's rights to access information relating to the public sector about themselves and that prohibiting this takes information security on step too far
Chris Morley	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-10-29	Fol is a crucial tool to let light in to the governmental process at all levels. Only those in power who fear embarrassment have anything to worry about. Democracy is well served by easy access to Fol for all.
Bob Keltie	Bo'ness, United Kingdom	2015-10-29	The Government is assuming too much power over society.
Shamsur Rehman	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-10-29	I believe Freedom of Information is the cornerstone of a democratic society that allow the people to hold the Government and public to account.
John Slater	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-10-29	FOIA supports government of the people by the people for the people. Anything to emasculate the FOIA is a direct attack on Democracy.
Chaminda Jayanetti	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-29	If the government wants to seriously discuss how to improve Fol legislation and make it more efficient, that is a conversation Fol advocates would be more than happy to have. Instead what we are getting is an attempt to push through changes with a fig-leaf commission that has already made its mind up.
Susan Currie	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-10-29	It is there for our protection.
Max Mosley	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-29	The FOI Act is an essential tool to enable the public to know what is going on.
Terence Mandrell	Solihull,, United Kingdom	2015-10-29	I have used the FOI Act on several occasions to get my local authority to admit they use companies that regularly do not pay the national minimum wage, especially in the care sector.
Valerie Irving	Annan, United Kingdom	2015-10-30	F.O.I. is the foundation of DEMOCRACY.
Kevin Rose	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-30	FOI is a vital tool to hold those in power to account. It is obvious why government would like to weaken it - please sign this petition!
Andrew Newman	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-30	Those running the country should do so in an open and transparent way - hallmarks of a democracy.
Susan Webb	Mildenhall, Suffolk, United Kingdom	2015-10-30	I'm an Fol Officer in HE. Compliance with Act, though not popular has strengthened our organisation's practice and made it more efficient. There is a strong public interest in retaining the Act as it is.
Stuart Seaman	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-10-30	The Fol Act is an essential tool for holding government and public bodies to account. It should remain free for use and applicant-blind.
david wightman	Irvine, United Kingdom	2015-10-30	The clue is in the name
Alex Bishop	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-10-30	Nothing should be hidden from the Public.
Andy Buckwell	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-30	I'm signing because Fol is an important tool for journalists and for the wider public.
Paul Sloan	surbiton, United Kingdom	2015-10-30	It's OUR government. It should be transparently working for us.
Clayton Nash	London, United Kingdom	2015-10-30	Generating media stories through FOI is exactly what it should be used for.
Denise Eaton	Maidstone, United Kingdom	2015-10-30	There needs to be more transparency in public office, not less. Holding public bodies to account should be a right, not a privilege. Information is not readily accessible and access to it is often only through FOI.
Paddy O'Keeffe	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-10-30	All governments promise transparency yet seldom practice it. Any curtailment of Fol would be a step away from transparency.

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Gwen Delahaye	Billingshurst, United Kingdom	2015-10-30	Because I think it is wrong not to release information that is in the public interest to do so. It is also wrong to implement charges for information required. This would greatly affect the freedom of the press due to the financial pressure created.
Norman Beck	Crowhurst, United Kingdom	2015-10-30	We the general public are entitled to have this information in the public domain. Secrecy has no place in a free and democratic society.
Dave Burke	Dunstable, United Kingdom	2015-10-30	I'm signing because I don't want the UK to turn into North Korea
john shale	wigan, United Kingdom	2015-10-31	I want more open Government. I'm fed up using secrecy laws to protect corrupt, criminal and/or incompetent politicians.
Terri Jackson	Bangor, United Kingdom	2015-10-31	The FOI is a basic part of our freedoms
Patrick L Hines	Chatham, United Kingdom	2015-11-01	I believe in democracy
Peter Denny	Minworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-01	I believe in the freedom of speech and firmly believe that interference is dangerous
James Kirkcaldy	Bradford, United Kingdom	2015-11-01	Because liberal democracy and defending it is better than the totalitarian and authoritarian options that have been prepared for in terms of 'infrastructure laid down' for the last few decades and pushed by those that have been 'on top' for a long time.
Andy Calvert	Ruislip, United Kingdom	2015-11-01	We need info to hold authority in check.
Graham Quinn	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-02	This is an essential part of our democracy which your party purports to believe in
James Cain	Nunthorpe, United Kingdom	2015-11-02	This government, which I voted for, is limiting the rights of journalists to ask legitimate questions about them while simultaneously handing local authorities the power to view the internet search histories of the population. I have to ask, does this government have any idea what liberty means? Theresa May, until you go away and learn the history of how it was these islands became the most free, civil, antidote to tyranny the world has ever known, you should not be allowed anywhere near the levers of power. You idiot.
Jan Plummer	Colchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-02	I want Britain to become more open and democratic
Graham Cuthbert	Doddington, United Kingdom	2015-11-02	It is vitally important that bodies that we pay our taxes to to be transparent so we can see what is spent well and what is wasted.
mark mutimer	Ashford, United Kingdom	2015-11-02	its our right to know
robert handy	Rainham, United Kingdom	2015-11-02	we need this act because people in authority cannot be trusted.
Fred Montague	Chatham, United Kingdom	2015-11-02	We must keep F.O.I and not allow any government or councils to remove this right
Gareth Simkins	South Croydon, United Kingdom	2015-11-02	I am an environmental journalist - and have used the Freedom of Information Act (and the Environmental Information Regulations) responsibly to ascertain and publish information in the pubic benefit. It needs to stay and be strengthened, not cut off at the knees.
Neil White	Derby, United Kingdom	2015-11-02	As a newspaper editor, I believe passionately that openness is a cornerstone of democracy. There should be wider access to information not less.

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Graham Skinner	Kennington, United Kingdom	2015-11-02	This is vital for investigating wrong doing in public service
Ray Duff	Folkestone, United Kingdom	2015-11-02	It is the public's right to access info on what their elected reps are planning or doing. This is part of accountability in a democracy. Democracy belongs to the people, NOT politicians or businesses etc.
John Dykes	Southport, United Kingdom	2015-11-02	I believe in openness
Bob Jenkins	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-02	I'm signing because if this government thinks there is a good reason why it should arbitrarily hide information from the people it is supposed to represent - it should tell us what that reason is
Ivor Gaber	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-02	I believe in the freedom of the media and a robust Freedom of Information Act is central to achieving this. Governments don't like FOI laws. Very understandable
adrian critten	swansea, United Kingdom	2015-11-02	I'm disgusted at the Tory Party's attempt to circumvent checks and balances on the Executive.
Nick Terdre	St Leonards-on-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-02	I'm signing because making Fol requests mustn't become a preserve of the rich. The Fol is an important tool for democracy in a country in which the government and other authorities hide too much behind a veil of secrecy.
Walé Azeez	Hove, United Kingdom	2015-11-02	Weakening the freedom of Information Act in any way weakens the United Kingdom as a democracy. It's vital that this does not happen.
Derek Bellis	Rhos on Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-02	It helps our democracy
Steinar Larssen	Gjøvik, Norway	2015-11-02	Don't weaken the Freedom of Information Act
laurence mello	LONDON, United Kingdom	2015-11-03	Because I believe in democracy, which is only possible with transparency
Katy Takatsuki	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-03	Journalist, BBC
Billy Howson	Grimsby, United Kingdom	2015-11-03	It took decades to try and prise information about of those who wish to hide it. It's not perfect, but it's the best we have for now. It must stay and remain free.
jean henderson	borehanwood, United Kingdom	2015-11-03	Because I agree with it!
Perry Austin-Clarke	Bradford, United Kingdom	2015-11-04	Why would anyone want to know LESS than we're allowed to know now...?
Alexander Ross	York, United Kingdom	2015-11-04	As a journalist, FOIs are a valuable tool and unearth information which would not be made available without the act. It must not be weakened or scrapped.
Peter Martini	Greenfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-04	The Freedom of Information Act is in the public interest. Why on earth would any Government want to change a law which is in the interests of the public??!
drew stephenson	york, United Kingdom	2015-11-04	The Fol has been critical in holding both people and organisations to account. It has been shown repeatedly that other checks and balances are not enough.
Lindsey Moore	Skipton, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	I am deputy editor of the Craven Herald in Skipton and believe that any weakening of the Freedom of Information Act would be detrimental.
Dan Bean	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	The FOI Act is a vital tool for ensuring transparency in Government, both local and national, and should be free and available to all.
Ed Mezzetti	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	I am signing because this is an important freedom for all of us.
Helen Mead	Earswick, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	It guards against corruption and other wrongdoing as well as encouraging transparency. It must remain part of a democratic society.

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Denise Maskell	Hythe , Kent, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Its the right of ll people to be able to have the facts and for government bodies ti be transparent, we pay their wages
Alex Sambrook	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	I don't think journalists should have to pay to do their jobs.
Martin Chiesa	Bracknell, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	High levels of corruption destroys nations and people's wellbeing
michelle rodgers	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Why should the minority have to control the majority
Geoff Robb	Fringford, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	I'm signing because it is vital we have access to all information, particularly of large organisations including Government
Jason Billin	East Leake, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	MPs work for us! As public servants their actions should always be open to public scrutiny.
Sarah Anderson	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Transparency is a necessary part of any true democracy. The FOI must remain available. Rather than restricting it, it should be extended to private companies delivering public services.
Philip Evans	Ammanford, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	We want more transparency not less.
richard jordan	Great Barford, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	I'm signing because our government should set an example of information openness.
Kathy Lowers	Norwood, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Transparency is essential in a democratic society
lisette de roche	london, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	I'm signing because without the checks and balances that the FOI act provides; we cannot trust the government to tell us the truth.
Kevin Webb	Barlby, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	We need it
Dom Bergonzi	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	It's a fundamental right to know where 'OUR' money etc is going. Through the right to know and freedom of Information act. You are either afraid , covering up something or all for transparency. Remember MP's etc you work on behalf of the people not the other way round!
Paul Harrison	Bodmin, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	We are the general public and we have thr right to know where our money is spent. We are fed up with parliamentarians hiding their ill-gotten gains.
Guillermo Rodriguez	Northolt, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Im signing because one by one once more politicians wants to take away our rights to know what they do and how they do it!
keith coulston	tavistock, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	I'm signing this because I believe in an open democracy & freedom
Eric Bowman	St Andrews, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Without FOI people will become even more distanced from their government. FOI is one the few ways of guaranteeing transparency, thus it should not be curtailed.
Anthony James	Rhymney, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Why change? Are they afraid of something?
Angela Jones	Crickhowell, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	I believed that we were living on a Democratic Island. . .
Eva Monet	Farnham Common, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Because we must go on living in a free, democratic society
Sheila Reeves	Colchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	to many things can be hidden from public scrutiny without this ability to ask for information. I am totally opposed to limiting people'e rights to request information
Lauren Blundell	dartford, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	It's simple it's called The Freedom of information!! The name says it all!!

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James Bonnett	Wokingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	There is a crackdown on all public freedoms, freedom of speech and son. A reduced FOI policy will be another nail in the coffin of British freedom.
David Roberts	Rugby, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	I think it's vital that we are able to find out just what those who represent us are actually doing behind closed doors.
Ron Marchant	Pontypool, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	secrecy in government is not acceptable in a democracy. Governments, public bodies and politicians must be fully accountable. They may not like it but
Geoff Edmonds	Loddon, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Freedom of information is one of the cornerstones of a democratic society. The government, having been elected by the people and for the people, have the obligation to defend the freedom of information act and not to limit it where it may cause embarrassment to the government or its chosen representatives
Magdalene Bargh	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	It needs to be done.
Claire Morris	Eccleston, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	i am signing because i sincerely believe that this information should be readily available to the public considering how we are paying taxes and are underpaid and over worked to pay for things such as second homes, moat clearing.
amy pye	Stoke-on-Trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	You're supposed to make yourself accountable to the public but you don't want us to know how you're spending our money???
Ralph Pickering	Wembley, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	We absolutely need a government that is accountable to the public. We don't need a government styling itself in the manner of an African dictator...
stephen james	tamworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	I used a company card. I had to account for every penny these idiots have or most of them have never done a real days work in thier lives and they think they are above every one else and can do what they want. This petition will not change anything as these items make the rules and they never apply them to them selves. So o will not hpld y breath for change.
Dave Lipsey	BOURNEMOUTH, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Politicians who have nothing to hide have nothing to fear
Paul Griffiths	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	You work for us, you serve us, and we need to have access to the workings of government. The top down, patronising view of a "ruling class" or "elders and betters " needs to be eliminated
Nial Briody	Harlow, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	They work for us!
John Smale	Swindon, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Why oh why would MPs want to curb the powers of the FOI.
Neil Syson	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Freedom of Information should be exactly that - not doublespeak.
Alexander Lerche	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	"If you have nothing to hide, you have nothing fear" -- Tory MP Richard Graham/Joseph Goebbels
Francesca Fanucci	Barnet, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Totally supportive of the cause and fed up with all these repeated attempts to water down accountability and transparency.
Terry Potter	Ashford, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Big Brother trying to protect "itself"
Alban Brindle	Godstone, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	FOI ast is integral to democracy in UK.
ismail hussein	london, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Truth needs to be protected
eddie coote	ferndown, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	If there is nothing to hide why would any government want to weaken the freedom of information act?
Syed Qaim Ali Shah	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Political leaders lives are for public so, there should not be anything hidden from the people of that country.

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Gerard Kavanagh	Horsham, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	This is one of the best pieces of legislation introduced by the Labour government and it would be criminal to go back to the previous Victorian attitude to the public's right to know.
Rose Davies	herts, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	This should not be weakened. They are called public bodies for a reason. Transparency is a must.
christine williams	Cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Freedom of Information is essential if there is to be trust in the government from the public.
Jessica Miskelly	Sale, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	This needs to be said for
Peter Devine	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	It comes in the same week when the Home Secretary is claiming new powers for the security services and the revelation that they had access to everyone's telephone records. Free society; total nonsense!
Rose Davies	Guildford, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	I have used FOI to get information from a secretive local authority and would not have got the facts without it !
Andrew Cochran	Aberdeen, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	While FOI requests themselves may be open to abuse for frivolous requests, it certainly appears to open public institutions up for public scrutiny. Which is a GOOD THING.
stuart tickle	Barrow-in-Furness, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	If you are doing no wrong why censor? I don't trust the current government one bit, not a chance I'm going to stand by and let them have even more secrecy.
Ian Shaw	Mansfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	It is important for the well being of the country to be able to call to account its elected representatives and others.
Jo McCann	Limavady, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	As the fat cats get more, The poor get less
Douglas Paulley	Wetherby, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	This is crucial: transparency and right to information is key to democracy. This looks like a widespread attack on rights to such information.
Matthew Barker	Royal Leamington Spa, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	The public should be able to scrutinise and hold to account public bodies
Phil Gabe	Weymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	The government persistantly hides the truth from the electorate and even lies to us about their corruption
David Rumley	South Kirkby, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Too much is hidden
David Brooke	Lancing, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	It is important to keep a check on how our money is spent
matt stevenson	colchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	I dislike corrupt government and self serving politicians
Michael Chalmers	West Kinfauns, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Self service of those in power (who we put there) is resuming as was unless they are stopped! I'm amazed how they continue to insult the populace. We speak to each other unlike those in power who forget who we are until they want a vote Silly people!!
Patricia Holden	Taunton, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	FOI is for the Public good - as proved by the MP expenses debacle. It must be upheld.
Jennifer Taylor	Cheltenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	This information should be freely available. The current legislation does not go far enough. To dial it back would be a complete disgrace. My government is accountable to me. I don't exist for its benefit. A proper FOI law would recognise this.

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William Peck	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Parliament has no right to be exempt from FOI. MPs should always remember they work for us - the people, and it is the people who vote them in - or out.
Stephen Thomas	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Please do not make any changes to the Freedom of Information Act. In a country where we have fewer and fewer rights this is one of most important democratic tools that we have left.
Andrew Wood	Ashford, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Clearly this government do not wish the public to expose it's wrong doing. Do they have something to hide?
Gordon Oliver	Newbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	I believe that our public servants need to remain transparent in their actions and accountable to the electorate.
David Stapleton	Saffron Walden, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	MPs are our elected representatives and shoul be accountable to us
Tom Wildy	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Seems to me that it is important that the people can see what the Government and Civil Service don't want them to.
Jamie Reynolds	Stockton-on-Tees, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	I don't think it's fair! If they have nothing to hide, why stop it?
Des Gardiner	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Ohhh no you don't. This smacks of berlusconi and his corrupt trickery....
Helen Mariner	Writtle, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Hiding what should be public information makes abusing the system easier.
Isa Thomas	Stantonbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	I am signing this petition because it is absolutely vital to have the Freedom of Information Act be left as it is. No watering down or weakening it. HANDS OFF THE FOI!!
Sarah Stephens	Woodbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Transparency is at the core of democracy, equality and human rights - FOI is a basic tenant of the good society
Roger Ford	Frome, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	In this increasingly restricted world, all freedom is sacrosanct and Fol is crucially important.
Richard Davies	Stockport, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	We need transparency
Freddie Flossie	Milton Keynes, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	MPs should be completely open and transparent
Liz Grylls	Middlesbrough, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Whoa, not good. Why is this government so terribly shady!?
Kevin O'Donnell	Ickenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Undermining the FOI is a very bad idea and will prevent journalists doing their jobs properly. It would be a retrograde and damaging step and an attack on press freedom. Kevin O'Donnell Group Editor, Portfolio Publishing London
Gary Mantra	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Well, you know why don't you?
Nick Duxbury	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	FOI is an vital tool of journalistic scrutiny of government. Some of the most important public interest stories in the past decade have come from FOI. These changes are a cynical attempt to erode a duty of public office to be open and accountable. If they go through it will be a damaging blow to democratic accountability in the UK.
Brenda Kitching	Haslemere, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	I believe that we have the right to speak out. Our freedom of speech should not be compromised.

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Trevor Halliday	Durham, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Openness and clarity of how public servants spend public money are essential in a democracy.
Aammer Ahmed	Welton, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Because the FOI allows people to find out about information in the interests of the public
ian niel	Tamworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	You have no right to hide MP's expenses. it is in the public interest to be allowed to view the MP's expenses, and judge for our selves what they are claiming for. we all know that corruption is still happening within the government. its always cover up after cover up. the Freedom of Information Act belongs to the public. NOT YOU. .
Cheryl Fell	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	I'm signing this because I cannot stand the hypocrisy and the snouts in the trough when the rest of us on much lower pay are beset with pay freezes, new contracts,longer working hours, pension reduction! Am absolutely APPALLED. No wonder most have no faith in politicians.
Brian Rowatt	Maidstone, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Freedom of information is a fundamental right of people ina free democratic country.
Willie Angus	Killin, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	FOI is a fundamental democratic principle that differentiates Great Britain from Fascist and totalitarian regimes.
Anthony Howard	Newick, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	Very anxious about the lackadaisical manner in which the Sir Humphreys of this life seek to further erode our rights to discover and to know. News is what somebody somewhere wants to suppress. Though well past "retirement age", whatever that is, I'm far from done yet, and still merrily battering away at the electronic miracle that has long since usurped my trypeswiper.
Charlie seiga	Rainford, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	This government has got away with too many things and enough is enough.
Stephen Watts	Wyton, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	We have a right to know
andrew grocock	sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	the truth sets you free!!!!!!!!!!!! plus the money belongs to the country,not the politicians!
neil jones	Wallasey, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	We, the voting public have a right to know how our money is spent by the people we elect to act in our best interests.
Liz Sidebotham	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	democracy and justice depend on freedom of information
Heather O'Regan	Gerrards Cross, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	The government has to be completely transparent and accountable to us for the way it's spends our money. If they've got nothing to hide then why change the way things are?
Emma Sanger	Ross on Wye, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	We have a right to know on what and where the Government is spending public money. No one can argue with that!
Richard Greenhalgh	Frome, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	I'm signing because I believe in FOI. Furthermore; as they are planning to monitor all our internet visits it is only fair and proportionate that we, the electorate, is allowed to see the peccadilloes of our elected representatives in a timely and transparent manner.
Debbie Ashton	Llwyngwriil, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	transparency is crucial!
leslie price	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	i want to know how my tax money is being wasted by people who should be more responsible

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Michael Rose	Barnet, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	I believe that public bodies and their personnel should be transparently accountable to those that pay for them
Djamila Da Costa	Dagenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	We are allowed to know. We have free speech we should also be able to get information about what is happening in this country
Ian Sorby	Frimley, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	I once made an FOI request that uncovered misconduct by a person in a position of trust who had lied to 3000 people. Without that legislation he would not have been found out. It is a valuable tool for the public to hold those they pay to account.
Robert Jewiss	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	It's our money - don't think MP's can get away with siphoning off secret tranches
PHILIP THOMAS	WAKEFIELD, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	ONE RULE FOR THEM ONE RULE FOR US , TYPICAL
bob bounds	Whitstable, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	It's a vital tool to shine a light on our public authorities and should be available to all.
Rosemary Sealey	Canterbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	this act is a vital check on governmental activity and helps prevent corruption taking root
John Haines	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-05	The public have a right to know what is being done in their name by the people they elected and with their money.
David GRiffiths	Rock, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MP's in the UK are A disgrace
Paul Louis Miller	Marsden, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is a fundamental right that we, the voters and people of Britain, should be able to obtain whatever information we deem necessary to examine the activities of and hold to account those people we elect to govern us, along with all the public and private bodies which affect our day to day lives, with the exception, I believe, of those bodies which hold information which is essential to our national security.
Robert Rampton	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	In any democracy transparency is hugely in the public interest, and to deny it is only in the interests of the dishonest and the deceitful, who have things to hide.
Pierre Aerts	Tunbridgw Wells, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Being an MP should be about serving the needs of the nation, not about servicing their bizarre lifestyles.
Maria de marco	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Show that you care about transparency between the government and its electorate!
james gaskell	Macclesfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is vital to our freedom.
Alan Markham	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I fully agree with the principle of information for the public good to be accessible by the public. It reveals issues of concern to the person who would otherwise have no recourse to public matters in particular . I fully support this petition Alan Markham
Louise Hughes	Tywyn, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	What are they trying to conceal? If public apathy allows this to happen our democracy will be irreparably ~ please sign this petition before it's too late!!
Ann Price	Bala, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in freedom of speech
Anthony Eastwood	Penrhyndeudraeth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	democracy is important, we have little enough real democracy in the UK as it is.
Christopher Heywood	Prescot, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We must be able to see what our MP's are up to and how much they extract from the system

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David Mascord	Brockenhurst, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Freedom of Information act should not be weakened. Charges should not be introduced. The public and the media have a right to know how public bodies make decisions and know about the actions they take. Citizens pay for them. Citizens and the press have a right to know.
Anne Hounam	Portsmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MPs are our elected representatives yet sometimes they forget that and think that they are following a career path in which they are entitled to have all their expenses met from the public purse. Many of them seem to look for loopholes around what they can claim for. The FOI Act helps to remind them that they should be open and transparent in all their dealings, and that they are accountable to the public whom they are supposed to serve.
Matthew Thorndale-Finn	Weymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The act should continue, let the truth be heard.
Paul Billin	kettering, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The government is losing sight of the "public servant" bit...
Lynn Strang	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	A healthy democracy requires checks and balances, and transparency is a critical part of these
A Hewitt	St. Helens, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is the only check we, the voters, have vis our MPs and those in offices funded by our taxes. (Duck houses springs strongly to mind...)
Brendan Martin	Broadstairs, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is such a fundamental right in a democratic and open society.
Gavin Williams	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency of public bodies is essential, to ensure these bodies can be held accountable, should they be found to not be acting in the best interest of the public they serve.
Alan Baker	Bedford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in free speech
Chris Paterson	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am a journalism educator. Attempts to restrict FoI make a mockery of democratic communication.
Josh Russell	Ipswich, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is a vital function of democracy: for people to have any confidence in democratic process, they need to have faith that they will be kept aware of the things being done in their names.
Sarah Packman	Sherfield on Loddon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that transparency is the enemy of corruption... and political power tends to corrupt. Or people with moral flexibility are often attracted to positions of power. Either way...
Jame Toney	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Anything that puts a barrier in the way of investigative journalism is building a protective wall around those that usually don't deserve it.
Jon Hoeksma	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's not the government's information, it belongs to the public, and a weakening of FOI will hinder a lot of good journalism and weaken democratic accountability. The argument about cost is largely spurious. We are talking about trivial amounts of money to enable scrutiny of how vast sums of public money is spent and decisions reached.
david ward	stetford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's one way the public can see what goes on behind not only closed doors but locked doors.
Dean Clarke	Worcester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is essential for good governance
Andrew Jackson	Daventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because FOI is important in a democracy.
john pendreich	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	eeek out some more scandals

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Susan Topley	Cholderton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's our right
NORMAN Berry	Waterlooville, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI is a necessary tool in the fight against the corrupt.
Rosemary Sabel	Taunton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because otherwise the government is not accountable (or only once every five years)
Elijah Carpenter-Eccles	South Brent, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is a breach of basic human freedoms that make the United Kindom what it is today.
Conrad Bower	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is a beautiful thing that we should be encouraging and not regulating against.
andy holmes	Cleethorpes, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Politicians are a disgrace
Allyn Cunningham	Upton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We are supposed to live in a democracy, but it's becoming less and less so.
Andrew Parker	Great Yarmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The government want a snoopers charter to spy on everything we do, while simultaneously covering up what they're doing. Typical politicians hypocrisy.
Christopher White	Coupar Angus, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency should hold no fears for our elected representatives and employees paid from the public purse.
Joyce Wright	Dundee, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The public have a right to know what is happening.
david brown	Ossett, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The public deserves access to this information
John Brodribb	Buckfastleigh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of Information is vitally important to everybody in Britain, and helps social cohesion and social justice
David armstrong	Formby, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Bang out of order
Frank Beckett	Huddersfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The voters need a means of checking on the voted. Who shall guard the guardians?
John Preston	Halifax, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need transparency
Derek Cooper	Aberdeen, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	They should have jailed more than the token few.for past fiddles! They shouldn't have voted for their pay rise, especially as for years the public have had pay cuts, they should always be transparent and accountable.
Kristoffer Laurson	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Public money requires public scrutiny.
Fiona Smith	Maidenhead, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Access to information is vital.
Julian crutch	Dereham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	THE PUBLIC HAVE A RIGHGT TOKNOW HOW ARE MONEY IS BEING USED
Stephen Tovey	Rochester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Again and Again over the last few years we see how we need to keep our Politicians honest.
Peter Wilson	Stoke Gabriel, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	An essential part of any democratic country.
andy moss	Ipswich, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to be able to keep track of what the powers that be are up to.
David Hamilton	Great Shelford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Freedom of Information Act is a vital statutory tool which holds public bodies (whether appointed or elected) to account for the trust reposed in them by the public. Any watering down of its provisions must be strongly opposed as inimical to the rule of law.
andy walden	oakham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need freedom of information, god only knows what would happen without it.
simon paterson	Chesterfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We have a right to know!!!

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Gary McKenna	Salford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Power should always be scrutinised. This sordid attempt by greedy, self serving, corrupt MPs to water down FOI is entirely about protecting themselves from the embarrassment their shameful behaviour rightfully brings on them.
Charles Park	Swindon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm sick to death of Political elitists using Acts and Laws designed or enacted to protect the People , for their own ends
Paul Stanton	Folkestone, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency will finally lead to honesty
Michael Sandy	Swansea, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As they always like to say, you've nothing to fear if you've nothing to hide.
David Donnan	Aintree, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If information isn't freely-available, the country belongs to small privileged cliques who run it in their own interests, and the morality of their actions, both here and abroad, goes unexamined.
Neelam Narshi	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI keeps people accountable!
Peter MacGregor	Irthlingborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is vital the the electorate know how their elected representatives are spending - or proposing to spend - public funds.
Fran Rankin	York, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because information need to be available for all.
Keith Martin	Chertsey, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This really is a no-brainer!
Kate Steer	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because people have the right to know what there hard earned money is being spent on.
James Boslem	Dunfermline, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's right thing to do.
Daphne Hemingway	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	the expenses scandal was outrageous. If this had not been made public MPs would continue to steal from us. The sums involved were enormous and these people were rich in the first place. I despair when we continue to demonise the unemployed for fiddling their claims when MPs in a position of power have done the same. How many went to jail? How many have kept their jobs?
David Jackson	Ipswich, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We have rights to know what is happening. The Fol act allows us at least some of those rights.
Peter Rowley	Croydon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Politicians are there for one purpose, and one purpose only, to represent the electorate. Nothing else. They can more satisfactorily be replaced by a jury system, and the only reform they should consider is proportional representation.
Barney Douglas	Ferring, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because parliament has to be accountable, and businesses have to be transparent. The recent scandal surrounding vehicle emissions is a prize example of why this Act has to retain its full force.
Martin Hays	london, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I think it's disgusting that the people that should be working for the good everyone are so selfish and wasting our taxes on bullshit for there own game.
Rachel Steadman	Urmston, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	What is the government trying to hide now?
Jon Imbrey	Haverfordwest, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	In a democratic society accountability is essential, especially for people elected government.
Andrew Huxford	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Stop trying to hide things
paul Holmes	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We deserve transparency in a democracy

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thomas cockburn	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We must curb these corrupt troughers
Bill Logan	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If people have nothing to hide, then they have nothing to fear. That works two ways.
Jim Cowan	Croydon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because I believe government should be open and transparent
Steve Mulvaney	Penallt, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MP's are there to serve to public, not the other way around.
benoit viellefon	london, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We're supposed to be in a democracy with elected leaders representing the mass on our behalf. There is no place for secrecy, democracy means freedom of speech and freedom of information!
Uwe Vinkemeier	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	One must not give away hard won freedoms
John Newton	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	A Free society needs freedom of information.
Geoff White	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As a journalist FOI requests help me perform a public service by obtaining the truth on behalf of our viewers.
Filipe Matias	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Information should be free! It allows true freedom!
Graham Clarke	St Albans, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is key in maintaining a transparent democracy and an accountable public service
Karl Gibbs	Saffron Walden, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is the basis of democratic accountability that is being destroyed. If the electorate have no right to know how those they have given responsibility to have exercised it then they cannot make informed decisions about renewing mandates.
david johnson	Stourbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I want to live in a REAL democracy
Justin O'Gorman	Stockport, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The public have a right to oversight of information regarding those who govern and serve them. That right shoud, if anything, be strenthened, not weakened with self-serving amendments.
Bridget Brett	Norwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's a damn right liberty!
John Barraclough	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Democratic society depends on the Freedom of information. Without freedom of information we cannot exercise our democratic rights.
Brian Whiteman	Cockburnspath, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As we are constantly being told by the 'establishment', if you have nothing to hide, then you have nothing to fear! Changing the Freedom of Information Act would strongly suggest that you do have something to hide!
Sharon Kean	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	nothing our representatives do should be kept secret.
NEIL WILSON-PERKIN	WIDNES, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is a key tool to hold the powerful to account.
Emma Brown	Albrighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We should have access to all information that does not pose a threat to our nation's security.
Melvyn Jones	Tamworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am sick and tired of our elected government abusing their position.
Elisabeth Payne	Buckden, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because the people who represent us in Parliament need to be honest and accountable to us and must not be allowed to change the FOI law
mac mchardy	Stroud, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of Information is fundamental to true democracy.
Trevor Smith	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency in all matters except military secrets is vital to a free society.

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hayley webb	east sussex, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Not as a journalist but as someone who thinks that if it is our interstate to know we should and the expenses scandal is a prime example
Andy Taylor	Briton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The government is the democratically elected servant of the people – It is there to work on our behalf and not there to defend privilege and secrecy.
Shane Dick	Weston-super-Mare, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The people have the right to know!
Steven Soffe	Ditton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This should be transparent with any business, I have to submit my expenses and I sign to confirm they are true, same should be for our MPs and the public have a right to know how their money is being spent and why!!! FOI all the way!!!
Elaine Gillies	Perth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Mp's are there to work on my behalf and I have the right to know what is going on behind the scenes.
Derry Earnshaw	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There's less and less that we can knowabout how we're governed, while they claim to need to know our every move,or word read,or spoken.
kim brooker	Swansea, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I don't think politicians should be above the law and have free access to public money for their own ends a member of public would end up in prison for stealing!
Michael Fogg	Wigan, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I fully support this act It brought to light how MPs were abusing the system and paying themselves out of our money ie committing fraud. No one who has nothing to hide should be afraid of this act
Hanna Jones	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Information should be freely available!!!
Laura Floyd	Warwick, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need a transparent government which they are not - anyone else it would be classed as fraud!
Valerie Armstrong	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Knowledge is power.
Louise Selsby	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Completely and utter lack of trust in the government
angeles maria alonso garcia	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I agree
ilyas sharif	Wakefield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in transparency and fairness
alick potter	epsom, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We should have the right to question others
Keith Wootton	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Senior officials need the controls and balances in place to keep them on the straight and narrow.
mark trigg	sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is something that should be defended, not eroded !
Ruth Cottington-Bray	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	All public bodies are accountable to me and every other citizen. There should be no inherent right for public bodies to hide any self serving actions from exposure.
Julian Burton	Doncaster, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	What do the politicians have to be scared of
Kathryn Pollock	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of Information is critical to our democracy, I'm appalled that it is under question.
Anne Farrell	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's another right that the gov are trying to take away.
Kevin Boston-Brady	Middlewich, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The only way to avert tyranny is to ensure transparency. We need those who serve to be clear on the integrity required to uphold such a position. No secrets, no lies.

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Stephen Geilinger	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We have the right to know what our government is doing in our name.
Miranda Matthews	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to be guaranteed that our government is acting fairly according to agreed conduct. Our own information is accessed by government departments: in a democratic society we deserve access to information.
Gareth Griffiths	Wiveliscombe, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	You can't change the rules of the game to suit your own needs.
Bobby Maguire	Belfast, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We are the electorate of this country. Why should we be denied the information
Mark Simkins	nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need a much more open government which ever party is in power its helps to build trust!! More the better let's not go backwards I am a supporter of the Torys but they need to earn my support each day not each 5 year term.
Trevor Whitelock	Mawgan, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing this partition because I believe in transparency.
Alan Jones	Prestatyn, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The public have a right to ensure that politicians are held accountable for the use of public funds.
Julian Stafford	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There should be a presumption of disclosure unless there is a very good reason for not doing so. FOI is not there to spare the embarrassment of public officials.
Mark Fielden	Portishead, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I pay my taxes. My taxes pay MP's salaries - and their expenses. Taxpayers need openness if they're to have any confidence in MPs.
Lee Milward	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Its important for public to be able to access it.
Mary Sullivan	Epsom, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because they shouldnt get away with it as this is fraud. The rest of the country is struggling to cope its not fair.
Bernard Sullivan	Bourton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It provides very important public protection
sherry charlton mcdowell	redhill, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I have the right to be informed about issues which affect our society
John McCann	Stockton-on-Tees, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is key to democracy and to prevent abuse of office, corruption and poor value for money. The FOI is vital defence for the public against politicians and senior officials. Leave it as it is.
Laurence Hoppen	Woodford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I had trouble myself with London Borough of Barking and Dagenham refusing me to have access to information for occupiers of an address, which I subsequently obtained at the British Library. I even wrote to the local MP. The person I was tracing was a crooked second-hand car dealer who was fleecing the public.
Neil Campbell	High Wycombe, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Every government since I was born in 1978 have been frugal with the facts disclosed to the public. They need to be held to account for their actions and non-actions
Agnes McCrae	Cumbernauld, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	everyone is entitled to be able speak out if they feel the need
Tony Simpson	Newcastle On Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	everyone in the land should sign this petition--why should we be scrutinized but the very people who impose these rules want to exclude themselves, there can be only one reason ? they are the ones with secrets that they do not want to divulge.
Ana Teresa Pinies Ramirez	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Yes. Let us put our house in order!
pauline horrocks	Tallington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Free speech, and transparency about agencies, is vital and part of being British.

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Jason Morley	Nottingh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Unchecked power in the hands of the few is tyranny, and nothing less.
Donald Brind	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	we need more not less Fol
Camilla Wood	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	<p>When climate camp protesters descended on the site of the Kingsnorth power station for a week-long summer demonstration, the scale of the police operation to cope with them was enormous.</p> <p>Police were accused of using aggressive tactics, confiscating everything from toilet rolls and board games to generators and hammers. But ministers justified what they called the "proportionate" £5.9m cost of the operation, pointing out that 70 officers had been injured in the course of their duties.</p> <p>But data obtained under the Freedom of Information Act puts a rather different slant on the nature of those injuries, disclosing that not one was sustained in clashes with demonstrators.</p> <p>Papers acquired by the Liberal Democrats via Freedom of Information requests show that the 1,500 officers policing the Kingsnorth climate camp near the Medway estuary in Kent, suffered only 12 reportable injuries during the protest during August.</p> <p>The Home Office has now admitted that the protesters had not been responsible for any injuries. In a three-line written answer to a parliamentary question, the Home Office minister Vernon Coaker wrote to the Lib Dem justice spokesman, David Howarth, saying: "Kent police have informed the Home Office that there were no recorded injuries sustained as a result of direct contact with the protesters."</p> <p>Only four of the 12 reportable injuries involved any contact with protesters at all and all were at the lowest level of seriousness with no further action taken.</p> <p>The other injuries reported included "stung on finger by possible wasp"; "officer injured sitting in car"; and "officer succumbed to sun and heat". One officer cut his arm on a fence when climbing over it, another cut his finger while mending a car, and one "used leg to open door and next day had pain in lower back".</p> <p>A separate breakdown of the 33 patients treated by the police tactical medicine unit at the climate camp shows that three officers had succumbed to heat exhaustion, three had toothache, six were bitten by insects, and others had diarrhoea, had cut their finger or had headaches.</p> <p>Coaker claimed in a parliamentary debate in September that the police had acted "appropriately and proportionately", despite hundreds of complaints over unnecessarily heavy policing and calls for an investigation of police conduct by MPs, MEPs, councillors and members of the public.</p> <p>http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2008/dec/15/kingsnorth-climate-change-environment-police</p>
Magali Boyer	レスター, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in the importance of a transparent government for a healthy democracy to flourish.

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Brian Huddart	Washington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Cornerstone of democracy, those in authority have to be accountable.
Edward Gordon	Aberlady, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Who Watches the Watchmen?
Jan Jack	Basingstoke, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need more transparency
Charlie Grumbley	Kirkbymoorside, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing because we need greater transparency not less.
Patricia Holgate	Salford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Politicians have to be kept accountable - they are employed by the people of this country.
Sue Bartucca	Radstock, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The public needs access to the truth.
mena ha-cheng	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I don't want to go back to the dark ages of complete ignorance of what the government really actually does!!!
Ann Marie Williams	Booton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	They shouldn't get away with it!!!
Brittany Staples	Winchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The govt , no matter who is in charge, forgets that it ANSWERS TO the people, they are not exemplary citizens. They are there to serve us, it is not the job of the people to serve the govt. Until they realise that, they are doomed to make stupid decisions such as these ones. Signing this petition is just one step towards reminding those 'in power' that they are powerless without the backing of the people.
John Owen	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This country is full of double standards and this is not right!!!
David Smith	Weymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I feel that politicians get enough money without expenses so why should they be allowed to cover up their practices.
Stephen Abrams	Hoddesdon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is vital
Peter Rowlands	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is vital
paul hickson	Horncastle, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Those in public office should be accountable to us, the people that pay for them to be there.
Sergio Sekhon	South Croydon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in the purpose of this petition.
Douglas Williamson	The Moors, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because we need all the transparency we can get.
victoria brunning	Camborne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because without this act we will never know information that could be of importance
David Jenkins	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We leave in dangerous times. The problems we confront are produced mostly by states, mostly in the interest of states. Access to information is one of the few avenues open to citizens to keep that state in check.
James Thomson	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's an important act and allows the public to review what is being done with their tax, country and freedom

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Manuelina Saldanha	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	<p>I urge the Government not to do anything which would detract from that principle.</p> <p>In particular we urge you:</p> <p>to ensure that the Act continues to allow for the release of internal discussions at local and central government level when there is a public interest in doing so not to seek to create any new veto powers over the release of information not to introduce charges for Freedom of Information Act requests or appeals. Any charges could dramatically undermine the ability of requesters, including regional press journalists and freelances in particular, to use the Act to hold authorities to account.</p>
June Adam	Bearsden, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency in government is paramount. So too, the NHS, Etc .Everyone has a right to know how large organisations are run, finance, waiting times, etc
Dick Jude	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Fol Act is vital to check the behaviour of those we least trust. Unfortunately for us, those are the very people who are trying to neuter this Act so that their abuses of privilege can continue. Shame on them.
John Curran	Aberdeen, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	it's vital that we know what expenses MP's claim and to keep their snouts out of the very large trough that seemed to exist using OUR money for all sorts of fraudulent claims. Any attempt to undermine the FOI act would further erode any little trust that we the public have left in our public servants.
Ian Herbert	Stewkley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Obviously they've got more skeletons in their cupboards...
Stephen Gray	Cirencester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI must continue to exist without limitation. Any change to this law will allow corruption at all levels to be hidden. It will also allow councils to hide things behind the exemptions.
Dominic Cahillane	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If I must be open with my government, the government must be open with me.
Martin Evans	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	1984. Read it and weep.
Carmel Southern	Aspull, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The government are destroying poor families while spending ridiculous amounts of money on frivolous things for themselves. £68 for a breakfast is disgusting when they expect people to live on less than £60 per week.
Stephen White	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's the right thing to do.
Alison Jeavons	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	No body can be trusted we have to keep a reign on anything and everything just look at recent history, Banks, MPs, Big Corporation eg VW and the Tax avoiding big companies like Amazon etc this is a small tool that is very important to the truth!!
David Perry	Solva, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because we need openness in public life.
Charles McKenna	Dumfries, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	What are they hiding? What are they frightened of? We pay the bills we need to know how the money is spent and what for.
Charles Brand	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	With a financially weakened press, without the FOI , there is little hope of keeping an eye on Government
Boyce Bailey	worcester park, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If you've got nothing to hide, you've got nothing to fear.
James Jones	Neath, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Our rights should be preserved !
Robert Evans	Wrexham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This act is fundamental to British honesty, anyone who wants this act scrapped has something to hide, do not let them get away with this.

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carolyn doherly	Twickenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is an important, and key right that we should be able to hold our government to account on their behaviours, this can only be done if that information is accessible.
Andrew Edwards	Worcestershire, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is not something that should be optional - we need to know the facts!!
janette thompson	Pen-y-sarn, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I firmly believe that MP's should not be exempt from this law. We appoint them believing them to be open and honest and if they have not done anything wrong, they should not be afraid to have their information audited by anyone! Janette Thompson
Richard Hitchins	Wyndham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	How can we make decisions on the way to vote if we don't know the true facts!
Bill Middleton	Denny, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in OPEN government.
Richard Blake	Rothley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is key to a just society.
Lisa Heather	Dover, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in transparency, truth and justice
Mary Dixon	Bedford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because I believe we the public have a right to know how government and local council are spending money and what it is being used for. It should be transparent and easy to access
Deborah Jones	Bishops Cleeve, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is essential in a democracy, apart from a narrow and specific range of security issues.
Maria Gilroy	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I think FOI is imperative as a deterrent for people in positions of power to prevent abuse of others and/or public funds.
Bill Philpot	Great Glemham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because this country is one of the most secretive in the world, and the FOI is essential in breaking this down.
Mark Brunning	Sudbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	These scum get away with too much already...
samantha young	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI is important if we want to know the truth.
Nigel Cobby	Matching Green, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to exist in a free,open & democratic society. We have a right to know what is going on.
Paul Massey	Stockport, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that all information should be transparent and available to review.
Malcolm Courcer	Skipton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There is an undercurrent of deceit in high places and people should know exactly what elected public servants are doing whilst allegedly acting in our best interests
Holly Potter-Adams	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I do not trust our government or police force to use this information correctly, and more importantly, for the good of the people.
richard Beart	Minehead, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Only a government with something (probably a lot) to hide would attempt to do something like this.
Angela Bywater	Newland Street, Eynsham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that all people should be held accountable for their actions - especially people in power over others.
Mike Simpkin	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As an NHS campaigner I know how important FOI can be to get behind some of the smokescreens. The notion of charging is much the same as the infamous court fees introduced by Chris Grayling - disproportionate, unfair and eventually self-defeating.
Martin Bradley	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Too much secrecy allows the abuse of power.

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Steve Brann	Winchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	In a democracy the people vote for their leaders who are therefore the servants of the people. As such they are also accountable to them and should never be above the law. The FOI bill is such an important bill in this respect and it must not be watered down in a way that allows powerful people to avoid scrutiny.
Zuzana Ujhelska	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	When they are using our money, we should know what are they used for!
Audrey Bentley	Durham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's disgusting the way they abuse the system and get away with it people like me would probably be jailed for less !
Laura Hughes	Denbigh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because I live in democratic Britain, not a dictator state and I wish to maintain all the freedoms that come with democracy, including freedom of information.
Caro James	Braintree, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	transparent government is vital in a democratic nation. We pay them, we should have the right to know where our money goes.
Jane Clemetson	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	A strong Freedom of Information Act is important
David Williams	Milton keynes, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in responsible government and democracy.
Shaun Garratty	Rotherham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I wish to ensure that the Act continues to allow for the release of internal discussions at local and central government level when there is a public interest in doing so. That the Government will not to seek to create any new veto powers over the release of information and that they will not to introduce charges for Freedom of Information Act requests or appeals.
kayleigh McAllister	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MPs are elected for public good, not to take advantage of monetary perks - their salaries are fair in my opinion and way higher than the UK average, By changing the laws to protect MPs and other high flying folk is a disgrace, we live in a 'so called' democracy - I'd like my voice heard.
Dan Morgan	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because in the Government's own words (when they want to be able to monitor our data) "if you've got nothing to hide, you've got nothing to fear"...
Paul Wind	Washington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Our government is accountable to us, the people, and if we let them hide what they are up to then they will not be
Phil Matthews	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	transparency builds trust and boy do they need it!
Eloise Segal	Horsted Keynes, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The government are supposed to represent the public interest
Mark Russell	Pontyclun, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I have a certificate in Freedom of Information from the BSC Chartered Institute for IT and am a pratitioner in this field. Whilst it takes time to respond to requests it is an essential act for transparency.
Peter ALLEN	Bradwell, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is a very important pillar of our democracy.
Tim Dawson	Fionnphort, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Experience shows that given half a chance our rulers will rule in secret.
John Terence Owens	Brecon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Anybody with snout in the gravy should be exposed.
Stan Hill	Barrow-in- Furness, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that we should see what our taxes are being spent on
Dave Wonnacott	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Politicians are public servants, and the public must be able to hold them properly accountable by accessing all relevant information in a timely manner. This is not negotiable.

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Ashley Boreham	Lydd, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's the right thing to do
Howard Rush	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing because a free society can only be assured if it is an open and transparent one.
Richard Yale	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	<p>The FOI act is an extremely important tool for democracy in this country. We have every right to know what our taxes go toward and how those who we pay are executing their public duties.</p> <p>More corruption and poor use of public funds has been exposed from FOI requests than by other means and its very existence discourages misuse of public funds.</p> <p>Do not let them water this down. We all know exactly why they want to.</p>
David Millan	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As a citizen of this country, I have a right to know what is being done by my government in my name; equally I have a right to hold any government to account for any action it may undertake.
Daniel Sweeney	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We should not be slaves
Paddy Queen	Lochgelly, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Hands off foi u currupt government
George ian Coupe	Littleton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Politicians should be open and honest.
Doreen De La Cruz	Ton Pentre, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	People has right to information
Gary Wilson	Southsea, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I have a right to know how my government is performing and using my money
Michal Sulima	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because power should equal responsibility, not personal gain.
Sarah-Louise Alsop	Margate, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Information should not be free for sole and secrets for others
Mary Duncan	Cardenden, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that FOI is important. The public should be able to access information that is in our interest. Transparency in government is of utmost importance & to curtail FOI in order to conceal impropriety is immoral. Governing bodies have an obligation to be honest & transparent. They are elected & employed by the people.
Simon Eliot	Bath, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to keep our open society open.
Stephen Worrall	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	<p>Why weaken one of the few forms of access we have to how the state works or has actioned policy.</p> <p>The only reason to weaken is to cover things up! Not really a surprise with governments in dictatorships are we now seeing the uk government taking lessons on how to suppress even more than dictatorships?</p> <p>If you have nothing to hide then you leave this alone.</p>
Mark Sutton	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The only people in public office that would want to suppress information of this nature, are the dishonest who have something to hide. Shame on them!
Rachel Grogan	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	i believe in FOI A
Valerie Martin	Herne Bay, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The public has a right to know how our money is spent.
Karen Humphrey	Earls Barton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Tax payers have a right to know who and what their money is spent on...and the only reason the government would not want us to know is because they are misusing it,,one so many levels!!

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Syed Akhtar	Newport, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in freedom of information
Andrea Marsden	Bolton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI Act provides transparency and should be retained unchanged.
Andrew Clifft	southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	corrupt politics are ruining the world.
David Mcdonald	Paisley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	They should not restrict foi
Ifor Griffiths	Bury St Edmunds, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Democracy absolutely requires FOI
william sweet	london, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because this government stinks Cameron is the puppet of Slimey George Osbourne and we the public who sadly voted the creatures in !!!deserve to know exactly what dodgy things they are HIDEING.
David Neno	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is a vital to the democratic principle we live by and are celebrated for.
Angus Geoffrey Alastair Mcilwraith	Bognor Regis, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Elected politicians need to be held accountable for their decisions and actions. Journalists are important in this arena and should not be constrained just because this makes politicians uncomfortable.
William Rea	Bangor, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It will help to expose corruption
david cavender	East Cowes, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	freedom of information should not be stamped upon by pigs in a truff MP's for thier own self-interests
Frank Reynolds	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The government seem to think they are above the law. They ain't the must have something to hide.
David Frankl	Burnham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This law needs to be strengthened so the public can access THEIR OWN data. It does not belong to the Government or public bodies, it is OURS.
John Campbell	Harrogate, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Government needs to be transparent and their behaviour does not lead me to trust they will do do without the enforcement of a robust FOI
Hugh Harkin	Scotland, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Britain is a corrupt fiefdom...the FOI gives the silent majority an important implement to use when they are seeking justice and previously 'priveliged' information.
David Fryett	Sunderland, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Politicians are accountable public servants. That is all that needs to be said. Clearly the FOI must not be weakened by sleazy, self-seeking alleged representatives of the people.
Laura Mackie	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI is one of the most important acts we have, transparency for all must be upheld!
Zoltan Dienes	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is integral to democracy
John England	Blandford Forum, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Citizens have a right to access all government information.
Niamh O' Neill	Hyde, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is important that MPs, CEOs and others with powerful positions are held accountable.
Michael Plant	Knutsford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's public money, and there are too many 'public servants' wasting it.
alan brookes	Middlewich, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The public have the right to know what our elected MP's are wasting tax payers money on
Trevor Owen	North Cornelly, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	To stop the corruption of people in power.

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Carol Baugh	Kingston upon Thames, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is disgraceful for MPs to take advantage of their status by trying to hide their stealing of public monies. Then by attempting to quash their misdeeds by trying to take all power from the FOI act! They are elected by the public and the public has the right to know who has done wrong, along with the legal option to relieve them of this position of trust, Permanently!
Jackie Smith	Worthing, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparent public accountability is paramount in a democracy.
Emily Payton	Runcorn, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Considering the financial mess important systems are in this country such as NHS, Police, Education ect - this money could go towards helping these areas!
Adrian potts	Luton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There's a large portion of the government who are corrupt shit bags that need exposing.
Adam Sach	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is very important- we need full transparency.
Francesca Shapland	Ely, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's the public's right to be able to access information from Government and other public sector organisations. Don't weaken it.
Norman Barrow	Fair Light. Cuilfail. Lewes., United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Never was there a time when the 'Freedom of Information Act' is more necessary and critical than now. Certainly I am committed to its preservation.
Damian Sweeney	Newry, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The truth needs to defended
David Hughes	Ballachulish, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Elected bodies need to be accountable to the people who elected them. The FOI Act is an essential means of enabling this.
John Ricketts	Cheltenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Without Fol we'd never have know - for instance - that an MP was asking us to pay for his moat to be cleaned; need one say more?
Stephen Wilson	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	<p>At a time when public trust in politicians is so low, and disenfranchisement is so high, to water down or diminish the FOI Act would be yet a further degradation of our democracy. To quote Justice Louis Brandeis, sunlight is the best disinfectant, and we need to bolster public trust in politics and politicians, not weaken it. FOI helps not just the public but Parliament hold the Government to account. On a more practical note, FOI has proved time and again to shed light on important matters of public interest and promote reform across the public, private and third sectors, from reform of MP's expenses to the £9m of public money spent on the Madeleine McCann investigation.</p> <p>Hands off FOI!</p> <p>Kind regards,</p> <p>Stephen Wilson Harrow</p>
Laurel Smart	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing this because it is absolutely vital that people in public office know they can be held to account.
Simon Cravos	Cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Politicians who cut our income while themselves milking the system must not be able to hide their expense claims or any other information from the people who elected them
ian metcalfe	cambridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If this act goes, it is an end to all truths.
jane cavanagh	Yeovil, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Freedom of Information is one of the important checks and balances inherent in the relationship between state and individual.
Jay Fearn	Luton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	if the government messes with the FOI act, then they will lose all credibility and will appear to be unaccountable.

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mike taylor	Beaconsfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Our leaders are our servants, we elect them and they need to be accountable. Keep the freedom of information intact, as to allow us the people to know what is going on
bill mcnulty	carluke, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I don't trust government and local authority bodies to act in the public interest. Any restriction to reduce or restrict access to information is a step away from democracy.
Peter Covus	Basingstoke, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I think we may have to keep an eye on what goes on behind closed doors.
Mark Thompson	Cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing as it brings transparency, accountability and useful tool against corruption and missues of public funds and expenses. Successive Governments have always stated transparency. Then it takes a court ruling and four year fight to get what is requested under the FOI Act. And yet they try and change the FOI Act. This is why we need this Act strengthend, to stop politicians trying to change the Act to hide their expenses etc. We need to ensure journalists and the public can see where out money is going. What expenses MPs are claiming and to ensure transparency and inteference from politicians. Do not under any circumstances charge a fee for an FOI Act request.
Stephanie Petrie	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOIs are an essential source of data about the operation of the state at national and local levels
Tommy Tracey	Tewkesbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Open Government No Secrets
Ken Rees	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Without an effective FOI and transparency in government and the ability to hold our masters to account, we might as well be living in South Korea.
Bryan Wight	Shandon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Clarity and openness keeps those in power honest
Bruce Jackson	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I feel very strongly this is a building block of the peoples oversight over political and industrial corruption
ALAN HARPLEY	Scruton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am a British citizen and I have the right to see that I live in a true democracy. I will not be manipulated by greedy politicians !
Patrick Bohan	Swindon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We have a right to know what public bodies are doing.
Martha Oshinnaya	Enfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Don't weaken the FOI
David Nockels	Haverfordwest, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We are entitled to have access to information about how public bodies operate! Shame on the politicians trying to restrict our access
GUY PENMAN	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Don't weaken the Freedom of Information Act
Leigh Middleton	Bexhill, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I don't want further weakening of our right to know !
Paul Hanmore	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The public have a right to know what is spent and where - secrets create an untrusting society and makes it feels more like a scandalous oppression of those less fortunate. Our tax money goes to people who we should trust to use appropriately.
Paul Durkin	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because nobody should be above the law and think they can get away with it.
Kevin Purcell	aynho, banbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency in government is important - especially when it comes to expenditure during these tight financial times.

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Wilma Mortimer	Glenrothes, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The law makers should not be law breakers One for all
simona tottoli	london, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	i believe in FOI
Jolyon Potter	Darlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	A FOI Act is an essential tool in the ever constant battle against the excesses of government.
ananth shenoy	Fulbourn, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Freedom Of Information is important to know how government is spending our hard earned money
Tripat Sagoo	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Honesty is the best policy
Arnold Grayson	Wallingford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Ministers and officials need to be checked. Corruption apart recent disclosures reveal shocking examples of decisions that were wrong.
WILLIAM SULLIVAN	WALSALL, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Public institutions should be accountable to the public
WILLIAM PARNELL	POOLE, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MPs are public servants, we the public have every right to scrutinise you
Dave Harrison	ballymena, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	politicians are public servants and should always be accountable they are not above us they are beside us and would do well to remember that
mark sexton	Walderslade, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Enough of this "elitism " democracy means equality!..... For all!
Anthony Herriot	Paisley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because this transparency is basic to our wish to keep an honest government. Anyone trying to stop this has an alternative agenda.
Alan Palmer	Asfordby Hill, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This should not be blocked by the MP's just because it does not suit them.
Jill McCallum	Aberdeen, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Generally speaking I believe in our British democracy and spend much of my time defending it. However that defence becomes nigh impossible when governments (of any and every colour) behave as their own worst enemies and often seem to go out of their way to confirm and reinforce the fears and suspicions that many people have about our constitution. Freedom of information - that really does do what it says on the tin - is one of the best ways to combat the sad scepticism that so many people have about politics and restore belief in our system.
Wendy perkins	wsm, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Whilst this government has gone to war on the poor and vulnerable....they are blatantly claiming money from tax payers....now....who is defrauding the government!!.....scroungers
Finian Heavey	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	we need FOI to help protect democracy
Colin Smith	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Except in very clearly defined circumstances, the public deserve to know what is done in their name and how public money is spent.
Neil Willis	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Production editor, Guardian Weekly
Robert Walker	Millcorner, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is vital in a healthy democracy. Any attempts to curtail must be fought with vigour.
Roderick Scholey	Burbage, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Fraud needs stamping out everywhere
Alan Critchley	Great Harwood, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We have a right to know what those in power are doing at ALL times.
Kate Grubb	Belvedere, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This Government hides and misrepresents statistics all the time and needs to be called out as often as possible
Sir. Alistair Graham	Belford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI Act is essential to ensure the citizen can properly hold public and elected members to account.

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Tony Clark	Harpole, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because my efforts to use the FOI act at the suggestion of a police officer was later blocked by a senior officer for highly suspicious reasons. I was simply asking for confirmation that an alleged fraudster was actually interviewed and this info was incredulously denied raising understandable suspicions that the alleged fraudster had friends in the police. Furthermore, the FOI act should be able to give us an insight into why investigations pertaining to Jimmy Savile's "Thursday Night Club" at his apartment in Leeds which included police officers, was never followed up. Curiouser and curiouser!
Steve Chandler	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Without press freedom we have no freedoms.
Jonathan Norman	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	because Politicians need to be held accountable for their continuous mistakes.
James Coombs	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm struggling to promote openness and transparency in admissions to state funded selective schools and find it hard enough getting information which is in the public interest under the current legislation. Why are we moving towards a secret society? Why should publicly funded bodies not be open to public scrutiny?
simon crosbie	canterbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Government needs must demonstrate its integrity, its ability and its fitness to govern and to meet the needs of the people; not a corporatocracy.
brian eno	london, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Governments like to snoop on their citizens but don't like actually being watched themselves....
michael DUBBER	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	A lot of mp ,s treat politics as there personal cash cow
Frankie Connolly	Belfast, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The days of milking the Golden Cow are coming to an end.
william robson	lancashire, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because they are all rouges
Dave Turner	Gt Maplestead, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Governments should not be in a position to cover up their activity There should be no need
peter barton	castleford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to know what they are up to
John Adams	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Without FOI elite groups will hide as much as they can from the public!
Robert Wakeham	Lochgilphead, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because it's vitally important to prevent government wrongdoing in secret.
Tarnbir Lakhani	bradford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This information should be transparent!!
Stephen Boyd Davis	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI requests are necessary because many institutions don't operate in an honest, open way in the first place.
DAVID MCHUGH	MANCHESTER, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing because it is one piece of legislation where we can make the government and civil servants give us true fact
Barend Greyling	Crowthorne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	To prevent corruption.
Peter Darmady	Lybster, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We really need transparent government. Expenses should be in the public domain. End of.
Jocelyn Walker	Dumfries, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The current government are a disgrace they do what they want & if it's illegal they just change the law to suit themselves!
Susan Rigby	Wigan, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Our privacy is being invaded.

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Dawn Evans	North Muskham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	How can anyone ever trust MPs again when all we ever witness is corruption, lies, cover ups and work shy individuals who can't even put in a day's work
Ashley Hurst	Stevenage, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The expenses scandal proved how important the Freedom of information act is. If a member of parliament is taking actions which they don't want the public to know about, then you have to question their motives.
david webb	birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's the right thing to do, why should they be above everybody else...
David Clarke	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in FOI and our Parliamentarians seem not to.
Rosamund Inglis	Norwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Public Interest is tops in a Democracy - secrecy for our ELECTED representatives about their financial interests is not acceptable.
csra sanders	feniton,Devon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe the Government should act on our behalf (as we do vote them in) with integrity and transparency
Philip Robinson	Swindon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Democracy, limited though it is in the UK, means rule by the people and not rule by the few elite who believe they are above the law.
Philip Kemp	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI needs to be strengthened, not weakened.
Anne Garner	Dorset, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need transparency.
WJ Thomas	Ystradfellte, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Clarity, Integrity and transparency of matters.
lesley Ford	Aberdeen, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Somehow we have to stop this government eroding the hard won progress made so far and force them to recognise that people are not prepared to be ignored.
Anita Whittaker	Rawtenstall, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Only 25% of the electorate voted for this dictatorship. The rest of us now have to fight to keep them in check. The Freedom of Information Act is key to that.
julie Bastion	Henley-in-Arden, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I want to support this
Ian Cameron	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There needs to be accountability at all levels in society, even those of the law proposers who function with the permission of the public. Their salaries and expenses are funded by the same public.
stephen wilson	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because it's vital for our democracy
Paul Baker	High Wycombe, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	public bodies need to be accountable
Peter may	Colchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We employ the government and they answer to us the people, not us to them
Alan Perrow	Skipton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Local and central government love secrecy, democracy demands openness.
lisa Billing	Warrington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe they should make all information public from the government and stop hiding and protecting people who do wrong and scam
John Purdy	Near Bedford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is important to retain this act.
Michael Marsh	Dover, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is of vital importance to maintain democracy
Arlene Gregorius	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The public has the right to know what is being done with public money, or by those on public sector payrolls, or in the public's name.
Russell Rogers	Collingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I think it is vtl that the public have accepts to the facts.

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Harwinder Bains	Southall, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is the cornerstone of democracy to have accountability from our elected officials. They should always know they they represent the voters and they should think twice before they do anything. The FOI gives us the right to hold them accountable.
laura jansen	Aldershot, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We have the right to know who in the government are screwing over tax payers for their own personal gain at our expense, whole many families struggle
Peter Andrews	Kingston near Lewes, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI is vital to keep the UK from a path that eventually leads to Saddam Hussein, Bashar al-Assad, and all of their ilk.
John O'brien	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	lets not go back to MPs covering their own tracks again
David Herschell	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for people of good conscience to do nothing.
Louis O'Halloran	Northampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	war is peace, freedom is slavery, ignorance is strength
Ron Moore	Matlock, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm fed up with these M P s getting away with public money doing jobs on their own properties and travel expenses etc. Now trying to alter the FOI act will enable them to get away with more of our money.
Kerry Upham	Basildon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I haven't heard anything about this before today, which is disappointing. I know about feuds between politicians and details of their personal lives I find irrelevant but this hasn't been picked up on by the press.
Gabrielle Page	Brentwood, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because if it wasn't for the Freedom Of Information Act YOU THE PUBLIC would not know just how much money the MP's were squandering on doing up houses then flipping them and trousering the profits. Outflippingragous. Minus FOI act this would still be going on. Act now, SIGN....
Michael Gamble	Ringmer, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	with a 'clear' FOI the public can have confidence public money isn't being used for private purposes! Thank you Heather for raising this!
Lesley Shale	Halesowen, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The general public should be able to hold official bodies to account, the Bill should not be weakened, there should always be Freedom of Information without the need for any payment that would hinder the process.
Paula Youds	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It scandalous
martin akerman	polruan, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FREEDOM IS THE CORE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS
Paula Youds	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It scandalous
Barry Wilkins	Stockport, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The government and all members of Parliment are elected for the people by the people. It is not for them to hide information from us its there duty to be open and honest they are not above the law.
Linda Miller	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because this is one of the most important and precious laws we have. Only politicians with something to hide would want to erode this Act!
William Russell	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am/was a journalist. Quite simple. Know how they behave. I mean THEM not us.
Ginny Furnell	Knock, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to have access to this information...

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Dae Lae	Pickering, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We are a supposed free country, one that our past relatives fought and died for, to keep free, to enable and preserve equality in our lives. There should be no secrets kept from different classes in our country, especially as at the same time our government is trying to enable a law which allows them to see everything that any individual does online, from their habits to their personal emails, with no reason other than because our government believes they have the right to.
Paul Fletcher-Tomenius	Great Holland, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The only possible reason for restricting the present scope of FOI is to conceal wrongdoing
Harman Usher	Bournemouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The government are answerable to the people, not the other way around.
Maninderpal Grewal	Isleworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	In a Democracy public must have access to the matters that effect their lives directly or indirectly, by the actions of politicians or the other government machinery. Freedom of information helps them to decide who should and should not be in power.
edward williams	weston-super-mare, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because elected Politicians and unelected Civil Servants need to be held accountable, and history proves they hide some abominable abuses of power as well as petty money-grubbing (Sir Peter Viggers, hang your head in shame) behind secrecy when they can.
Eileen Ryan	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We would never have found out about what MPs were claiming in expenses without it. They are now trying to muzzle it.
Philip Hind Woodward	Leighton Buzzard, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	In a democratic society, the officials and politicians acting on behalf of the people should account for their actions.
Michael Beale	Bridgwater, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The taxpayers of this country have a right to know how their money is being spent and governments have a duty to ensure that all money is appropriately spent. Anything less would seem to be classed as fraud or, even, theft. Honestly and integrity is expected of us all and that includes MPs.
Jannette Asplett	southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We should all be transparent in work expenses and government need to set the first example for the nation .
Robert Hodges	Albrighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It may need reform but it needs to be strong if trust in authorities and public bodies is to be regained. There's more than enough bad practice in the world, Britain should lead the way.
azim mannan	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because you are either Free or Not.....Don't pick and choose freedom.
Andrew Duller	Keynsham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Information is power and should be freely available.
Steve Madley	Crossgates, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This was a blatant case of Government backed fraud because the 'Good Old Boys' were beneficiaries and wanted it to stay that way.
Ian Ingram	York, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is allegedly a democracy, therefore we have to have a right to ask questions and have them answered fully and truthfully if that democracy is to have any meaning.
Marc Harrison	Tonbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Freedom Of Information Act not only exposes corruption and wrong-doing in organizations but it also keeps people safe from violent partners and known offenders.
David Patrick	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing this petition because it is essential that all branches of government can be held to account for their decisions. This can only be done if the information to do so can be accessed without interference by the state.
David Clark	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	People in public office should be held accountable for all the good and bad they do. Transparency of what local and central government do is vital

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Steve Marshall	New romney, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is the reason we need the FOI act. No such thing as part foi
rob anderson	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's the right thing to do
Michael Yeadon	Solihull, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because this is yet a further erosion of our rights and civil liberties.
The Jaganath	Swindon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom is our birthright and information and knowledge is for everyone
John Weatherburn	Haslemere, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	People should be accountable
Ian Barnett	Wallasey, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's important that there are robust checks and transparency regarding anyone or any organization with power and responsibility.
Henry Austin	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The government should be open to account.
Diana Irving	Formby, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Without this access we are denied safety for all..... It is imperative that we have an open and accessible society that an expose wrong doing . Let's learn from the high profile horrific sexual abuse cases that are coming to light , MPs exploiting their privileged position of power. We must be translucent at all times so we are accountable.
Patrick Neville	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI Act is already not strong enough and often abused. Any attempt to weaken it further is an abuse of democracy.
Clive Sawers	Bovey Tracey, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This vital piece of legislation has enabled democracy and fair play to flourish.
Sumayah Khan	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Signed because I'm a member of the public and have a right to have access to information. UK can't claim to be a free country when it denies us the basics of rights.
Michelle Blundell	Frodsham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	They have got away with too much for too long now .something has to be done.
Ian Hammond	Waterlooville, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is our protection against corruption
Christopher Lawson	Minehead, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Openness helps make a healthy society
Timothy Conroy	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI Act is there to ensure that the actions of our government are transparent and it should remain so.
Rosemary Frazer	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI Act helps understand how decisions are taken which affect all our lives. Keeping that process open and transparent is vital for good governance.
Maria Roberts	Newtown, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We must preserve the accountability that the FOI Act provides the public.
Anne Smith	Croydon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	the act would not be needed if those in power were always clear and transparent in their dealings with the public
Edith Hall	WASHINGTON, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Why should we not know were our tax money is going.
Arti Bhardwaj	Northampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	People in power should always watch their back knowing that they can be held to account years later. The child abuse scandals are about trusted people in power. The fact that officials have colluded with them is the biggest scandal. We need public to challenge these people to endure 'right is might'. Data collected in thο electronic age will be the biggest abuse of power if we do not challenge who uses and for what purpose and who is accountable for allowing its use.

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Katrina McCann	Romford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is important that we are able to ask and receive information..being informed means people will find it harder to hide.
Mike Murphy	Woking, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Taxpayers must keep the right for FREEDOM OF INFORMATION. Those who wish to keep their business secret usually have something sinister to hide.
Ameeta Sharma	Stanmore, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We live in a democracy and are entitled to have access to any information that is in the public interest. The Government cannot change it just to protect themselves from being exposed. We pay you, and like every employer, we have the right to know what you are doing.
Conrad Taylor	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing because politicians are increasingly devious and we need to be able to hold them to account in the interests of having a functioning democracy.
Richard Graham	Tresmeer, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in open government, no hidden files!
James Smith	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's hard enough to get to the truth already, without the government making it even tougher. The truth as it suits the government is not the same truth as suits the people who elected the government - or didn't!
John Barton	Stroud, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is a vital tool in the fight against corruption. If we lose it it's only the corrupt who will benefit.
Yvonne Dumsday	SWANLAND, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I keep believing that I live in a democracy.
Anthony Ayre	Stockton on Tees, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It would lead us back in to a more mistrusting society. It would also make the opportunities to hide wrong doings. We should be a more open and honest society
John Bamford	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Government must be accountable (as we, citizens are)
Paul Cobham	Freshford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Democracy needs to be safeguarded
NINA COOK	BUSHEY, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in freedom of speech and also freedom of information
Antony Edwards	Colchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We cannot trust MPs. They have been proven to be dishonest.
Tirma Garcia-Suarez	Sandy, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I admire the system in this country by which the FOI act allows the public to hold public institutions accountable. I think it's a powerful tool to enable democracy and it should not be taken away.
Stuart Boyle	Trimley Saint Mary, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We have a right to know.
Michael Kent	Bexhill, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	No one should be above the law and the FOI at assists in that aim.
Rex Ford	Spalding, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The freedom of information act permits the public to have clear evidence of what people in power are doing on our claimed behalf. Please kindly note that every individual, commercial partnership and company must by law provide the very same information.
Gordon Sleight	Stoer, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	A FOI Act is a vital part of a democracy and helps ensure that those with power in all aspects of our national life are as accountable as those who work as lowly cogs in a bif wheel
Iain MacLeod	DUNBLANE, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This would be a fundamental erosion of our democratic powers to hold our elected representatives and government officials honest and accountable
Carmen Ruibal	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	bastards...

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Debra Richards	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If you've nothing to hide, what does it matter who see the information. If there is something to hide more reason it should be exposed
Timothy Dixon	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Yet another example of the government trying to reduce/censor what information the public has access to. Hardly surprising from a government that treats journalists as terrorists.
Zanna Gregmar	Hull, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	In a democratic state it should be the right of every citizen to access any data as long as it doesn't compromise the security of the state. Requests for information should be dealt with promptly and be free of cost. Nobody (eg doctors re medical files) should have the right to censor the files requested by you and decide on your behalf what information you can or cannot handle.
thomas collier	Stockton-on-Tees, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI Act has helped uncover corruption within government and corruption linked to private interests. It MUST remain. Editors will continue to make sure all sources are real and referenced before publication. Corruption still exists and until it is removed, the FOI Act is required to keep the government ethical, within the law, transparent and accountable for all its actions
Rosie williams	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI is a basic human right for all of us and should not be tampered with
Kevin Warden	Royal Tunbridge Wells, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I want to know where my taxes are going
Hyder Khalil	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	In a democracy, real power lies with THE PEOPLE. Elected representatives are there to wield it on the people's behalf. Therefore it is important to know how it being wielded, and how our own money is being spent. (Due regards to national security, but that is all. Openness and transparency always makes for better government. Remember glasnost and perestroika in Gorbachev's Soviet Union - and the difference it made?
Darius Morton	Wolston, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This government can not be allowed to get away with covering things up like the NHS
Emrol Hunte	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because I don't want the law to change
Julie Chamberlain	Lancashire, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Issues regarding public money etc should be transparent
Mohammed Riaz	Huddersfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We are the employers of the MP's. We have a right to know, in normal business such behaviour would get them instant dismissal!
EH Beaton	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	-
Mike Cooke	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I don't trust this Government & without oversight / open scrutiny they won't be brought to book
Matthew Robinson	Holmfirth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It has been proven that there is widespread corruption in the government. Tax payers work to maintain the country, and they deserve to know how their money is being spent.
Katharine Taylor	Littlehampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We live in a democracy no one is exempt from explaining their actions, not even mp's who are elected by the people for the people, they forget that fact

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Rosemary Stephenson	Mackerye End, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because I belo I'm signing because I support a group who are fighting to stop a school being built on green belt and next to a very busy main road that is at a standstil at times in the rushhour. They would never have got as far as they have without FOI requests which have given them lots of information re irregularities and misinformation at County Council
John Tyas	Canterbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It would be 'criminal' to prevent members of the public being able to access information about how their taxes are spent and to attempt to ensure good governance in public institutions.
Patricia Bishop	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am trying against the odds to preserve what democratic civilisation remains in UK under this government.
Lindsay Killeen	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If any MPS are reading this you need to understand our taxes pay your wages ergo we the people employ and elect you. How dare you think you can alter how we use this act. We supposedly live in a deocracy which I was very proud of however this government is moving towards an orwellian caricature! Hands off our freedoms we do not live in a dictatorship or a polic state yet stop trying to move towards this!
Rosalind D'Ambrosio	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I want to know what my money is being spent on.
Ged Hale	Doncaster, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm fed up being a mushroom !
Mike Elston	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is and should remain a democratic right. Any restriction of our right or ability freely to have access to information in the public interest is undemocratic, dangerous and totalitarian.
Dave Batchelor	Kinross, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to know what they do with our money in our name.
Carolyn Ross	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is our fundamental right in a democratic country.
Helen Boyle	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Public agencies and government must be accountable
Dean Samways	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency in a democracy is everything.
Cindy Couchman	Hayes, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If you can see what we are claiming for why can't we see what the legal thieves are claiming.....
Jessica Morgan	Redhill, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because the government has too much control
Andrew Hall	Stoke on trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	So much for a transparent government
Cicely Oliver	Milton of Campsie, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We should retain the principle of freedom of infomation and transparency for the public interest.
Susan Palmer	Cambourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Accountability is important.
KAREN BATES	Macclesfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I think that information which is in the public interest should not be suppressed - even if it embarrasses the government
Luke Best	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	No brainer, absolutely vital for keeping the powerful in check...

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Sheila Woodhead	Olney, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is surely a British value.
Joanne Coleman	Erith, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because it is time that MPs and other taxpayer funded organisations appreciated the fact that they work for the taxpayer, and that we have every right to know how our money is being spent. The contempt which this government shows towards the people of this country proves that without the FOIA they would take the opportunity in Parliament to line their own pockets and those of their family and friends, to the detriment of the welfare and security of every other person in this country.
Richard Heath	Rowde, Devizes, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	When information is hidden it results in corruption as no person wishes to go against their peers and expose wrong doing. In such a manner they get drawn in to same wrong doing. Information is to be open unless likely to cause damage to Country or individual. Government plans will make openness more difficult, if not impossible.
subhaan malik	Dewsbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Orwellian surveillance is an abuse of our fundamental human rights, we have a right to privacy without fearing our data to be stored by our Internet service provider.
David Colquhoun	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOIA has been one of the best acts in the last 20 years. It will reflect very badly on the government, and on politicians in general, if it is curtailed.
Peter Gay	Elham Canterbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because the Freedom of Information Act must not be weakened.
Jonathan Thomas	Garnant, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If we don't protect our democracy we'll lose it. Aren't we supposed to be at war for it?
Cameron Ball	Marlbrook, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We deserve to know
Margaret Caton	Norwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe we have a right to know what our elected parliament is up to!
Daniel Evans	Redditch, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I agree that the public have the right to know.and the law not to be changed
James Newton	Stoke on Trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing this because everyone should be able to know what our government is up to.
mike jacques	Redditch, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	government should be transparent
mark clifford	tamworth, staffs, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because people should have the opurtuiny to know.
Carol Clark	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This act is needed .
Sally Cline	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The public have a right to know in a society that says it is a democracy.
james spencer-gray	Wivenhoe, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	its an attack upon an individuals civil rights to transparancy
Jolyon Patten	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's the corollary of the Surveillance Bill. Govt keeps telling us that if we have "nothing to hide" what's the problem? Well, the same goes for Govt. They are servants of the people, and we are entitled to know everything that goes on in an open society.
yvonne evans	buckley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I've always said politicians were 'bent' and I was proven right with the scandal, keep the information readily available to the public to keep them on the straight and narrow.

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Tanya Nash	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The public have a right to know what the government we elected get up to. We live in a democracy. And to change FOI is wrong and against the benefit of living in a democracy.
Jonathan Allen	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I totally agree with the principle.
Alan Howlett	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need FOI to expose some of the rubbish that government does with public money.
Ben Robinson	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI has proven to be one of the best tools we have to hold public servants to accountability. It works well and does not need any change. This would be change for the sake of change, cost with no benefit for the public as a whole and would reduce public trust in the government even more than it is already.
Peter Cahill	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is a right the state should afford its citizens, not an inconvenience for the powerful with things to hide
Patricia Metcalfe	New Mills, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is a vital, and hard-won, tool to help those in power to avoid becoming corrupted by that power.
Zahra Chaudhary	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe this is the best way for change in the world
Robert Banks	Kenilworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Power corrupts as we have seen, we need a strong FOI Act to ensure that the public retain some control. Like most people since the expenses scandal, I dont trust the establishment.
K Wells	Portsmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We are becoming a police state
Andrew Osada	Sunderland, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Politicians serve us and their actions should be transparent.
Robert Henderson	Southwell, Notts, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	All government spending should be completely transparent to taxpayers
derek bone	glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because everyone including (possibly especially) our politicians need to be accountable for their actions.
Michael Murphy	Grays, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is essential in a democratic FAIR society.
Daniel Laurie	Balerno, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The UK Government is hoarding information about the British people and needs to be held accountable wherever necessary, not only when they are willing to provide information.
Mike Bunn	Queniborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The expenses scandal is indicative of all that is wrong with politics. The arrogance of our elected officials was breathtaking. We cannot have this happen again
Peter Heritage	Neston, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Democracy requires transparency.
shez azr	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing because we all have rights to request information from govt.. we pay your salary.. and as such have a right to see what you do with it and how you use/abuse this including expenses & second home allowances which is a disgrace
Scott De'Lacey-Smith	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI should be a fundamental corner stone of an open and free society. I want my son to grow up in such a environment and not an Orwellian shadow world.
Wendy Hill	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I fully believe in the FOI Act
Faye Burton	Stafford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I belive in we have a right to know, We are supposed to be a Country that is free from oppression, We should all fight for what is right'
behzad seyf	london, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Had similar experience with the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea

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John Lomax	Westhoughton Bolton lancashire, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Parliment stinks to high heaven
Dave Jones	Congleton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in democracy
derek hughes	Liverpool, England, United Kingdom, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	They bend the truth so much now that allowing truth to be concealed does not bear thinking about
Peter White	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This will be yet another of our freedoms eroded and gone forever
joanne sansom	Ousden, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	You have no right to change this act to suit your party policy's and ideas!
Michael Bowden	Exeter, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI in its present form is a great support to democracy and the freedom politicians claim to support. Any weakening would hurt us all.
David Seer	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If politicians want to win public trust, they have to be both seen and proven to be squeaky clean in all aspects of their lives. The FOI act was created as an aid to transparency of those who serve the country and the public. The only people who have anything to fear from it are those who are unworthy of the status that comes with being an MP - those who have things to hide !
Tadeo Corradi	Bath, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI makes this country great!
Gerry MCGovern	Rugby, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Central Government and other public bodies should not be allowed to restrict access to information in the public interest and in particular should not be able to hide their 'dirty little secrets' behind a cloak of poor and anti-democratic legislation.
John Snowden	Sofia, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to know what MP's are ripping off the tax payers of our country
John Wright	Woodbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Fol law is a cornerstone of democracy as much as a free press and universal suffrage.
MshJ B*	Needingworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Hello, please have a most marvellous happy Friday & Autumn 2015! Try a Durian this weekend and see what happens! Don't forget to ensure that your cacao/chocolate is Most Marvellous Arriba Nacional Raw [cold extract/processed], unfermented, Organic Vegan Fair-Trade & Frugivore!, protect yourself from EMR, try Durian, fresh, freeze dried, frozen, juice, powder and or oil asap. Thank you & kind regards, MissHJB* - Miss Hannah Jane Beaumont, VORFFs - [Vegan, Organic, Raw, Fair-trade, Frugivore Society] Twitter.com/LxDurian, LxDurian@gmail.com, Facebook.com/LxDurian; plus.google.com/u/0/+MsHannahBeaumont, uk.linkedin.com/in/mshannahjbeaumont Adopt 1 - 7 Endangered Turtles @ Mcsuk.org: Leatherback, Hawksbill, Loggerhead, Green, Flatback, Kemps & Olive Ridley Turtles [All endangered]
kevin ritchie	east lothian, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to know what ALL these EMPLOYEES are doing with OUR money.
John Cross	Shrewsbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The sickening misuse of Public Funds under the guise of "Expenses" to pay for MP's private trivia has got to seen, named and shamed. These grossly, greedy individuals must be stopped.

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Ms Lydia N Livingston	Bournemouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I would like to make better lifestyle choices type decisions but it will sadly never happen for me.
John Forrester	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing this petition because the Freedom of Information has allowed many people - journalists, regulators, ordinary citizens - access to crucial and often surprising information that is often buried away out of sight, either through intention to maintain secrecy (or even pseudo-privacy) or through bureaucratic inertia (never to be underestimated). It is a pillar of the twenty-first century's armoury of citizen's rights.
Peter Warrillow	Stoke-on-Trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to know just what Government and Business are trying to keep from us the people
Anthony Kear	Aberdeen, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Nothing is more important than clarity, transparency and accountability.
Sue Queenborough	Frome, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is important for the public good. Transparency should be a given in all public office.
Sergey Lisitsin	Bradford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information about government spending is one of the most important aspects of democracy. It must remain available!
alison macgregor	Lauder, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI holds no fear for those with nothing to hide
maresa ALDRIDGE	Sevenoaks, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom on information is an integral part of our democratic rights.
David Blyth	Sunderland, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This Tory government disgusts me. Removing our right to free information, whilst simultaneously installing a system of surveillance George Orwell would be proud of.
madeleine holt	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing to resist the increasingly undemocratic instincts of the current government
Keith Van-Loen	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is fundamental to the relationship between people and the state. Its our information
Ashley Haden	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is freedom of information and we as people should be allowed to know what the people who work for us are up to
Danny Hill	Dundee, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is one thing that keeps the powers that be accountable to the public. Secrecy helps no-one but the guilty.
helen hunt	wolverhampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is clear that the government wishes to keep way too many secrets from the people. One govt spokesman said the changes needed to be made because "some people are using FOI as a research tool to find information". Well Duh. 1984 was last century
daniel payne	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	They must remain accountable
jean smith	Lyme Regis, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to know what's going on
Miriam Heppell	Basildon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I too have brought legal proceedings against a public body using information gained under this act.
Barry tebbs	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MP are corrupt enough without giving them more things to hide behind
Brian Tench	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in the F. O. I. act and that parliament should not be able to alter it's agender in any way. .
Christopher Knight	Wellingborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Truth is the explicit right of all
Richard Latto	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI underpins our democracy and any attack on it, of the kind the government is proposing, is therefore an attack on democracy.

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Tobin Brothers	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because the people who are paying their salaries have a right to know what their hard-earned money is being spent on.
Obaid Jilani	Barnet, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is vital to a healthy democracy.
Wesley Peacock	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Members of Parliament should be accountable
Ian Harvey	Crawley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	In age when people are facing cut backs if they are claiming any benefits it's about time that MPs have their claims scrutinized so that we can see who's not providing "value for money".
christopher hedges	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI is a vitql part of parliamentary and public bodies' accountability to the public. It should be extended to non governmental bodies and charities as promised by the previous coalition government. This extension could have enabled important questions to be asked about Kids Company before it collapsed
Pennie Raven	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We used FOI to obtain what turned out to be important information regarding disposal of a council assett after months of trying to obtain basic information through the correct channels. FOI is not only for exposing wrong doing - it can deter making of lazy decisions, taking an easy way out or making decisions against a moral compass / code, because of that the threat of transparency FOI requests have.
Edmund Marriage	Leominster, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Commons have trashed our brilliant Constitution, which if allowed to function would ensure equal rights under the law for all the people - the true meaning of democracy. No other system of social organisation has worked as well, unless we go back to the Golden Age of the City States before the 2,345 BC cataclysm, where there were no political and religious divisions to gum up the works..
John Brooks	Falmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing because of the duplicity and smokescreens various governments have demonstrated in recent years when it suits them
Sue Harrison	Castleford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	A lot of good can come from the Freedom of Information act. No good can come from abolishing it, there is an old saying.. if you have nothing to hide you have nothing to fear.. very applicable in this case I think!
Tim Gibson	North Berwick, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing because I believe a democracy can only work with a fully informed public.
Vincent Brown	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that the public has a right to information which can enable them to hold organisations, and individuals to account. In the spirit of transparency, not secrecy, the strengthening of the FOI act will give tremendous reassurance to the public, that one of the oldest democracies in the world, is leading the way in ensuring that its access to information, and institutions, are transparent.
Vivian Coles	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is scandalous for the government to try to change the law to cover their own scandals and inadequacies.
Tim Houlihan	Quedgeley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is very important
Robin Allen	Ryde, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is not right.we must stop it.
Sarah Medlam	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to know. There are VERY FEW occasions when it is not in the public interest to know and protecting those should not be the spur to closing the whole right to know down.
Andrew Stenholm	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This has got to be one of the better things that Blair did even if he regretted it afterwards. How dare Cameron try and weaken this most valuable tool for democracy.
Rosanna Connolly	North Muskham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm sick of people at the top abusing their position, while people at the bottom are targeted

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Val Nunn	Weymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is our right.
Christine Matthews	Gwbert, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	People who purport to work for the public good must be able to prove that they do
Andrew South	Dymchurch, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I thought 'openness' and 'transparency' were going to be the watchwords of this government. Once again they have not kept their word with this potential erosion of access to information which the population should have a right to know about.
Julie Taylor	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Everyone has to be able to be held to account.
Charley Martin	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to know what goes on behind closed doors.
Anne Sommerville	Fareham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If the government can know all about its citizens then those citizens can know all about those who they have voted to govern them.
Geoff Pugh	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We have a right to transparency in all things, especially government..
John Sheridan	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	When they come for me, it will be too late
Ian Hosker	Sidmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI provides us with safeguards against those who wish to prevent public servants and those receiving public funds becoming accountable for the manner in which those funds are used and managed.
Keith Smith-Dutton	Montrose, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I don't trust politicians of any persuasion as many of them our out to look after themselves.
Charlotte Cornwell	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Curbs on access via the FOI, together with sweeping surveillance powers and drastic curbs on strikes and public protest, leave a government with unfettered powers to stifle opposition. Is this what the current Tory government wants?
Maura Blackburn	Ferring, worthing, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Those with a clear conscience have no need to worry.
Jill Smith	Llanfair Caereinion, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If we are to have transparency in government we need to keep FOI as is
rupert kenna	WEST DULWICH, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is a core right of the individual to challenge large bureaucracis and abuses of power.
J Michael Younger	St Andrews, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We've had enough of politicians scullduggery.
Bronwen Jones	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Freedom of Information Act is an excellent piece of legislation for all of us who wish to live in an open, democratic country where those in authority can be held to account. I do not see why there is a need to change (restrict) it's powers.
ANNA MIDDLEMISS	East Hartford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I see no valid reason for MP's, to gain excessive amounts of money on top of their already massive saleries when half the world is struggling on meagre amounts just to make ends meet whilst working exeedingly long hours. DISGRACEFUL!!
Selwyn Williams	Weymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Chris Grayling's comment is the reason FOI should not be lost to the media and the general public
Renuka de Lima	Worcester Park, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Even with FOI we are kept from the truth. This is not yet a police state and the public need to know what is happening.
Tim Wilkins	spalding, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is important
Michael Woodman	Bingley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Knowledge is power.

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Rose Dale	Chearsley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI is a force for good and against self interest and corruption in our society.
Daniel Catten	Northampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because to a man politicians are crooks and need to be kept in check.
Richard Gilyead	Saffron Walden, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is one of the most important protections of democratic freedoms
Jonathan Wood	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As another commentator said, if the government routinely publish all the information available through FOI they wouldn't have to spend time and money answering FOI requests. That they don't is the reason for its necessity
John Walder	Canterbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is the government which wants to put the spotlight on everyone (ask a teacher) so it is only right that we have the right to put our spotlight on them
ALEXANDER CLARK	Cheshunt, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI not a secret police state.
Chris Tomlinson	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I think it's important for the people of this country to ask the questions they want and for the government to respond in a timely and complete manner. For clarity I fully accept that there may be cases where lives are at risk and requests may be denied on the grounds of national security or threat to life.
Brenda Armstrong	St Helens, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe we are being kept in the dark about things like the mp s scandal. We have a right to know how our tax being spent
Andrew Phillips	Dedham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The wayMP's manage their finances is a farcical opaque disgrace which would never be permitted in the private sector
dr john moore	dumfries, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	enhances the public's ability to scrutinise what our politicians, bankers and civil servants are trying to stop us finding out about
Nicolas Wookey	Lytham Saint Annes, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am proud of the openness of Government and the ability of the people of the country to be able to challenge the decisions made by representatives we voted for, or against. Don't let the progress we have made for a free society be eroded.
John Waite	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is sacred. The public's right to know how their elected representatives are performing. They are only custodians of the public money and to be held fully accountable to the prudent use of those resources in the execution of those roles and responsibilities only.
Peter Massingham	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It still is not clear that MPs understand and accept they are voted in to do a service for the people! The population (voters and those who are not legally entitled to vote!) are not here to service the needs of greedy or devious workings of MPs. Get your act together!
Malcolm Deere	Llantwit Major, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is a key feature of public accountability. Information should be easier not harder to access, and certainly not be charged for.
Chloe Green	Gloucester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	When authorities fail in their duty, or deliberately aim to harm or bully those under their control, there must be a way of dragging such unacceptable actions into the light. Conventional channels don't work - either too slow or too scared to tell the truth. FOI is needed.
Robert Watts	Eastbourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is a government which knows the price of everything and the value of nothing. Under the guise of concern about the cost of FOI requests they seek to conceal and obstruct that which is embarrassing and damaging. After all politicians, government spin doctors (advisors), think tanks, lobbyists and media consultants know best, don't they? Matthew Hancock will be literally losing (more of) his hair if he carries on with this attempt to place the dead hand of the state on the citizen's right and need for the facts.

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Paul Smith	Yeovil, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I don't believe in hiding information from the public. Everyone has the right to know what is going on in the country.
Jason Hollman	Derby, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Information in the public interest must be available to the public in a modern democracy.
Barry Pywell	Hitchin, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is typical of the political class that they want to hide as much as they can from the electorate. This is not a democracy.
Lynn Bradley	Bradford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	in the name of democracy
Connor Self	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is an outrageous notion
Martin Coyle	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is critical to an effective democratic process
Theo Bambacas	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The freedom of information act is as important as democracy itself, don't let the government change it...
Nigel Holmes	Wantage, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because this government is trying erode democracy.
Brian Elener	Chester Le Street, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MPs are selling us down the river.
Jeanetta McMahon	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We have a right to know what the government is doing, at the end of the day the government work for the public not the other way round and well it's high time they accepted that they are civil servants not kings or gods!!!
jenny anderson	london, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe freedom of information is essential for a developed, civilised society.
Andrew Hobbs	Barnsley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because we risk our society becoming increasingly controlled by a very small, wealthy and powerful elite who act in their own self-interests. FOI is one small but essential legal entitlement that helps us question what is being done and to hold people to account.
Mark Potter	coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If those in power are accountable, we get decisions more focussed on the public good and do not need revolutions.
Peter Stevenson	Altrincham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Powerful people and organisations need to be transparent and fair
George Smith	Cheltenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to protect our democracy
John Marr	Barton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Government is the servant of the electorate and should not be able to hide what it does from the electorate
David Bray	Llantwit Fardre, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing this because everyone is entitled to know the truth, and what is out there regarding individuals!
Irene Birkin	Arkwright Town Chesterfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because it is a right of the public who pay for the MPs' wages and expense to know what the money is used for
Emma Markiewicz	Richmond, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of Information is important for government accountability.
Linda Chapman	Newton Abbot, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Democracy requires that people have access to any data / information which is of relevance to them and their lives. FOI is a hard won right which needs to be upheld.
Derek Manson-Smith	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOIA, free at the point of request, has and continues to provide transparency in the workings of public authorities. The current proposals can only deter requesters and lessen openness and transparency in public affairs.

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Lesley Hawthorn	Honley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The current government were keen enough to use FOI when they were in Opposition, yet another example of their double standard
Paul Upton	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	our fundamental rights are gradually being legislated away.
Rob Slater	Whitbourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	By trying to change the legislation suggests that someone has something they wish to hide.
Scott Davies	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Having used this act I have managed to gain some valuable information in relation to an employment tribunal.
Alan Grimes	Bolton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of Information is vital to protect the national interest
Julie Lunn	HEREFORD, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	transparency and openness are vital for an honest public life
David Purkiss	Titchfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Shows hoe bent they are
Stephanie Johnson	Chertsey, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This isn't a democracy
Ronald Caseby	Chichester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Dark Deeds are done in Hidden Places and that is why light has to be shone on activities such as MP's expense claims.
Fiona Aitken	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We are supposed to be a democracy so this right has to stay the same.
Alan Blackmore	Epsom, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	One of the underlying principles of this country is democracy and that is nothing without the freedom of information.
Martin Sanderson	Enham Alamein, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I agree that the FOI should not be changed in any way that makes it easier for politicians to hide.
Marcia Bluck	Wallington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Public means public!
Christopher Lunn	Walcott, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	They work for US, not the other way round. This is an attempt by the sleazy amongst them to hide what they are up to. If they have nothing to hide, they've nothing to fear - ring any bells politicians?
Geoffrey Pooley	Ashwell, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is a key to good governance.
Jane Eades	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It has already become more difficult to get information from the Government as they politicise the civil service. If they have nothing to hide, why the secrecy? Another indication of their dictatorial intentions.
Steve Thomson	Rushden, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency with our Politicians leads to a better Society for us all. They should have nothing to hide (unless it is deemed of National Security, and a Duck Moat doesn't come under such a category!)
Liz Watkin	Chesterfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We have to keep the right to find out what is actually happening in our country. No more hiding!
Carol Mills	Bingley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We live in a democracy. Allegedly. There should be complete transparency and in the actions of our elected officials. Sadly, it seems that without the threat of exposure you politicians / officials cannot be trusted to act responsibly or even honestly. We need the freedom of information act to ensure politicians / officials are held to account for the actions you take and money you spend in our name.
vincent duggan	london, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is scandalous have they any shame seems not
Keith Williams	Worcester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is a basic human right and what a civilised democracy is all about
John Marshall	Halesowen, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MPs are there to serve the public and we have a right to know how our money is spent.

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Bill Robins	Buckingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is one of the decreasing numbers of features of the UK which differentiates it from an elected dictatorship
Victoria Heath	Feniton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	They are not an elite they are responsible to the Public they Serv
Bryan Alderson	Sunderland, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because we most hold the legislators to account.
Victoria Milbourne	Carlisle, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	When there is so much subterfuge from government it is more important than ever to retain an Act, in its entirety, that helps ordinary people hold that government to account.
Chris Peters	Long Eaton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Whilst flawed, FOI gives us some access to the information governments of all hues wish to hide. We need more openness, not less.
Chris Bentley	Sutton Coldfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Unless national security is at genuine risk we should have access to all information pertaining to public life. MPs expenses and House of Lords subsidies being prime examples.
Faye Baker	Winchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	People should not need to hide information about public spending
Patricia UNDERWOOD	Croydon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The public have a right to know where their money is being spent, Parliament is there for the British Public and they need to be accountable. Correct actions do not need some where to hide. so there is no need for legislation to cover up wrong doings if there isn't any.
Colin Cooper	Hale, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I want to know how MY money is spent
Amber Mitchell	Urmston, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I consider the FOI Act as it stands is sufficient and should not be amended in a way that restricts the information we can obtain sight of or make it more difficult to make such an application.
William Steele	Castle Douglas, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Why is it that once elected a government feels they can do as they like. Time to put those suspicious MPs in their place and prosecute them if found to break the law.
Chris Emerson	FARNHAM, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency will help keep you honest.
Lucy Stott	Bath, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing to take a stand against arrogance!
Catherine White	Lochwinnoch, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because we have no trust left in government, time and time again you lie and cheat, the FOI act allows us to hold you accountable, so obviously you're trying to make it more difficult for us to use, no surprises there then.
Patrick keenan	Guildford,, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There HAS to be transparency....more NOT LESS!!!
Loz Wong	Stanmore, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Government, by their actions, demand that scrutiny of their behaviour is maintained as their penchant for corruption is undisputed. FOI is a right for all.
Mark Kehoe	South Ealing, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It has revealed incompetence and corruption. That can only be a good thing. It needs to go further and look at organisations that are awarded taxpayers and local authority funding
John Eves	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We are meant to live in an open society, as 'free' people in this UK of ours we have a right to information, to both inform and expose any corruption, be it in government or corporate. Without this freedom people in high places would literally be able to get away with murder.

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Veronica Burton	Wilton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I think it is outrageous that FOI is threatened by the government. This is supposed to be an open democracy - it is not China. We have a right to know. Even with FOI the government tries its best to exclude people from the truth e.g. the DWP has still not released details of investigations into suicides related to welfare decisions. We have a RIGHT to FOI.
Maureen Ryan	Penistone, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	information is power information kept to oneself or a particular group of people is extreme power and dangerous. INFORMATION SHARED IS EMPOWERING. We voted into government our members of parliament to serve us, to make our country safe, improve the peoples economy quality of life. Every move they make should be scrutinised, information shared so that we the public are empowered and can join in parliamentary debates with all the facts.
Geoff Hardman	Bolton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm a firm believer in the FOI
Janet Parks	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	What Heather's tenacious probing uncovered was incredible. We need access to information on how our money is being spent by public servants.
hugh pennycuick	Haynes, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MP's are public employees and thus are subject to the same rules as anyone else claiming expenses
Paul Pateman	Northampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's essential that MP's as well as everyone else are open to close scrutiny in order to stop unlawful and or immoral actions by public bodies
jane hale	haslemere, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We the public need to be informed and aware of how our money is spent ,the freedom of information act enables us to find out the facts and hold the establishment to account.
Peter Barz	Tarland, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Democracy is in grave danger - it must be defended vigorously
Chris Gordon	Hollywood, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Only a totalitarian government could object to Freedom of Information in the public interest
Terence Dicks	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The giveaway is in the title-Freedom of Information Act!!
Michael Walker	Tunbridge Wells, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Public accountability and transparency are prerequisites of a democracy
Paul Luton	Hale, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Surely freedom of information is a basic right in a democracy. And that is the nub -the Tories do not want a democracy they are totalitarian
Colin Johnston	Alexandria, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It would be an outrage if our Government decided it was no longer accountable to their electorate.
Philip Cordery	Houghton le Spring, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Secrecy in government serves nobody.
Chloe Creamer	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The government prides itself on its legitimacy and transparency
Henry Pottle	Morpeth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I don't trust politicians to police themselves.
john thraves	wareham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency and openness, truthfulness are very important
Keith Hubert	WATFORD, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I was able to find out more of my Father's history when he first came into this country at the end of WW2 as a refuge.
Rob Albury	Lower Shuckburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Gov't for PEOPLE not Gov't for Gov't.
Lloyd Cowlam	Aberdeen, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Government seems to need to know more about what we do - internet wise, so it seems fair we continue to be able to see what they are doing without new restrictions - quid pro quo

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julian padmore	Overstrand, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This act is clearly supporting an open honest society and should be strengthened not weekend
dean Sesay	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing this petition because I want the FOI to remain protected
Katie Theobald	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because this is an important check on government activity that the public can use to inform their voting choices.
Peter Vass	Aldridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The only reason to change it is to keep things hidden. Too many reports that we know of are already being suppressed or delayed when the findings are not what the government wants to hear
John Forse	Stoke-on-Trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is an essential element of our democracy
Rod Came	Rye, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is necessary, FOI assists in that endeavour.
Richard Jones	Chippenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's important to me that members of parliament are visibly accountable.
Charles Cowley	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I think it outrageous that a government should expend effort and attention to DECREASING transparency in this way. WHY? (The answer is self-evident...).
Clive Rainbow	Princes Risborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The price of Freedom is eternal Vigilance.
Brenda Jackson	Haxby, York, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am having the same problems. The establishment use both the Freedom of Information Act and Libel laws (on property too) to stop the VIP abusers being outed who began in 1960.
marilynn murray	glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As elected members of parliament, they must be held accountable for all aspects of their public lives . Disclosure of expenses SHOULD and MUST be part of their term in office.
j. fenwick	warrington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	we need to know!
Allison Ouvry	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	One of the central tenets of a free and open society is access to the government documents and information of our elected leaders; the FOI rules should, if anything, be strengthened and expanded.
Matt Malay	Bury St Edmunds, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Government preaches openness and demands citizens be honest and upright yet it stinks of double-speak and shrouds itself in a cloak of duplicity. Come on Cameron, defender of the working, struggling people; demonstrate your commitment to an open society.
Cheri LaMay	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Freedom of Information Act needs to be strengthened, not weakened. There are serious problems with stubborn and powerful elites who refuse to accept that in a democracy the public have a right to know how public money is being used.
Michael Gregory	Winterbourne Steepleton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	In a democracy no-one should be outside the law, and that includes MP's. They are not a special case, in fact they should be more open than anyone else because they make the laws.

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martin brighton	sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FoIA is being eroded from all sides, including even by the ICO and elements within the judiciary. (For example, re-writing law on vexatiousness beyond the original intention of Parliament) The UK is already one of the poorest expedients of access to public information, yet this government, purely out of self-interest and for political pragmatism, damage limitation, and protection of the establishment status quo within national institutions, would blindfold us more.. As a civilisation we are going backward already - further restricting access to public information places us among those tin-pot tyrannies this government ridicules.
Philip Hollier	Lenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Keep the robbing bastards in check
PATRICIA Mcaleavey	Belfast, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We live in a democracy everyone should be accountable.
Stewart Airey	South Ockendon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparent government was promised multiple times in the Conservative Party election manifesto. Attempting to weaken the FOI is entirely inconsistent with these repeated manifesto pledges.
Keith McCrindle	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Simply: The FOI act has proven that people serving as elected representatives of the people cannot be trusted.
MICHAEL TREEN	Teddington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing this because it is an attack on (not just mine but..) everyones freedom.
John Woodward	HAYWARDS HEATH, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that the public have a right to know what their elected representatives do behind closed doors. Government should be open and transparent. This is why the FOI Act should not be tampered with.
Stephen Kennett	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Not unsurprising this, I warned friends that the Tories would try to do all sorts of typically right wing things once they had rid themselves of the Lib Dem's scrutiny and veto.
Jonathan Feld	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing because we are supposed to live in a fair society. Isn't it enough that MP's received a 10% pay rise while they cut funds to NHS, Police, benefits etc? What we currently live in is a deMOCKracy. this FOI thing is just a tiny tip of a massive iceberg.
Timothy Lee	Dudley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We want open government. Reducing or limiting freedom of information will inevitably lead to the belief that government is trying to suppress the truth.Suspicion of, and contempt for, government, will ensue.
Michael Barker	Macclesfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Public servants should be subject to scrutiny
Nick Arnold	Appledore, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Without the FOI it would have been difficult to defend public libraries from unnecessary closures and thereby safeguard the public benefits of literacy. The FOI Act is the arsenal of democracy and that's the way it must stay.
Les Reid	Norwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	With public access to information people in positions of authority will have to think before they act and not abuse their position.
Anita Few	Corby, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Certain things must remain within the public purview and the Freedom of Information Act helps that. Please do not weaken it so that public figures can hide their transgressions behind it.
Mick Skeelsrob	Essex, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	You should no what's goin on
Vincent Nobel	Kenley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Accountability counts.
James Ashley	Folkestone, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Public accountability is the touchstone of a rule of law society and must be protected.
Geoffrey Oldfield	Dumfries, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Without checks abuse will follow.

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PETER MCALEER	BELLSHILL, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	What's good for the goose is good for the gander.
Richard Best	Grampound Road, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As a journalist for more than 25 years is easy to see how central the Freedom of Information Act has been to unearthing major national and regional stories of enormous public interest and of clear social value. To risk losing that because it is deemed expensive to administer seems to suggest that the value of living in an open democracy can have a price attached to it. Either that, or the Freedom Of Information Act is politically uncomfortable in certain quarters. This is a key plank of our democracy and must not be watered down! I am a former editor of various magazines and regional newspapers (West Briton, North Devon Journal, Mid Devon Gazette Series) and am currently deputy-chair of the Complaints Committee of the Independent Press Standards Organisation.
Anthony Symonds	Warrington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because I believe nothing like this should be hidden.
Nicolas Franklin-Woolley	Penistone, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	With money being cut from services for children, elderly, mental health, physical disability, unemployed, homeless etc expenses claimed by MPs shows where some of their priorities lie.
Steve Toyer	Seaforth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Is the government thinking of themselves again? Funny how they can manipulate the FOI in their favour but they can't do the same with immigration laws!
Tom Strathdee	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Government in this country is still not transparent enough. FOI is a valuable tool for citizens, journalists and researchers and our powers of access should, if anything extended, not reduced. What have they got to hide?
Laurence Williams	Sparsholt, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	transparency is a must.
Chris Rudd	Stockport, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We should be able to find out what is being done on our behalf.
ross drenic	Mickleover, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Without this, people and organising will be able to hide any misdoings. Public opinion must count in any democracy.
Kirsty Woods	York, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As a tax paying member of Britian i have a right to know how things rin operate and how monies (my/everyones monies) are being spent foi is my and everyones right.
Andy Costigan	Warrington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	In particular, MPs need to be held fully accountable for their actions and spending. They are supposed to be representative of the nations public, not above or beyond reproach and question.
Allan Carr	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	A democracy needs open transparent information for good government.
Rup Rahman	Liphook, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Hiding things is a tell-tale sign of corruption. So why the need end FOI?
Rob Keough	Croydon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's right to do so !
Kamilla Elliott	Lancaster, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need Fol to crack corruption and discrimination in local and national government.
Rev David Bull	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because it's important for accurate information to be obtainable so that govt. and organisations can be accountable to the public.
richard morrison	Bourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency in policies and procedures is a given in a good, healthy and equitable democracy.
Benjamin Camp	Salisbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'd like to make sure the government don'e get away with ANYTHING.

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Steve Prime	Shelley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is vital to democracy
Caroline Dumonteil	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This act is vital and must not be undermined.
George Bethell	Stowmarket, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Those in authority must be held accountable for their actions and FOI requests are one way of promoting transparency.
Judith Bradford-Knox	Buxton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The more open and transparent public spending is, the more trust will exist. Nothing to hide, don't attempt to hide via clamping down the FOI
Richard Gurney	Poole, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is time for those who consider themselves special to realise that they are not!
Andrew Gosling	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I used the FOI to uncover malfeasance in office by some public servants.
Adam Kirwin	Scunthorpe, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Our government should be transparent if they want our trust
Catherine Williams	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because this is a worthwhile campaign, and the possibility of public exposure is a good thing for people with access to public funds
Glenn Ellis	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm tired of these spoiled schoolboys, lying to us. Jeering at us and pretending they speak for the majority. They should be reminded they are a minority of narrow minded, scrounging, lying thieves. Freedom of information just exposes it for us to see. Without it, we'd only be forced to believe their lies. What else do they have to hide? More paedophiles? More tax evasion? More expenses scandals? More cuts?
Thomas Wood	Saint Helens, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This Tory Government is becoming more and more Totalitarian!
Tina Vickery	Hale, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There always needs to be a level of transparency balanced against intrusion. With the background of the MP's expenses scandal I feel strongly FOI should be a powerful tool for investigation and observation to be made in necessary potential cover ups.
Merlin James	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Governments need to be more transparent and held accountable
David Moran	Kempston, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	When the 'Establishment' want to tell the public like us less, they are hiding something - Don't let them weaken the Freedom of Information Act to hide their dirty secrets!
Chris Elliott	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The ability to hold state bodies to account is fundamental to democracy, and restrictions on what information can be made public, or the introduction of charges for this, weaken not only the act, but democracy in this country itself.
James Orr	Johnstonebridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is essential ensure transparency and to increase our knowledge of the activities of public bodies
Valerie Allen	Terrington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's important our government is truthful and open with those it serves.
Debbie Kitt-Geraghty	Melton Mowbray, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information act gives the fundamental right to challenge information being held and have transparency in a democratic country such as the UK
HOWARD YODAN	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MP's, and all public servants, should be fully accountable
Peter Galloway	Atherton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's fundamental to transparency of what is done.
Peter Wilson	Selston, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is our only way of getting information when we believe an injustice has been committed

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Ronald Hackett	Sandbach, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because FOI gives the ability for public scrutiny
Ian Fardoe	Wolverhampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Accountability is everything. The government is supposed to serve the people. There should be nothing to hide
Ann Oakes-Odger	Colchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in maintaining the powers of FOI...it's in the public interest!
Rosie Beat	Bridgerule, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is a very important issue
Glenn Marshall	Kilham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Accountability depends on people being able to find out exactly what the authorities are doing rather than what they are saying.
Patrick Bailly	Darlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing this petition because it is democratically paramount to ensure transparency.
beverley anderson	wells, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that there needs to be fair and open transparency from our elected ministers and government. I believe I have a right to have a copy of an itemised expenses list, claimed by my MP every year.
Jamie Trevill	Aylesbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Foi was a bench mark in human in this country. For it to be deminished in any way will be a shameful and dishonest act.
BRIAN MITCHELHILL	Penygroes, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I don't trust governments.
Dennis Ansell	Havant, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This act helps to identify info we need to know about.
Graham Ball	Broadstairs, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is a major factor in keeping governments (of all parties) honest and accountable to the electorate.
Michael Redman	Carnforth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is part of every good democracy.
John William Irvine	Littleborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We Mustn't let our governments weaken the Fol act.. Time to stand up and say No this is wrong. Please everyone sign and share this petition with me .. Thank you all..
Trevor Trosh	Burgess Hill, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom is paramount and governments cannot be allowed to operate in secret!
MICHAEL TYRRELL	Purley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is an absolute scandal
Alex Ward	Ashford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because I am a firm believer in the Freedom of Information Act. The Government would be out of order to clamp down on it
Alexandria Horton	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is essential for a functional democracy
Helen Osman	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	we are living in a democracy and our politicians MUST BE ACCOUNTABLE
Nigel Hoyle	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI provides an invaluable extra oversight to national & local politic
Dave Oickle	Dorchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If the Act is watered down then what is the point of having it. Freedom of Information is what it says on the tin and we must keep it as it is.
Jean Findlay	LONDON, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	THE price of democracy is eternal vigilance
Jane Randall	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Alarm bells are ringing that this is up for discussion!
Ella Park	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	we live in a democracy and deserve the right to know.
alan knight	Welling, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MP's should be accountable to the public, just like everyone else.

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Marion Inglis	Inverkeithing, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I strongly believe every MP should be completely accountable for all their actions and that everything should be transparent, above board and MPs are ultimately responsible for every penny spent. After all, they are the first ones to make "Jo Public" accountable.
Alastair Ross	Alford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Secrecy breeds suspicion and too often suspicion has turned out to be right.
Julian McNamara	Germany	2015-11-06	This is the start of totalitarianism.
Raymond Oglesby	Port Talbot, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency of the public finances must be available for scrutiny, be it elected or unelected organisations.
sabrina alam	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	They are sly and can't be trusted
Philip Hitchen	Lytham Saint Annes, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	GCHQ it seems, accesses our data, FOI is our way of keeping Parliament true, no more scandals please.
Declan manning	Sale, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MPs are crooks.
Nicholas Nicholls	Milton Keynes, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom in all its forms is a right. The state should always protect that freedom of the individual, not hinder it. Totalitarianism in any form is just plain wrong
Simon Casey	Ballycastle, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	i believe that the MP's are working for all of the british TAX payers and we are there boss. Therefore we as a country have the rite to see there expenses, income and outgoings
Thomas youngson	Peterhead, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	the use of taxpayers money should never be hidden from the public, how can we trust anyone who would like to keep this secret ??
Dylan Clancy	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because it is our rights to have access to information, I think it's wrong that the government is trying to take this away from us. It is our rights, we are already a police state don't make it worse or the 5th of November will become an everyday thing!!!
S Sellars	Watford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Weakening the FOI Act would dishonour our democracy. It must not happen.
Nigel Potter	Worcester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I think the FOI is essential and the additional costs organisations face in processing FOI requests is money well spent. If this essential act is being abused and used as a weapon against organisations (the main argument for the review), the most they should do is bring in a limit of the quantity of FOI requests an organisation is obliged to action from any one individual or organisation. The FOI act should itself be protected against abuse by additional legislation. Anyone intentionally abusing it is jeopardising others access to it in the future and should be subject to prosecution.
Christine Hornby	rainhamrdRainham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need it to stay as it is.
Jo Wild	Sudbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Simply that the expenses scandal shows public access to this information is essential, MPs are employed by us, all employers are able to review income and expenses of their employees
Anthony Cheke	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There is quite enough secrecy already in goernment & official activities - we need more transparency, not less
Mike Head	Hook Norton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The full transparency of any parliament/government is essential in a democratic state. Any weakening of this transparency is the first step on the way to tyranny. Most civilised citizens thought that in a parliamentary democracy like ours these fundamental issues had been resolved. The exposure of MPs making fraudulent claims against their expenses demonstrated that this was not the case. We need an FOI any move to weaken this would be an attack on our democracy.

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Fraser Thompson	Canterbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Without transparency and accountability, civilisation is lost. No-one is above the law and the law should not be changed to protect any group from accountability.
Michael Deplitch	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency and honesty are staple requirements in today's society
Patricia Finney	Truro, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because it's a way to keep an eye on the foxes currently running the henhouse.
James Leigh	Thornton Watlass, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I have the right to know
John Harradence	Colwall Green, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MPs should be working for us - the electorate - and should be accountable to us just as any other employee is to their employers.
Linda Miscandlon	Carrickfergus, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Change our government no to gay marriage yes to keeping Gods law
Jerry Gamble	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Cameron is trying to change Constitutional Law more & more now to suit his own tyranny. Look at how he's trying to get rid of the Lords right to overrule him regarding Tax Credit cuts.
Michael Bassey	Newark-on-Trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is OUR government, elected by US, and so we should be entitled to know what is being done on OUR behalf when we ask!
sally jones	wales carmarthen uk, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If we are going to be able continue to claim that we live in a democracy it is essential that the FOI is upheld. Public Interest MUST be honoured and all info relating to it must be disclosed when demanded.
andy owens	halifax, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because it's a democracy and Freedom of Information is a democratic right
Patrick Stroudley	Epsom,, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I don't trust Cameron and his cronies - we need all the controls we can get to ensure the public is not ripped off.
Alan Firth	Teignmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The elites need to be reminded that it's public money.
james connon	Hebburn, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Why should they get away with it if we did it we would get a criminal record .
MOUCHACHO Durbauree	Ashford Heathrow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of Information Act is for anybody to get access to .
patricia isobel treslove	Chapel-en-le-Frith, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	patricatreslove
Brian Wilson	Capel-le-Ferne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that we should live in a country with a free, transparent and open government.
Neil Willerton	Hornsea, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The last thing we want from our government is secrecy.
Russell Crew-Gee	Northaw, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Government must be honest and therefore open to scrutiny.
Jyoti Bahadur	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Public bodies must be accountable
Ian Tyler	Grantham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am dismayed that the government should be trying to curtail FOI with one hand and increase the freedom of our information to be snooped on with the other hand.
Jim Sutherland	Hampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is one of the few tools the masses have of knowing just how wasteful (and corrupt) the system is for the "elite" few!
p hau	Stockport, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We want more transparency, not less.

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David Souter	Stoke-on-Trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Information is power. We need it not the politicians.
Joh. Hillv	Turners Hill, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As a democracy we should be able to understand what is happening with our money. Too long people think the Government owns the money it should be brought to everybody's undertaking that it is yours and my tax money. This is why it is so important that the FOI is maintine
Hadi Mehrpouya	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I used FOI act myself. It's it is one of the last drops of "democracy" left for us the ordinary people.
Colin Jenkins	Newport, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MP's and Government Officials should be treated in the same way as everyone else in the country who abuse the privilege of receiving expenses; exposed and punished!
Edwin Williams	Cavendish, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Those in power must be accountable. We need this act to protect the public - it must not be diluted.
John blackwood	wirral, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	we all need to know who hold the purse strings how they use this Money, and the power it can influence
Joe Taylor	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is essential for public scrutiny that information is available regarding the activity of public bodies
Barbara Penn	North Walsham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Vital.
Mandy frost	Eastwood, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Without Freedom of Information ACt the public will not get to know what the MP's are up to. They get paid a salary and should not be allowed to claim expenses that ordinary people have to pay for out of their 'salary'. One rule for one and one for another sounds about right here.
Julie Burton	Lyme Regis, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We're in danger of losing essential components of living in a democracy
Lynne Blount	Saffron Walden, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Politicians must be accountable to the electorate. We all have a right to know how the money we pay in tax is used.
Leslie Heminway	Finchampstead, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing because there is so much 'secrecy' going on in the government and when you consider what is going on with the argy-bargy in Europe well England is not capable of being run as one society
Laura Ho	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Duh
Peter McBennett	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	needs no explanation
joan kim erkan	Istanbul, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	joankimerkan
Sue Jones	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	the act has shown itself to be really important and valuable.
David Dundas	Lichfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	In a demoncratic society that the UK aspires to be, errors and mishandling of public funds by public institutions must be accessible by all Citizens of the UK, unless it can be clearly demonstrated that such a revelation would endanger national security.
John Gordon Church	Rushden, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is vital that the law is preserved to ensure transparency in expense claiming, but not only that but in all other activities involving public interest.
Alexander Ratford	bracknell, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	"If you have nothing to hide, you have nothing to fear" - eh Theresa May?
Gillian Mackenzie	Gloucester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This matter is of supreme importance in protecting democracy
Clifford Lam	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The change in FOI only results in less transparency of the government.
Matthew Hollings	Solihull, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	For freedom, for democracy and for honesty.

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Jon Bunker	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is necessary.
rohan Nisbet	Croydon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in transparency
Norman Joss	Epsom, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing because I believe in open and transparent government and accountability. I believe that restriction on FOI will allow abuse of power and also bring back the 'snouts in the trough' mentality, both of which inherently and institutionally pervade Parliament, the Government (national), the Executive, the Civil Service, local government and, the police and which, without FOI would, very rapidly give rise to oppression and abuse and become a pig's charter.
Michael Wild	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	You can't trust them as far as you could them.
Steve Leach	Meltham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	No one should be able to hide behind the law, especially public officials. If they are truly working in the public interest then they should be welcoming this principle not opposing it.
Mike Evans	Narberth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	To keep the government accountable to the people.
Mark Woodall	Stourbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If you've done nothing wrong why try to hide it?
Callum Reynish	Ipswich, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is a fundamental right for the citizens of the United Kingdom
Susan Hick	Singapore, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I think only information not concerned with national security should be secret - transparency is the best defense of democracy.
Jane Lydbury	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The MPs expenses scandal has demonstrated how necessary FOI is
Susan Pascoe	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency and honesty is needed for a democracy to exist.
Robin Uff	Lowville, NY	2015-11-06	Enough is enough with the lies....and disarming the public with them
Joanna Allen	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's the backbone of research for journos and one of the key ways we can hold local authorities and governments to account. Without it we wouldn't have a clue what's going on and all sorts of contentious issues could be brushed under the carpet.
Ray Pickard	Newark, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As we live in a democracy , shouldn't we do democratic things. Leave foi alone. To change it would give us the public the impression you have something to hide.
Jx Bebb	Newcastle, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	public servants are supposed to work for us NOT rip us off. It's OUR money they stole. FOI needs to exist to stop these miserable low down thieves from doing it again and again and again. Keeping and reinforcing FOI will prevent that
Joe Taylor	York, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is important to ensure accountability in a democracy
Scott Ainslie	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Openness & transparency keeps politicians accountable in a mature democracy. We've seen too many leaders make dreadful, perhaps deluded decisions in power
Chris Hewitt	Aberteifi, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Only those who have something unpleasant to hide would want to weaken this Act.
patrick Gulliford	Corsham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I firmly believe information should be transparent
David Griffiths	Hambledon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As retired civil servant, I have seen how the FOI and the Human Rights Act keep government "honest"

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Michael Gill	Llanbedr-Dyffryn-Clwyd, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Government is servant and answerable to the electorate. Weakening the ability of the electorate to hold Government accountable is unacceptable in any self proclaimed democracy.
Guy Morgan	Williton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is an essential part of participatory democracy
John Linney	Kingsnorth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is one of the general rights of the public.
Colin Woodhouse	Hurley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Freedom of Information Act is a vital tool in assisting public confidence in Government and other public bodies. As this Gov't is so fond of saying .. "if you have nothing to hide, you have nothing to fear."
Alexis Day	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The "Freedom of Information" we are entitled to, as laid down by the FOI act, was AGREED and put in place by the government so by curbing it, what else are they trying to hide and get away with. We are lucky to supposedly live in a democracy but the actions of our government seem to indicate we are really living in a dictatorship. Albeit a cleverly hidden one. Save the FOI act.
Lawrence Mallinson	Crawley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	as a filmmaker, I find that documentaries are doependent on obtaining facts
Michael Samuels	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The money is from and belongs to the public so we need to have accountability. Otherwise it allows MPs to be even more corrupt because they're hiding something.
Michael Schofield	Leyland, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Weakening the freedom of Information Act is a retrograde step.
Tom Powell	Middlesbrough, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Expose the lies.
Barbara Saunders	St Albans, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	the FOI protects the public's right to know how government and its agencies operate and spend public money
Mary Pelling	Luton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe I have the right to know what decisions are made on my behalf and how other people's decisions affect me
TOM Ward	Beccles, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is fundamental to honesty and transparency in life. No one should use their power to be above scrutiny.
James McAulay	Winchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing because I do not think politicians should be able to conceal their financial arrangements without scrutiny.
George Peckham	Walton-on-Thames, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	this government are the most greedy one that we have ever had!they take from the poor and distribute all the money they steal to their rich friends !! see this a fraud and should be looked at by our fraud squad and their off shore accounts as well!!!
ATA UR RAHMAN Mirza	Northolt, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	In democratic system it is in the interests of everybody to have the excess of information how the instructions are working
Peter O'Rourke	Middlewich, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Democracy in this country is continually being undermined by politicians elected to represent the people, but just represent their own interests.
Sean Agar	Hove, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is a free country we have the right to know what the few in power are doing. For ourselves and are children
Pam Omand	Insch, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because the public needs to know how our money is spent.
Robert Cookf	Rendcomb, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The people have a right to know in a so called democratic state
zed nelson	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I support this notion.
Tony Tuck	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Fol is a key cornerstone of accountable democracy.

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Jeremy Smyth	Kendal, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because those we democratically elect need to be accountable to us. They forget this. Instead they try and flip the situation, attempting to gain access to our data and communications with legislation like the Snoopers Charter. Don't let them!
Nicholas Houghton-Brown	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to make our democracy closer to the people. Information is a fundamental element in an accountable democracy
Michael Aldridge	Swindon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Democracy is hard one but easily lost
Susan Brown	Newtown, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MPs, other elected representatives and employees of the state need to be accountable to the population who yet serve and who pay their salaries.
josette falcidia	Stocksbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	we need to know the truth, this will reduce corruption.
Frankie Ross-Smith	Kingston, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	its in the public interest.
Linda Davidson	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I agree that investigative journalism must be nurtured and encouraged, for the benefit of society and democracy, not subject to Freedom of Information charges which would be effectively be a tax on journalism.
Kurt Cooper	Heswall, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Conservative Government are determined to undermine basic freedoms in this country.
Sunara Ali	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	For the sake of democracy, hands off FOI
conrad rose	march, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Anybody spending tax payers money needs to be accountable for what they are using the money for, no one body is above the law and information about their actions needs to be made available if it is thought that they are up to no good, the FOI law does not need changing so it would cover up corruption in the highest places of this and any government.
Andrew Manley	Longlevens, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in democracy. Unfortunately there are people in parliament that clearly don't.
John Rutherford	Ipswich, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There are very good reasons, as we all know, why the FOI Act came into being. It is our only protection!
robert morgan morgan	Ickenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	government should be transparent
Robert Albury	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	to protect fundamental democracy
Lena Hills	Royal Tunbridge Wells, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This should not even be a requirement!! But corruption is sadly everywhere and a part of the world we live in! Transparency and trust are what we hope for in a government but obviously a fairytale!
Olivier Cauquil	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Our taxes pay for these people to run our country. It should therefore be FREE to ask them what they do with our money. If this is not free, it becomes a tax.
Gordon M Warwick	Dumfries, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Act supports my right to know what is happening.
Christian Murray	Bognor Regis, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is the cornerstone of a democracy. If the Government has the right to spy on me then I demand 100 percent transparency of government.
Julian Jones	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing because I believe that in one of the worlds most liberal and safe democracies we rely on the freedom of information and accountability.
Anthony Fisk	Stockbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency of action in public office is a fundamental of democracy. Nobody should be expected to vote for people whose abuse of position can be easily hidden.

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Martin Roche	Canterbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Openness is fundamental to good government, builds trust between government and governed, makes policy more politically legitimate, demonstrates accountability, obliges ministers and advisers to think more deeply about policy impacts and consequences and makes a direct connection between tax payer and tax spender. There is a price to democracy and that price is freedom of information without high cost barriers. It is our government not the government of political party, civil service or parliaments.
James Brown	Margate, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because there is a lack of transparency within local and national government
Susan Wilkins	Claverdon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm fed up with greedy MP's
John B.T. Low.	Truro, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is vital to protect the public from the excesses of the politicians.
Elisa Miles	Caversham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need more transparency of government, NOT less.
kate young	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	A democratic society needs to be able to hold public bodies to account. The Freedom of Information Act is a vital instrument in this.
George Brown	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that MP's should be answerable to the people who elect them.
Tony White	Torquay, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is one of my rights!!!
Stephen Sawyer	Fleet, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	What are they trying to hide now?!
David Lucas	Ashford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	David I Lucas
Julie Birch	Barnsley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is key!
Steve Johnson	Llantrisant, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to protect our civil liberties. That is bigger than the ideological agenda of any given government.
Douglas Mair	DUNDEE, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It would be disgusting if they modified this Act to protect politicians from proper scrutiny. They will just go back to their old ways.
Iggy Qazi	Bucks, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is one of our basic rights
Clive Vickerstaff	Blandford Saint Mary, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's disgraceful !!
Graeme Mount	S. Woodham Ferrers, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to know how money is spent and who is stealing from us.
Robert Rand	Starcross, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe it is important to be as transparent as possible especially with those who have "absolute" power as governments with majorities do.
emma sisk	Chipping Norton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If we are part of a democracy, as Government so often reminds us, I can see no valid reason for implementing a measure which reduces the power of citizens to challenge those in power and hold them to account
Emmanuelle De la Lubie	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing because we - the public employ the MPs and therefore we have the right to see how our money is being spent..nothing revolutionary really..question of principle.
Karin Morianz	Iver, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing as it is important to have information on all affairs and in a democracy it is vital to keep the public informed and let them have a say in the decision making also
Craig Mollison	Dundee, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Our national press must retain the power to hold our elected officials and our civil services to account. We literally pay their wages and they must be brought to heel!

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Stephen Robinson	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of Speech is an Inherent Right for all.
Julio Cesar Mayor Vargas	Londres, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because i do not want the government abuse of power
Charlotte Mommsen	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We, collectively as members of the public have to declare everything as part of a fair system of tax. As public servants, MP's are not exempt from the law and should be dealt with accordingly. I work in healthcare and for this level of misconduct I would be struck off the register. Keep open access to these records and name and shame. It's not acceptable and keep it a criminal offence. No one else gets concessions like this!
Riccardo Bertagna	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom and politics will never work together unless we do something
HILARY HORN	Turvey, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	To protect the public from secret fraud on the part of those in privileged positions and who feel exempt form the law
Aneurin Jones	Milford Haven, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We are not yet a Country fully in the hands of criminals, although it might at times feel we are close! The Freedom of Information Act is perhaps our strongest defence against the attempts by some in 'authority' to keep their distasteful activities secret. It must be retained in its strongest form (National Security excluded) to deter and, if necessary, detect the abuses of our 'public servants'. All who believe in freedom should sign this petition.
Robin Bainton	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because government should be accountable to the public.
Len Martin	Nailsea, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This facility is very important to maintain the ability to address impropriety.
Jan Dykes	Burnham-on-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There should be no need for public elected officials to fear anything that is asked about their behaviour.
Michael Winwood	Torquay, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	access to the detail of policy decisions is fundamental to a modern democracy
Daniel talbot	Rayleigh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The truth needs to be told, our government is so corrupt don't let them get away with it!!
Peter Wilson	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in the principle of freedom of information in the public interest.
joanne price	Rayleigh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I too have uncovered a scandal which remains ongoing. Which without further notice I will share with Heather this instance. Everybody it is in our best interest & our children's safety that we all take 2 minutes to sign & share. Thankyou.
Jane Chattell	KENDAL, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that knowledge is necessary to exercise democracy. Correct information is needed to expose rumour and falsification. Secrecy tends to lead to lies and misinformation.
Julian Fuller	Dawlish, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The transparency conferred by the FOI goes to the heart of a civilised society. The Government should not be compromising it in any way
Katie Partridge	Farnham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Anything that makes it harder for the government to lie to us has got my vote
DAVID BELL	DUNDEE, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom is the right to tell people what they do not want to hear!
Betty oldmeadow	Minster on Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Up front and honest is the only way to build up trust and respect
John Williams	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's essential to ensure transparency. Governments as we've seen and big organisations still seek to hide truths even with the FOI Act. Tampering with it would only remove transparency and accountability. This would simply not be in the public interest to weaken it, in any way, shape or form.

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Helen Greig	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe freedom of information is essential in a democracy Otherwise democracy breaks down Rumours. G.
Ruhi Rizvi	Barking, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The government would like to remove all acts which would implicate them in corruption or undermine their leadership, making it difficult for others to access information.
Yvonne Millar	Newmains, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I totally agree that this should available to the Public
Peter Curtis	Fareham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is the peoples' democracy. Hands off!!!
Farah Joy	Warrington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's an entitlement of the public to know where the money goes, the government is to help the people not the other way around.
Mathew Snow	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because corruption, embezzlement and cover-ups are now endemic in public life, among public servants and political representatives, both elected and unelected. The FOI is one of the only tools available to the public to shine a light into the dark. No wonder the Government wants to draw its teeth. We must not let this happen.
Bruno Mennens	Felixstowe, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The most mistrusted people in England are those holding court in Westminster, they will not hesitate one minute to grandify them selves at the cost of the national. They will and must be stopped, the professional political elite are dispised around the world.
Derry Jones	Harrogate, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Governments always seek to extend their power over individual's, and the FOI is one way of finding out what they are up to.
Matthew Allan	Lower Largo, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Im signing because, i believe that freedom of information is a fundamental building block of democracy and Believe in democratic government
George Parsons	Malvern, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Only bad things need concealment, so information freedom is always good for any civilised society.
Hy Smith	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Hy Smith
Queenie Woo	Colindale, London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Without access to information , there is no real democracy.
Chrys Christy	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm supporting this petition as it is important there is transparency.
eleanor douglas	Kirkcaldy, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Sadly, we can't trust anyone unless there is transparency.
Niels Christiansen	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is paramount to public trust in today's democratic society.
Walter Holt	Draperstown, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Its about democracy, stupid.
Francis Breslin	Balsham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MPs should be beyond reproach and totally honest if they are to be trusted to act for us, so if they don't fiddle expenses they have nothing to fear from the FOI Act.
Hazel Duggan	Shrewsbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Those who spend public money and are charged with public responsibilities should be answerable to the public. If they are embarrassed by what we find them so be it.
John Lamb	Huntly, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is in the public interest to make the FOI freely available and easy to use.
Diane Revelle	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Snooping should work both ways!!!

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Ken Rennoldson	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is crucial to good government, even if it embarrasses people at times. It does mean that people will need to learn not to overreact to some of the wilder ideas that need to be explored at times.
Andrew Stevens	Ruislip, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There's no such thing as Government money, it is taxpayer pounds they spend - accountability is crucial....
Susan Wood	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is a crucial freedom - and Big Thanks to Heather Brooke for her determination & persistence re the MP expenses scandal, against all the barriers put in her way. Her task was hard enough under the existing rules. Could have been impossible with weakened rights.
Jason Regan	Wembley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is a fundamental way to ensure transparency
Steve McNeice	Banstead, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	One needs to protect openness, transparency and accountability
iris bangera	Inverness, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Mps should be completely transparent as to their expenses and claims, like every other employee has to be. It's the public money that is being spent and the public are not going to accept this deception any longer. If mps want to represent us then they have to do things in the publics best interest not just their own!
Dennis Harding	Byfleet, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MP'S are corrupt when it comes to their finances and while they continue to give themselves large pay rises and expense claims while demanding public service get the minimum possible. Name and shame them
James Duffy	Barrhead, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This Government are dangerous and are risking our democratic society if it was up to them no one except the elite of this country would have any rights and they need to be stopped.
Kevin Mitchell	london, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	They want to listen in on us, read our emails, track our web use - but they're not quite so keen on us legitimately holding them to account
Samuel Bolton	Caverswall, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because this act enables us the public to see how our taxes are being spent and hold those spending it to account - either criminally or via the ballot box.
Leslie Bailey	Rochester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There payed enough as it is.why should the get extra perks,especially when they are making cut back after cut and in some cases,they target the wrong people,yet they can help any alien comes to our shores?????
Kevin Price	Runcorn, Cheshire, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I truly believe that they are ALL like pigs in the trough, and it is up to them or FOI requests to prove otherwise...
James Norris	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I don't want to lose yet another freedom, Mr Orwell
Augusto Uehara	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I want to be sure that politicians will be held accountable for how they conduct their duties to the public and the Freedom of Information Act is the only tool to challenge what they do behind closed doors.
John and Gail Toogood	Aylesbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because any public run service should be made accountable for their actions. In addition, the governments pledge to be upfront and 'Transparent' would again put their integrity in question. The public are already untrusting of anything they have to say or propose and this includes all of the political parties. This is just another attempt to protect their own interests.
david hutt	redruth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	so that I am not being asked to vote in the dark
Robert Bartlett	Charlbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I would like to see integrity return to public life.

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Steve Eddy	Llandogo, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Fol is essential to democracy.
Helen Little	Twickenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is important to the UK and democracy and was long fought for and hard won. Please don't take our rights away !
Zoe Joyce	Southport, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	without transparency, all sorts of abuse of finances can take place as was the case with MPs expenses. There shouldn't be one single penny unaccounted for of spent unwisely as so many people are in desperate need. It reduces the risk of corruption which occurs in so many countries and organizations. The UK should be setting the best example for others to follow.
Gafyn Jones	Caerdydd, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We have the RIGHT to know.
Pamela Blackman	St Austell, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing because we have a right to this information, we pay for this.
david pulford	london, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	this is vital to an open democracy
Byron Welch	Hemel Hempstead, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This government and it's whole infrastructure is failing both the country and it's people in every absurdity they can dream up.
Gus Stewart	Dunfermline, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MPs are representatives of us, the people, and as such are paid by us from the taxes collected from us. We are therefore entitled to know what they do in our name and what it costs us by way of remuneration.
Jenny Bensaidane	Hoo, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in freedom
Lynne Knight	Basildon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing this petition because it is high time everything to do with government and local government is absolutely transparent for the greater good of the whole country
Ennie Mkonto	Rochdale, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Don't weaken the Freedom of Information Act
Jim Culkin	Market `Harborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing this petition because I had good reason to use the FOI act to force my local council to disclose wrong doing over a multi-million pound council contract. The council placed numerous obstacles in my way to avoid disclosure but the strength of the Act meant that I had the power to make sure right was done.
firmin shepherd	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	now or never...
Lindy Sherliker	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We are a 1st world country and a democracy so we should not have information about matters which concern us all being withheld or kept 'secret' from public eyes as this creates a ripe situation for unscrupulous individuals to 'bend' the rules
Lionel Clover	Leighton Buzzard, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We must control these people the we fools voted into office, they have and are still taking advantage of we the voters...
Andrew Wardle	Stockport, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is important that the general public can access information the government would rather we did not know about
Susan Gibbs	Cirencester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is vital for a healthy society and to expose corruption.
Janice McKane	Warwickshire, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe I should
Alan Brook	WEST MERSEA, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I don't want to see any more hiding of true public expenditure, nor any future WMD type issues getting covered up!

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Olivia Stephens	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Without transparency, Govt has no accountability, with no accountability, Govt are strong and the public become powerless and unable to protect themselves.
Stephen Gardner	Dudley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Who wouldn't?
Jasmine Behrouzi	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe MPs are be accountable to the country and FOI is part of this.
Ken McLaughlin	Llechryd, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I have been at odds with my local authority for more than three years now and it was the FOI which gave me the evidence I needed to fight them. This Act needs protecting.
Anne Lockyer	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because the current FOI Act should not be diluted or weakened. It supports our democratic rights .
mary kelly	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	SECRECY in life is a form of inappropriate control. For anyone in public office it's totally against the morals of their job. PLEASE let MP's and high ranking civil servants remember who they represent US, they can not do that if they have secrets from us as well as themselves. A mature person should be aware of this so please can the members of parliament stop behaving like little kids in the playground and start showing some respect to the people who have no choice but to trust them to know how to do the honourable things ?! we need to be able to check that they are actually doing this so freedom of information is a necessity in our ability to choose the right/more honourable person to do their job. yet another example of corrupt thought and practices seeping from the top down, certainly not the best example to be giving.
Helen Lindsay	Norwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	the Fol act has become an essential tool for the public to find out what is being done
marguerite horner	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing in the name of justice which can only be executed through transparency to avoid corruption .
Hilary Ellwood	Isleworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Public figures and organisations should not be able to hide incompetence, theft or fraud
Richard snow	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Democracy requires openness. We pride the strength of our democracy in the UK. Weakening the Fol act is a regressive step and inconsistent with the high standards we aspire to in the UK
C Betty McCarthy	Thundersley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Public people must be accountable
Oliver Houston	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need the right to hold the government to account. And for that, we need access to information that empowers people to make informed decisions. In the digital age, only transparency will give the government any sort of credibility.
Sara Muldowney	Tilbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	those in power should be held to account for their actions and information allowing the public to do so must be freely available if we are to have any chance of doing so.
Daniel Barne	Cwmbran, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	They are elected by us (apparently) so they should be accountable to us for everything they do. They are PUBLIC SERVANTS now damn well serve the public as you are elected for just that purpose
Paul Cook	Welling, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Winston Churchill would have supported FOI
anthony norman	chippenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	These so called public servants are not serving the public, they are only fleecing the public for all they can gain for themselves.
roger hazeldine	wolverhampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	ROGER HAZELDINE.
Jonathan Price	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I want to live in a liberal democracy not in a closed, police state.
Mike Hartley	Fareham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The troughers can go to hell.

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Susie Burnby	Great Bromley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Government is elected to represent voters' wishes and interests and should function in a transparent and honest manner and not withhold information. Therefore please respect those whom you represent and do not change FOI.
Bev Passey	Marlow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I have used freedom of in formation with my council to find out a misinformation for 27 YEARS !!!!!
Neil Shevlin	Guisborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Only the corrupt have something to hide
Jim Samme	Margate, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I don't trust this government to do the right thing...
Patrick Damant	St Peter Port, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is the basis of accountability for government. Serve the people not the establishments created to serve the people.
Leonard Smith	Preston, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	In a democracy it's our right
Noel Miskell	Bournemouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	They will try anything to keep us in the dark, which is how they like it. Noel.
Ellie Hajee	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	...because it is our fundamental right. Without this we (the public) are all totally screwed
Stephen Bent	Wollaston, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because an MP is a civil servant serving the populace not some Lord with supposed Godgiven superiority. That's stuffs for the history books
carla Halford	Bridgnorth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedon of Information is crucial in a democracy in the UK.
Ian Erskine	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	it matters
Stephen Hartney	Handasacre, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is important
Justin Greenwood	Dunstable, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing this because it is important that the government who are allready using this to hide behind certain issues that can cause them a problem ie self harms due to benefit cuts, cannot be allowed to change the law to suit themselves so that they don't have to disclose information that may show there policies in a bad light
David Cox	Bromley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FoI Act is fundamental to the health of democracy and a hugely important check on the executive. Allowing politicians to restrict information is an attack on freedom.
Michelle Harrison	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	They are the benefit cheats
Andrew Davison	Consett, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We are entitled to know where our taxes go. Limiting access only goes to show MPs have something to hide. We need transparency
Jackie Martin	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in democracy, however wavering it seems in this country now! We have a right to see how our hard earned money is spent. Visibility and accessibility means there is nothing to hide and protects the common good.
Desmond VILLIS	BRISTOL, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MPs are using OUR money for their own particular needs. It must be pointed out that the Government has NO MONEY of their own .
graham sleeman	Launceston, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is an essential right. It needs to remain with a system to remove any plainly ridiculous requests.
Tony Gee	Barnet, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe transparency is vital to support the democratic process and to enable us to hold to account those with power in society
Trevor Gren	Hull, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's criminal and they continue doing it
hugh webb	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to know!

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Marco Callegari	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm tired of Government bringing in laws that remove our freedoms but protects theirs!
Viorel Vanea	Crawley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Look at Romania, how people fights against corruption
David Cossins	Caernarfon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We live in a free society - allegedly!
ROY BRITTON	Cardigan, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because I believe the UK government is riddled with corrupt politicians.
Ted Snook	Newport Pagnell, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Parliamentarians should lead by example, and that does not mean a bad example.
A. Vassallo	Bourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because the Freedom of Information Act goes towards Government corruption.
Michael Cunningham	Builth Wells, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in Freedom of information and i understand you may be scared but sensitive information already has enough time limits on it.
Nick Spencer	didcot, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Please sign so the freedom of information legislation is not watered down!!!
Elisabeth Tutheridge	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I care deeply about this subject, and want to help Heather Brooke in her challenging attempt to keep the FOI act as it is now.
roddy macrae	Helmsdale, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because I no longer trust politicians, it is that simple. Without it FOI it will get worse, we are well on the way to a totalitarian state!
Andy Banks	Gateshead, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in that the freedom of the press is a fundamental human right in a democracy. It is a major tool in the fight against corruption and nepotism.
michael parker	harrow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	freedom is important
Mark Young	Sidmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As a "democracy" we desperately need to be able to hold to account our elected politicians and all those who try to hide behind anonymity of being a "servant" of society. It must remain a public right to seek basic information from corporate, political and public organisations.
Adrian Dobson	Luton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Democracy is supposed to be government for the people by the people, and the fact that it is implemented via elected representatives requires transparency in governance and government.
Nicola Dillerstone	Grimsby, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	this is an important element of our democracy. Politicians can make laws but cannot be above them
john leitch	brockham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The existing principle is sound. We got sold short by Tony Blair saying 'trust me' and what has that done.... led to thousands of Muslim extremists. Politicians who don't want to be accountable should work for dictators... Putin nicely comes to mind.
Adam Cleminson	KNUTSFORD, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The slimy bastards'll get away with whatever they want if we don't stop them now
Robin Jones	Peterborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need transparency. In this age of social media, if we don't get it, it will come through jigsaw identification.
Stephen Tompkins	Sutton at Hone, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is required with regards tax payers money
Barbara Riches	Penzance, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I hope we will continue to live in a democracy in the UK at least - therefore we need to be able to trust our politicians and lawmakers to tell us the truth
Cathal Gallagher	Londonderry, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The freedom of information act protects the public good, and if anything we need more transparency in all areas not less.
Phil Morris-Jones	Apley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MPs expenses are a scandal. They should be decided by a totally independent body made up of laymen like myself

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Vance Whittall	Gosport, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because.....
Carol Ann	Rhynie, Huntly, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	All information about the activities of public servants (including politicians), whose salaries we pay, must be open to public scrutiny. No exceptions.
Trevor Britton	Bognor Regis, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in freedom, democracy and open Government.
Joe Donne	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The workings of a healthy democratic society should be transparent, and those who represent it, should be accountable.
Peter Storfer	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency in government is an absolute requirement of a democratic society.
Paul Rhodes	Swindon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in a free press and the responsibility of journalists to expose corruption
Gilbert Markus	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am a democrat. And freedom of information is essential to the proper running of a democracy.
Lucy Prabhu	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is crucial for accountability in a democracy. Who answers the difficult questions, willingly? That's why we need it. Don't water it down.
Stephen Counce	Arnside, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is a fundamental foundation of any real democracy - if we can't find out what our representatives are doing, we can't trust them.
Mark sawtell	Lewes, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I support this petition because I value our open and free society and I do not wish this to be compromised
Fraser Hart	Hinckley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Thieving politicians need to be accountable
Shakeeb Rahman	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is a valuable freedom and should be protected from bias and manipulation.
Bill Thompson	Ramsey, Huntingdon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Many MPs lie to us and we can't have any more cover ups. If they're honest they will keep FOI as it is.
Anne Murphy	Bellshill, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	They should be exposed at all levels
Andrew Howe	Cannock, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to have transparency on where our money is being spend. Whilst the government is cutting back everywhere else to bring down the deficit, they are spending money on Un imaginable things. The public has a right to know as we voted these people in.
Dewan Demmer	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency helps keep the systems and those working in those systems honest
Marianne Kilmartin	Bradenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We cannot lose this hard won means of getting rid of secrecy in high places. We must keep FOI and a free press. Otherwise we cannot say we live in a democracy.
Ian Robinson	Hedon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because i think that the MP's have lost sight of what happens in the real world and they only seem to be concerned about how much they can get for themselves.
Steven Colverson	Hove, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I don't want parasite MP's ripping us off any more than they already do.
Phillip Nosworthy	Hayes, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This must be signed - I have used FOI for finding out the number of serious criminal offences by Non British, very interesting!!! Also, a car skidded into me at low speed on a particular road and I used FOI to find out the report and inspection regimed for that road, DoT or Council had not surveyed the road for 2 years...and still havent. No loss of insurance and council paid compensation.
Alan Wallace	Crail, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	In a democracy, everything should be transparent....

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Michael O'Gorman	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Our elected representatives should be fully accountable to the electors, so we can monitor their actions on our behalf and remove them from public office if required.
Peter Stevens	Newton Abbot, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is working and it is a safeguard that needs to stay in place.
daniel hibbs	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI act is incredibly important in bringing transparency to an otherwise murky and corrupt government in power.
Peter Dumper	Bromley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is a basic right to know what the Government is doing on my behalf.
Mandy Burnzie	Isle of Skye, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Expose corruption and if we have a honest government they should have nothing to hide.
Ian Petrie	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is essential in an open society.
Kieron Welch	Hemel Hempstead, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We all have a right to know what is happening with public money and how our MP's decided to spend it. We elect them to act on our behalf not do what is best for them without letting us know.
Richard Hellen	Dursley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This critical to fighting the continuing attrition of civil liberties and human rights.
patricia Grant	Totnes, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing because we need to know what the government is doing behind the scenes. Transparency that what we should have.
Bruce Davidson	Aberdeen, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency in all Government matters is crucial.
Kerry Pickup	York, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	You should not be afraid of what it contains if your work, actions and belief system is sound....you then have nothing to be afraid of!!
Graham Benny	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Don't weaken our oversight. You (MPs) are our servants and we need to know what you are doing.
Iain Bowles	Carnoustie, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need transparency in Public Office. No more cover ups!!
Ken Duerden	Haywards Heath, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to keep our leaders on the straight and narrow
Brendan Timlin	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is an important part of democracy that facts can be uncovered
John Pavitt	Chichester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because freedom of information is a vital support for all the other freedoms that we enjoy
Mark Hammond	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's the right thing to do.
Elana Gossling	Arnold, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need this. To expose the lies.
Pauline Ashley	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Afraid of transparency and accountability Mathew Hancock? I'm not ! Do not touch the FOI Act
Harold Young	Dunstable, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It would be a national disgrace if parliament were to hide its misdeeds to the people who put them there and pay their salaries
Pauline Potts	Oldham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because they are all living like kings while the rest of England struggles. They should be made to repay every penny. The FOI has to be kept and strengthened if possible to stop the rich getting richer and richer etc
alex field	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The fucking government are scumbags

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Geoff Clark	Princes Risborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I was in the military almost all of my working life. If I claimed expenses without documentary evidence, or with false evidence, I would have been court martialled. MPs and Lords who derive unlawful financial benefit from tax payers money should be 'fired' from there positions ... and it is not a question of whether they made an error, or there staff made an error. Nobody would have allowed me to 'wriggle out of it'. And MPs are not the only ones in the country with 'busy' lives! They do not deserve special pleading.
Gary Graham	Chesterfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is important in public service!
Brian Matthews	South Croydon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is unreasonable for the Government to try to return to keeping the public in the dark.
Michael McGinn	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency of process is fundamental to the functioning of a healthy democracy. This is particularly true when it comes to accessing and scrutinising the behaviour of those functionaries we have elected to work for us within that democracy. The FOI is the essential to enabling us, the employers, to keep tabs on, to oversee and to scrutinise the behaviour and work they deliver on our behalf. Any move to undermine that facility will be seen as a breach of trust, and we the electorate will show our disagreement and dissatisfaction with such behaviour, when it comes to re - employment through the election process.
martin maher	halifax, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm worried 6th future
Jim Butler	Arbroath, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's needed as currently written.
Steven Thompson	Buckingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because in the cause of democracy and accountability our political masters actions need to be under public scrutiny from time to time
Michael Rockefeller	Shebbear, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	With great power, comes great responsibility.
Celia Davies	Macclesfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	How else can we expose wrong doing at the highest levels if we, the ordinary citizen cannot access records? It is a basic human right that we keep the Freedom of Information Act.
Robert Norrish	Markyate, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Information should be free in a democracy, otherwise how can the people decide?
Barry KENWARD	Fareham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is vitally important that this legislation is NOT interfered with. It is the ONLY way that members of the public can decide if those in authority are acting with Honesty; Decency and Integrity. History tells us that in the past they have not. LEAVE IT ALONE.
george liddle	sunderland, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	they are public servants with our money, they are on very salaries and should not any have expenses as an O A P i cannot claim for anything
Tim Wild	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MPs are not above the law. They need reminding that they are public servants, answerable to the electorate.
Charlton Shepherd	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I want the best for my country.
kim lawday	loughton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to have this, everyone needs to be accountable.
Colin Farlow	Exeter, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Vital to democracy - which we may achieve one day
Gregory Swift	Billinge, Nr. Wigan, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that the UK public should be privy to the manner in which they are governed.
Joanne Jones	Ilkeston, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I love the truth.

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Paul Bonnor	Ashford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MPs/Councillors/Police etc etc will abuse their power if they can do more in secret
David Lowry	Kettering, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Our Freedom has been bought over the years by the hard work and sacrifice of many people, men, women, civilian and military. It should not be treated in a cavalier manner. 'Freedom isn't free', this has a taste of the Orwellian about it. Our Government seems to assume we are all uneducated proles. It would do them good to realise many of us are better educated and more intelligent than many of them. They have no 'entitlement' to rule other than what we give them. They would do well to remember this. FOI is fundamental to an free society, hands off !!
James Buckley	Kidderminster, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I do not trust the MPs. To tee us the truth
Chris Housden	Hitchin, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Governments should be scared of, and serve, their people, rather than people being scared of what their government will not tell them about and hides behind closed doors. If the people cannot ask and get honest answers by a legal route, then the worst must be assumed. If you're doing nothing wrong, Mr Cameron tells us, you've nothing to hide- and keeping FOI as it is is a far less invasive surveillance of the government than the new proposals that the government wants to use as surveillance on its people.
Sydney Scott	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that hidden information can possibly indicate a cover-up.
Juri Gabriel	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is as important as reform of the libel laws. Might I suggest sharing mailing lists.
Lesley Berry	Inverurie, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Freedom of the Press should be sacrosanct in a free, democratic society. Don't shoot the messenger - stop the behaviours that you don't want to be made public rather than try to shut down the freedom of the press
Elizabeth Sayers	Bridport, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information on what public bodies are doing and how they work is fundamental to our democracy.
Graham Marsden	Mawnan Smith, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Government governs on behalf of all citizens, citizens are entitled to know fully what decisions are being made in their name. Freedom of Information allows those citizens directly or by proxy (the media etc.) to be aware of what decisions are being made so they can evaluate and comment on those decisions - FOI is a fundamental part of the relationship between those who govern and those who are governed, and should remain as it is and in place.
Geoff Walker	Middlesbrough, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This law is as important as the human rights act and it enables the govt. to be held to account. It must not be diluted.
David Bridgewater	Menston, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is too much in state interest to weaken the FOI act (and definitely not in the public's interest to do so)
Grace Roberts	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I like democracy when it stays a democracy. No secrets from the government thanks.
NIGEL GRANT	BOURNEMOUTH, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	No one should be able to hide anything corrupt or illegal from public scrutiny
Ricky Knight	Bishops Tawton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is an absolutely crucial process to prevent any further steps towards totalitarianism in the UK - our electoral system alone assures the maintaining of the status quo.
Frances Church	Kelvedon Hatch, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I do not trust a government particularly one aiming for a one party state with a beloved leader!

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John Hodson	Stoke on Trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of Information is not only a basic human right, it is essential to ensure that powerful people and organisations are held to account, and its existence ensures those who might abuse their position think twice about doing so. Charging for information which should be in the public domain is just plain wrong, and is obviously designed to discourage people making legitimate requests.
cynthia Ralphs	Lisburn, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Its more openness we need not less.
Billy Mckie	Durham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Trying to change the FOI by the Government to protect their own is a bloody disgrace....
Sharon Richardson	Newcastle Upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The people we elect to Government cannot be exempt from scrutiny, particularly in light of the current witch hunt against benefits claimants. If we have learned anything from the MP expenses scandal it's that greater transparency and scrutiny is needed not less.
Wayne Sullivan	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Please don't let this happen, it seems corporates and politicians are hell bent on bringing back slavery, step by step!
Heather Dicker	West Bay, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	No democracy should be without it and fear any government that wants to dilute it.
Paul Sumner	Camberley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is a good thing.
John Lingwood	Northolt, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	To hide the facts is to hide the truth, and who is scared of the truth.
Richard Ham	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because our government are an absolute disgrace to this country. They should be transparent and beyond reproach. But this is just not so.
Elizabeth Barber	High Wycombe, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is imperative that we have this type of law so the public how our well owned money is being spent!
Christophe de Aristizabal	Ingrave, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	A democracy is only a democracy if citizens are informed. It is impossible to make decisions or hold people to account without information. This act should be an absolute right for all citizens to use for free. Otherwise this is not democracy.
eileen russell	Morchard Bishop, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As i can no longer trust any of the public as i can no longer trust any of the governmental departments to be open and honest, i need to know we can check up on our "masters"
chris bennett	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom is everything in a democratic society
Marilyn Cardozo	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am an individual signing this petition to preserve the principle of public interest in public authorities decision making
norman stanbury	Worthing, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	we need this act so the corruption in our government can be uncovered
Ceri Palmer	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As politicians have proven time and time again, we can't trust them with our money.
Archie Greves	Greenock, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If I fiddled my expense's I would be sacked
Rowan Cooper-Gritten	Carlisle, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The right to know is paramount.
Jon Bywater	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because people with the power to make decisions MUST BE PUBLICLY ACCOUNTABLE.

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Jill Webb	Highbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We didn't elect our MPs to allow them to change the FOI and they should be transparent in their actions.
Sue Jopson	Heswall, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	People cannot be allowed to change the law to suit themselves, just because they can. It's wrong on every level.
Roger Willsmer	Upminster, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Without the FOI the basis of democratic freedoms are at risk and our representatives could become our masters.
Bradley Snelling	Macclesfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Any changes that make it harder for people to access information regarding how we are governed etc will make it easier for the system to be corrupt. There should be no veto unless it seriously affects national security (and MPs expenses are not national security), all internal discussions at local and central government level involving public interest should not be changed. And certainly no charges should be made as this will act as a deterrent to many people. If this is what we signed up for when voting the Tories in, then come 2020 they won't be in power again.
Sam Naylor	bromham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Politicians already use and abuse public funds. We mustn't help them to continue.
Jim Davidson	Rothsay, Scotland, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm fed up hearing about how the government has lied to us /again/. Let's have more openness and fewer secrets.
Diane Piper	Peterborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Proper public interest is essential to living in a democracy.
David Hartley	Witney, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Totally agree with the public's right to be able to ask and have answered questions on political, economic, financial, welfare, environmental and social issues and concerns which impact on the wellbeing, health and future planning of our community, country and world.
Catherine Parkes	Colchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If you have nothing to hide, you have nothing to fear ... If you have something to hide, than you need to be brought to account ... simples!
Chris Carbery	waddingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	How else would we have known?
michael SHAW	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because our Public Servants are just that. there outgoings and expenses should be available for proper audit and scrutiny. There is too much overt secrecy in our society.
Watkin Lees	Campbeltown, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	In a democratic nation it is absolutely vital and necessary to gain unfettered access to information concerning the public purse and personal involvements.
Tony Prior	Chard, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because I believe open government is essential in a democracy
Dominic Harker	Uxbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I think it is wrong to have truth undermined further and hidden away. If the FOI act is weakened it'll be a step closer to a totalitarian oligarchy.
Alan Tullo	Middlesbrough, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Our trust in politicians is already poor. Any weakening of the FOI Act by them will only serve to reduce trust even further.
jonathan comley	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI enforces trust, and stops crimes against us the tax paying majority
Marjorie Smith	Clydebank, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Those who want to change the FOI regulations must, surely, have something to hide. Elected members are there to represent the electorate, not to rip us off.
malcolm gaskill	winsford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As a Liberal democrat I believe we have a right to know what the government is doing in our name.
Michael Taylor	RYDE, I.W., United Kingdom	2015-11-06	No democracy can function if its citizens are denied the truth about what its politicians do in its name

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Michael Hunt	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is very important that the actions of our parliamentarians are fully visible to the people they're supposed to be working for (i.e. us, the public) and that they can be held to account for any misdemeanors.
Ruth Silverstone	Waltham abbey, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Public servants must continue to remain transparent in their conduct.. We pay their salaries!
Geoff Lewis	Kingston, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in freedom of information, the government works for the people and must be held accountable for thier actions.
Stan Rawlinson	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe to lose this right is to be conned and manipulated by governments, companies, and charities
james griffiths	sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information needs to be free, otherwise it is simply Restriction and Suppression of Information.
Alan Coldham	Haywards Heath, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If hoi polloi are increasingly unable to remain anonymous to government and/or it's various agencies then everything that government does needs to be just as visible, equally as transparent.
Peter Banbury	Blairstown, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOIA was the biggest breakthrough in making accountability real, and enabling democracy to have a chance in my lifetime. Some politicians don't like it because it works.
Duncan McGill	Beckenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is fundamental in a democratic society
Nick Hatton	Eton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because the public has a right to know and the FOI is essential to this.
David Cadywold	ledbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We all know your fraudulent bastards but this is the proof, so keep this act
robert goulty	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It really is a good thing to have and the MPs expenses scandal is proof of that.
Sheila Peacock	Tadley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Secrecy quickly becomes a damaging and addictive habit.
Avril MacArthur	King's Lynn, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	What price the democracy we have fought for and lost so many of our service personnel for if we do not have the ability to uphold that democracy and with it the FOI Act?
robert golding	penzance, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	i don't trust this or any government to have my best interests at heart.
Fran White	Exeter, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Politicians are servants of the people, they must be accountable to us.
Susi Cormack Brown	Ayr, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Charging for Fol requests would discriminate against modestly resourced local papers like those I worked on as a journalist. Let's never put a tariff on the truth.
mike alexander	Carrickfergus, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	if I don't have a say in how my money is spent then I may as well live in a totalitarian state. I am not prepared to sanction a crowd of freeloaders
Iain Rousham	Saxmundham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need a strong FOI
peter wells	luton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I can
John Topping	Penwortham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Its a valuable tool for letting the public know what is happening in public life. A cornerstone of democracy.
Margaret Priaulx	Redcar, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The expenses scandle and the secret bombings in Syria are 2 examples of why we need this act if the people we elect are to be held accountable to the electorate.

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Keith venus	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	These "Human people of power" section appointed for the people, voted into position by the people. If any of us "COMMIT FRAUD" there are penalties along with fines but why are these lot exempt!!!! A church has to show on request what it uses offering for so should MP's they should face jail and pay back finances taken from the publics finances, extra homes and dick houses are accessories. There are people barely living and they ignore that and continue there lavish lifestyles on the backs of people who are trying to cope with tax increases, limitations to pay increase, rent increases etc. People prefer to try cheat getting benefits set by the example that these MP's themselves are committing. They need arresting according to the law that they are meant to agree and LIVE BY
GEOFFREY walker	sookholme, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	THEY ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE TAXPAYER ,THEY NEED TO BE KEPT IN CHECK.
Dr Kelvin Steele	Matlock, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is our money which pays for the running of these public bodies and we should have an absolute right of access to information in respect of these bodies. Do not weaken the Fol act.
Michael Rigg	Newton Ferrers, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in democracy and MP's of all colours must realise they are there for OUR benefit.
Steve Townsend	Welwyn Garden City, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Too much is hidden....
Michael Eaton	Newton Abbot, Devon, England, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The removal or "watering down" of the FOI Act not only leaves ALL open to claims of fraud and embezzlement (even the honest few) it also offers a chance to make money to the less strong minded by simply not being in existence. Additionally it gives a transparent view of public workings that is so essential in a modern democracy - the mere fact that parts of the government wish to alter this immediately tells us all that many parts of the government are corrupt already! Corruption must be stopped at all costs!
Richard Gombrich	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Our rulers must be seen to be above suspicion.
Peter Humphreys	Wokigham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The UK is meant to be a democracy, we must have an open & accountable government.
Alexander Cameron	Ayr, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Let's keep an eye on the politicians - supposedly representing you, but at the same time, can be feathering their nests - though a few are no doubt genuine.
Peter Mann	Corsham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI Act is fit for purpose. The only reason the Government would want to change it is because there are dodgy things they would prefer to keep hidden.
Anne Rose	Ascot, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	you cannot trust politicians when it comes to money
helen bunter	coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is vital to keep us honest.
Tom Franklin	York, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because it is important to ensure that power is accountable
Nicola Jones	Aberdare, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	All government employee's should be accountable to the public.
Carl Matthews	Lowestoft, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As the government keep telling us "If you've got nothing to hide...".
David wellings	Stourbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom is just that, it's not 'freedom but with provisos!'
Margaret Keane	Shoreham-by-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe those in public office are accountable to the public. We have a right to know what they do in our name. I also believe they should be open and transparent in their actions.

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Danny Kelly	Luton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing this petition because of the fascist/nazi type of policies of this current UK government, who managed to get power with well under 40% of the total vote. They do not want the general population to know what they are doing which is why they are also trying to curtail the BBC and Channel 4.
Ahmed Khan	Walsall, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	One law for all.
Martin Yates	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Members of parliament are supposed to act in the best interests of their constituents. The expenses scandal showed that it is important that the public can hold their members of parliament to account. We should be entitled to this kind of information, so this situation or something similar can not happen again.
Abdul Salam	Stevenage, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	A salam
Angela Murphy	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The public pay for things so they should have the right to know what they are paying for.
kieran amin	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency and government accountability are essential to democracy
Tabitha Jongwe	Wolverhampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in freedom of information
Joe Wilkinson	Ealand, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We have a right to know.
Brian Wicks	Horley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The government are a thieving bunch of lying scum and we need the ability to check up on them!
Louise Easton	Boxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because I believe in freedom of spew hate and free thinking
Bruce Badger	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is vital
David Mort	Cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MP's are accountable.
Ian Richardson	Stocksfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The citizen ought to have more access to information to ensure fair play.
Stewart Greenwell	Monmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing this petition as it is a fundamental right of the public to have the means to find out how public bodies are behaving and if that is informed by a willingness to be transparent and listen to the public about what they/we believe is important
Karen price	Portsmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	At the moment. I still can, just in case this is something you will ban in the future.....
John Barber	Carlisle, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Over much deceit.
Ronald Powell	Oldham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's obvious from experience that you can't leave any individual, departmental government or local government action to trust. The only protection is from transparency and accountability. The Freedom of Information Act is crucial to both and getting rid of it can only be an act of ruthless malevolence toward the people of the nation.
S Lines	Dawley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing this because I believe that freedom of information is fundamental to maintaining an open and honest democracy.
Martin Soames	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom to obtain information about government is a basic democratic freedom, without which one cannot have a functioning democracy.
kevin guffick	Hartlepool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because I want to keep the freedom of information
Sylvia Eaton	wathamstow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	My dad fought to keep this country free and it should not be stopped by a Tory Govt.
Ronnie Wilson	Aberdeen, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	When comsporacy theories are real we need a castiron way of exposing the guilty no matter how high the office. "POWER CORRUPTS"

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Gordon Thom	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	You can never trust the 'government', to protect your rights. The irony of Sun reporters using this act, still resonates strongly with me.
Paul Mihalop	Buckland, Betchworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	What could be the justification of discontinuing the FOI act? We should look to see the implications of such a move and to understand the consequences, when some of those amongst us fear truth and honesty.
anthony graham	Kingsdown, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is a very important tool for the community at large to monitor the dealings of government and large organisations, when they are using the resources, from tax and investments, of the community and subscribers. All too often these are abused and the results hidden from scrutiny. FOI is a safety line to discourage misuse and anyone who votes against it should be held as a suspect of corruption.
Thomas Doherty	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Democracy demands that governments are accountable to their citizens. Without freedom of information, there is no democracy.
Sharon Dibsall	Honiton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	In a democracy it is important to keep government accountable and this is an important tool for the purpose.
Keith Maskell	Andover, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need open government
Jon Jones	Radcliffe-on-Trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Just remember that you operate on our behalf and that you are accountable so we need to be able to access information.
stewart Darkes	LONDON, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need open and honest government
Peter Dannatt	Bangkok, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm a British Citizen and want to know that our MPs act with integrity. Its not about the money, it's about who can be trusted,
tim johnson	coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	a democracy needs checks and balances to ensure those we place in power live up to that trust.
Margaret Townson	Southsea, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	that is self-evident!! Secrets are NOT ALLOWED when talking about public money
Mark Bentley	Skipton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Governments answer to their electorate who pay for their decisions. Transparency of information is key so we can hold them to account.
fiona osborne	Musselburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is everything.
Shauna Brown	Falkirk, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's disgraceful that MPs should use taxpayers' money to finance their everyday living. That's what your wages are for!!! It is not right to try to cover it up, the public should continue to be aware of what's going on.
Lynda Bonser	Stockton-on-Tees, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The public has the right to know!
Duncan Meredith	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's a fundamental safeguard of British democracy
Robert Lawton	Skelton in Cleveland, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to know that those with the power to affect people's lives are accountable to the citizens of our country. Many of those with power over our lives have demonstrated in the past that they are not trustworthy. We are citizens, not 'subjects'.
Pauline Charlesworth	Walsall, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I object to taxpayers being regarded as a bottomless financial pit.
Robin Doughty	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Freedom of Information Act is essential for a democracy.
Paul Henry	Beaconsfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is not a cornerstone accountability for public expenditure. It must not be "watered down".
Vivian Scott	Stromness, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is in the public interest.

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Allan Fordy	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is essential in a democracy.
Susan Dearing	Buckland Newton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because except in exceptional circumstances, public bodies should not be allowed to hide their activities. Accountability and transparency act as useful checks and balances.
Michelle Palmer-Phoenix	Necton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Honesty is not an option, it has to be the law or you are out of a position of authority, full stop.
STEPHEN QUINTON	WELWYN, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Its vital for protection of democracy.
Brian Jones	Portishead, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is essential in a democracy becoming more corrupt by the year.
Tim Mulcahy	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm Signing this because our MP's need to be reminded they were elected by us to govern the Country for all of us and they are only being paid outrageous amounts of money because we put them there.
Giles Manton	Huntingdon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Well done Heather. Keep the fight going!
Laura Hay	East Calder, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is needed for the public to have any trust and it should be free information to all!
Peter Phillips	Solihull, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is OUR government, OUR parliament, OUR civil service and OUR money that pays for it all. We have a right to question, at every level, what national and local government is doing on our behalf.
diana kornbrot	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	the truth shall make you free the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth good british values
Peter Board	Esher, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is essential for an effective democracy. FOI has a positive effect on the way that public sector services operate.
Susan Hendrie	Poole, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	When working class people have to pay for ever increasing services I feel it is only fair and just that our employees, the MPs who represent us should let us know what we are paying for. Their wages are much higher than the average working person so any additional perks should be known
Derek James	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Freedom of Information Act seems to be the only act which allows the public to ask questions of the government, which to my mind provides for open democratic government, in an open democratic society, if this is not the case then we are heading for a dictatorial society. Don't weaken the FoIA to save the faces of a few.
geoffrey bragg	Southwater, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	So that lies are revealed for what they are
Michael Rees-Prichett	Cheltenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Politicians are creating laws to spy on us to an unprecedented degree but using every dirty trick including the law to protect their own corruption and immorality. It's fundamentally important to sign this
John Keefe	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	openness of information is one way of holding power to account
vivian mcphée	Chichester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is essential in a healthy democracy
David Thompson	london, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I don't know how you have the temerity to even contemplate .doing this evil deed ... you work for the people there's no way anything should be hidden from the public gaze unbelievable arrogance. .
Cherry Nurse	Towersey, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need powerful people to be accountable for their actions. This is not possible if they have anonymity

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Stephen White	Newport, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	While I understand the need for official secrets, I believe Freedom of Information that does not endanger the safety and security of our nation, is essential to keep public servants honest.
Tony Brown	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because MPs cannot be trusted to regulate themselves and their own behaviour. The FOI act is one of too few ways in which the public can hold government to account. It's a democratic duty to retain the FOI and a democratic duty to use it wisely and persistently to achieve the best government we can hope for with the MPs we have elected.
Angie Dight	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is a crucial part of Britain's policy for justice and freedom of speech which is admired throughout the World. Attacking this core would be detrimental to the very basis of British society.
Yvonne Williams	Basildon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As a broadcast journalist (Gateway 97.8) I believe it should remain the right of a citizen to hold to account for their actions, agreements and expenditures those who act ostensibly on our behalf using monies from the public purse. Transparency in governance requires willing compliance with the broad principle of The freedom of Information Act without further weakening, demur or delay.
tony Lamb	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	All citizen should be able to ask questions or request information, from their government or employer etc
Ivy Tang	Ramsbottom, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Politicians need to be as honest as the doctors they are trying to smear need to be with the public
Cal Smith	birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The freedom of information act is only of the few processes that actually provides us with democracy. I think it needs strengthening, not weakening.
Elizabeth Wynn	Craven Arms, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI Act is an important sign of our democracy, making it more difficult for people to access government information is a symptom of a shrinking of our democratic right.
David Sayers	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that openness can prevent abuse of power. I have similar problems with the police who seem to believe that they are above explaining how a case can be closed through 'lack of evidence' when they haven't interviewed the witnesses.
David O'Brien	Shenley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	What is there to hide? Power & control easily becomes corrupted because we are all sinners! Openness should be a dream/ambition for the whole world.
Jeremy Haywood	Bedford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that its vital that our government is accountable for its actions.
Shannon Osborne	Derby, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As a Journalism student myself, I know how important the ability to have the FOI requests is. It shouldn't be taken away from us.
bev van reijn	Newcastle, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	B van reijn
Alan Terry	Abergavenny, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need transparency if our democracy is to function correctly.
E Reekie	Largs, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We cannot allow the government of the day to remove the publics ability to access information that the government may find embarrassing or result in legal action against members of that government. We must have transparency in our parliament and all our public institutions.
michael quinn	Lewes, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is one of the few good pieces of legislation to be introduced by Tony Blair (and probably why he regrets it). It's also one of the very few ways in which the rich and powerful can be held to account. We let it be weakened at our peril.

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david gardiner	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Only people want to remove this must have something to hide.
Barbara Hughes	Sheraton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Freedom of Information Act protects our Human Rights.
Janet Clark	Swansea, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe information should be available to everyone
Ariane Leorier	Dartford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	we all deserve to know what is done with our taxes, these are meant for the public good of the many and weakest! personal use by already wealthy people is unacceptable and immoral.
DENNIS POWDRILL	LOUGHBOROUGH, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I WANT MY COUNTRY TO REMAIN FREE
Tomasz Sokolowski	Dartington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Any attempt to stifle freedom of information is a clear attempt to stifle the freedom that our ancestors fought to protect in the second world war. Let us not allow fascism to take root in this country. The people want a democracy and the kleptocracy must be made accountable for their crimes.
Phil Webber	Huddersfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI should be part of a properly democratic society. I understand that the Conservative govt want to diminish the "public interest" test on disclosure. This would be absolutely anti democratic.
Ryan Carey	Huddersfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is the right of any human to know when their name is being used by anybody who is a trusted party. The withdrawal or restriction on gaining information about ourselves is ludicrous.
John Bartholomew	Tobermory, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	it is high time that our parliament found out the meaning of personal integrity

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Michael Hamill	Dungannon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am sick and tired of seeing my friends and family suffering through poverty and the lack of financial support and securities. This huge embarrassment which we call "our government" take advantage of the system and we suffer for their crimes. Not because it's a necessity to the public, and not even as a necessity to them but only as a luxury to this small minority. What are we going to get back from this act of abuse from authority? Nothing. Nothing but criticism from these so called "experts" in the field who rip us all off out of our hard labour, and it's they who are criticizing something that they don't want to even look at; let alone to see the damage that they have done. It's costing people lives, securities (no, not the "terrorists" kind), homes, public services such as hospitals, schools, the post office and the quality of it all and even jobs. All for their own conveniences. It is us, the "little people," who pay for all of the taxes in the system whereas the 1 percent can almost profit everything almost tax free. It is the big businesses who can offer to dodge tax payments via offshore banking with the help of their accounts and among others who can find loopholes within the current system whilst all of the smaller businesses who can't afford to do this who suffer under their weight; and outrageously, it is the 1 percent of the whole damn country who is gaining the support of their government to profit from our neglect of needs as oppose the support of all of us and to our public welfare system. They're focused on building a stronger relationship with the 1 percent than the rest of us and it isn't like they need government support. Furthermore, the politicians themselves are also profiting from our austerity; they are part of that one percent after all. This is a disgusting act of using our money to support....no, to feed their greed which could've been better spent on our welfare, for everyone, needs to be exposed and for them to actually want to cover this up so badly and/or to reform the Freedom of Information Act doesn't really surprise me at the least, but nevertheless disgusts me all the more. This act is very important for us, it's the reason why we can use this knowledge of their sickening deeds to show the true colours of our current leaders, our current system and of all of our losses caused by their actions. They should be shamed for who they are and the public should have every right and place to hear and see from it, even if they don't ever get charged for it.
Nathan Wall	Barrow Hill, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We deserve to know, whatever we please
David Potts	Burntisland, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is important to keep this system in order to keep politicians honest.
Anna Bradley	Enderby, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Information should be free.
Andrew Watson	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is a vital tool for holding government to account. We cannot allow vested interests in Whitehall to weaken it for their own convenience.
Roger Jefferyes	Wrecclesham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Democracy can only work with understanding. Understanding is only gained from information and thought. We need the FOI act to allow the acquisition and clarification of information.
John Allen	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Abuse of system by MP's of all parties.
Janet Beattie	Cranbrook, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is so important that everything the government does is open to scrutiny; only bad government wants to hide decisions from the people who fund it.
Jim Middleton	Ashford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in our right to have the truth
Derek Grierson	BATHGATE, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Politicians work for us, not the other way round. They should not be able to dodge their accountability by secrecy.

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Marjorie Calder	Edgware, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The corruption must stop. We have to curb their corruption. This has to go out so everybody hears not just the few who just happen to hear in passing. We need it on posters, bill boards we need to saturate this every where
Ryan Mains	Hastings, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is needed to avoid repeat of scandals
Susan Mc Kenna McKenna	Hove, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom democracy
Jessica Robinson	Christchurch, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We have the right to this information.
David Johnstone	Giggleswick, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because all public services should be open to the freedom of information. If it is limited it can mean that those in authority have something to hide
Michael Byram	Durham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is fundamental to democracy which is being undermined
Bekir Mustafa	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	im signing because our freedoms in the UK should not be compromised in a shape or any form and no government has the right not to be accountable to those that they are supposed to represent
India Robinson	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The whole reason why the FOI act is around is to allow the public to be able to access most information lawfully. If they change this , then surely it's trying to prevent the public from gaining knowledge and possibly trying to hide something.
caroline staddon	Bosham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Public servants are accountable to the tax payer and we have the right to know what is happening . Any changes will lead to abuses by People in power .
Iain Harrison	HALIFAX, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There is no democracy without transparency
Faith Niyindeba	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'am because I am backing up 'Press Gazette campaign to protect the Freedom Information Act.
Linda Whittern	Broughton Astley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Fol is a very important way for the public to find out whether the misbehaviour they suspect is happening actually is ... and to enable them to take the next step in holding politicians and public officials to account.
Shelley Miller	Chorleywood, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's too easy for Government, Councils and companies to cover up things they don't want us to know. Just look at what happens on wikipedia when people self-edit! People can't be trusted to tell the truth
Paul Brownlee	Worthing, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is an important right for the press and public to obtain information that would otherwise be concealed by the Government and other agencies.
Guy Morgan-Harris	Twickenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is essential to ensure accountability at all levels of society. To remove the right to access this information freely would encourage corruption and criminal behaviour. Don't detract from the principle of the Freedom of Information Act.
Samuel Owen	Halesowen, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's detrimental to the general public.
John Clark	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We have had enough of government cover ups . Freedom of information is the only recourse we have when you have no confidence in Government or police to tell us the truth.
Lucy Dams	Swindon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Public spending should be transparent, the MPs involved were effectively stealing money from schools and hospitals and then blaming anyone but themselves for cuts and debt. Transparency makes for a fairer system and better spending.

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Emily Peschiera	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The government should be held to account for their actions and no one should be able to change the law to sweep their actions under the carpet
Janet Martin	Wallington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We are paying for the actions of public bodies, so it is our information.
Christopher Lewis	Evesham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I pay their wages therefore they must be accountable to me and other taxpayers!
Raymond Fox	Thatcham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	HMG are since Cameron took his arranged power over the british electorate are rapidly taking away any opertunaty to seek documentation they require
Leslie Bottomley	Withernsea, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I think this is a very important matter for the public good.
Ian Abbott-Donnelly	Stamford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is vital for good governance
Costi Zarifeh	Orpington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We cannot accept a diluted FOI Act. We will not accept taking a backward step on the FOI Act.
Nick Barnett	Croydon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MPs expenses was chicken feed compared to £200M to Arab princes. We need FOI.
Rowena Feeny	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	An essential tool for holding the Government to account and shining a light into the dark recesses of public bodies.
Eric Davis	Market Drayton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	While I am of the opinion that FOI cannot apply when the UK's security is at risk, in all other respects I believe that all government, quango and private sector organisations must be able to be held to account for their actions. The ability for evasion must be thwarted before it begins.
Bill Stabb	Farnham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We all need accountability. Consider the actions of some before the FOI act. Learn from history, PLEASE.
Claire Bell	Hull, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Whilst the Government seem intent on spying more and more on the general public of this country they appear to be very shy about revealing their own affairs...they must remain transparent
Dale Franks	Hirwaun, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Absolutly disgusting i totally agree with the foi...as mps think they can do what they want wen they can not!im fed up with this tory corruption.and i feel more needs to be done so that we now what they are spending tax payers money.after all this man has put me and my family though all these cuts.i was contimplating committing sueiside last year as the torys had made my life hell via all the cuts they have dorced on us so quickly...
Mairead Mackechnie	Bowmore, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to know what our public servants are doing with our money and with the power we give them. We also need to know how companies we support operate to make their profits.The UK is presently being run by a group of private schoolboys who feel that they and their cronies should not be answerable to hoi polloi. That is a recipe for abuse of power.
Timothy Hodges	PENRITH,, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Of vital importance that access to Information is not restricted further, nor their ability to delay increased.
Sharon Malyan	Coulsdon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because transparency should apply across the board.
george mcguire	Largs, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	parliament and MPs must be open and honest with the electorate.
Claire Poppetom	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is essential to democracy
Claire Moran	Hythe, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	because any thing hidden is open to abuse.and who's money is it anyway.?

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Kirke Ashton	Newton Mearns, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Government must not be allowed to veto requests for Freedom of Information, because politicians will use this to block any attempt to cover up their wrong doing's ie MP's expenses.
Liz Laidler	Rookhope, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency and accountability are vital in any meaningful democracy. Investigative journalism is crucial in promoting them. And that also goes for any citizen seeking information in the public interest.
JRosalind Scott	Wivenhoe, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI allows us all to be accountable, without it people may stray from reasonable behaviour and expenditure as they start to think they know better than the public.
Carmen Dillon	Herts, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Too many crooks around trying to hide what's important to the general public
Sadie-Michaela Harris	PETERBOROUGH, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The #Selfservative Government are trying to weaken the Freedom of Information because it does not suit them;- they appear to prefer cheating, lies and secrecy. The petition is to keep the Freedom of Information Act undiluted it takes 30 seconds :)
Neil Crocker	Littlehampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Everyone should be accountable, especially public servants.
Ken Wilkinson	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Its essential!
Drew Haughey	Gourock, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI requests should be a tool to encourage politicians to hide less (not more in creative ways)
Gavin Smethurst	Colchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is important that those in public office should be held to account by those who they supposedly represent.
Graeme Ison	Wendover, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It should not be possible for a select few to hide information when everyone else cannot.
Vanessa Mason	Minehead, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing because it is vital that everyone has a method of getting to the real truth of important issues
JONATHAN HANCOCK	Congleton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is of great service to me and should be cost free
Phillip Jones	Barry, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is important legislation which allows dialogue between government and public and should be strengthened - not diluted in any way.
Bhima Auro	The Midlands, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The current government is betraying the millions who died in two world wars to protect our fundamental rights and freedoms.
Jesse Weldon	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Value freedom
Christine Gillin	Barnstaple, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I do not trust politicians
Paul Marshall	Inverurie, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	People in authority must be accountable for their actions, and should not be able to hide behind priveledge.
Doug Harris	Stockton-on-Tees, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Honesty and transparency is a fundamental of democracy. If you have nothing to hide, you have no reason to be concerned ...
Ann Stewart	Guildford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I think the only reason for the Govt wanting to restrict access to this is because it wants to hide things that should be open to the public
Martin Ball	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	From FOI requests to Haringey Council we have learnt about the extent of state aid being given to private companies and relationships with property developers. These are ust two example of how local people can scrutinise the spending of public money. Without FOI legislation the public would not have got the fine detail of the decisions being made.

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John Lee	Horsham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We must not allow government officers or elected representatives to return to the days where they could hide important information that the public should have access to.
Mandy Le Flock	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	All actions taken by the politicians that WE vote for, should be transparent and accountable for!
Alick Miskin	Stroud, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Government needs to be accountable
Paul Haslam	Derry, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As just an ordinary citizen I have had to use the FOI and any restrictions on it and the Environmental Information regulations would make it much harder for people like me to hold authorities to account.
Ian Smith	Ferndown, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need transparency of information
Jaroslav Kurimsky	Bournemouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	public should have easy access to the information about how public money is spent.
bryan passey	lochgilphead, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It holds all matters to account ,
david Lloyd	Lancing, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I don't trust the Government.
roger daniel	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	IT's important
jason bowen	Chelwood Gate, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency over public money is an essential part of democracy.
Nigel Turner	Thurston, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is an important element of a free and democratic society
Philip McNulty	Stoke-on-Trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because I believe in totally open government. If you have nothing to hide, prove it.
Michael Clinch	Bexley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I don't think people should be able to manipulate the act to avoid embarrassing disclosures
Robert Bard	Barnet, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because I'm worried about the state of our so called democracy
Bradley Round	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency shouldn't need to be bought!!
Barry Heath	Wimborne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need the legislation to keep a check on government and organisations who think they are above the law and are very cavalier with other peoples money.
Denis Shackleton	Rochester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is our right to know what is going on in our country..
nigel watkinson	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Politicians obviously can't be trusted to be honest, so openness is the only way.
C P R	Dudley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	A modern pillar of democracy, hands off!
Eric Christoffersen	Northallerton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	No one is exempt from the law, especially our public servants, and that is supposed to be what our MPs are.
Pete Bevington	Shetland, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need open and transparent government.
Ken Elmer	Trowell, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	To protect democracy
Anthony Green	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI ensures we can hold our governments to account
Michael McGrath	Londonderry, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI act is EXTREMELY important and HAS to be protected
Nicola Lynch	Chiswick, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Government needs to be accountable

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george baker	manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Im signing cos we need more openness about where. how and on what public money is spent.
Donna Hopton	Gt Yarmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The better the transparency the smaller the risk
Catherine Hughes	Blackpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	All information needs to be open and transparent to reduce government and corporate crime. Its simple, nothing to hide nothing to fear from this
Brian Jones	Crowthorne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because I don't trust any politician or civil servant. There is increasing evidence that uncomfortable information is suppressed - not to mention blatant dishonesty.
Una McKernan	LONDON, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Its important to have transparency and to be able to question what we want
Chris Gargano	Horsham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	everything and everyone has to be transparent .
Peter Milner	Pill, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The story of how we are governed is not being fully told.
Andrew Blake	Eastleigh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that FOI is necessary for the functioning of democracy.
Rebecca Savies	swansea, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	In today's society we need to remain open and honest.
Kath Godfrey	Wigan, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe any public body which is set up for the public good should be open to scrutiny by the public.
Alana Johnston	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I have used th FIA to identify information required to provide services for disabled people. I could not access the info any other way
John Lea	Newton Valence, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I don't trust any one with power.
Dionisia Dimotsos	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is a powerful tool for good. I know it's been abused at times for spurious tabloid fodder, but the principle is good and must be defended.
Anna McKnight	Newcastle-upon-Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It sounds like you want to have one law for the rich and one for the poor again. A backward step.
sarah graham	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Please ensure that crucial information is available to those who need it for important work. Quality journalistic investigation is central to our democratic process.
Piero Rodrigues	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	No matter how good a government is, there is no excuses WHATSOEVER to use tax payer money for personal purchases. This is what socialists want, not what hard working people want
Matt Penfold	Boncath, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The only reason for a Government to curtail the FOI is hide something, most often its incompetence. This should not be allowed to happen.
Bob Willey	Cheltenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The clue is in the name of the act: FREEDOM of Information - we don't want a Partial Freedom Act and especially not one that protects MPs
christopher smith	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	They cant stop the truth just to protect the fact that they constantly steal from us all
John Telford	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The principle of freedom to access information held by public bodies must be maintained. It is in the absolute interest of a free and fair democratic state to do so. No watering down.
Margaret LaMay	Lakeland, FL	2015-11-06	We the people need to know what you all are up to.

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Jeremy Sheard	Buckland Dinham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	What's the point of a freedom of information act if it can't be used to get information? Or do our M.P.'s consider the the law does not apply to them?
Paul bell	Elgin, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because I believe in it
Martin Hirst	Winterbourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I don't trust the people who govern. Transparency is a right.
Debbie Wayman	Bangor, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	they need to be clear about what they claim for
Kim Davis	Bognor Regis, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Without a strong FOI act we have no democracy.
Jan Kelly	Hereford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Freedom of Information Act was a step forward, toward greater accountability and more democracy. Why would we want to take a step backwards?
Bilal Elmi	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Well-done FOI, and we are with you guys
David Ellis	Mansfield Woodhouse, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The fact that they wish to cut it down to size indicates that they wish to cover things up. Don't let them.
Terry Shoebridge	Tonbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If they are acting in our name we need to know what they are up to.
Stuart Bannister	Tonbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We pay MP's salaries and other costs and therefore have the right to know how careful they are being used.
Martin Payne	Perth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	One mark of a free society is openness. nly state sucurity matters should be kept restricted, everything else thoud be available to the public.
John Haran	Leigh-on-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because weakening the FOI Act would weaken both our democracy and faith in our politicians.
paul ingrams	Aberystwyth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Secrecy is power.
Paul Owens	Troedyrhiw, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Parliamentarians and other so-called "hierarchy" have been getting away with robbing the public purse for too long, whilst pointing their crooked fingers at the needy, calling them 'the enemy' whilst the greedy continue to prosper and whittle away every Human right we have to a decent existence. They MUST be stopped!
william malley	haslingden, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MP's were a money grabbing set of hypocrites, who knows what else "the establishment" is hiding?
Barrie Sharrock	West Somerton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Hiding information that should be in the public domain re-inforces the common view that "they" are either on the fiddle/gravy train or have something to hide. It is time that Parliament recognised the people that pay them and elect them.
Mark Lowe	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is yet another attack by government on our freedom, to cover up their mistakes and deceit.
fergus roche	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	this data should be transparent. Seems important that those we elected to run the state for us should be transparent - especially on something so simple i.e. their expenses. Will take all the noise out of this situation.
jonathan proctor	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FIO is vital to our democracy.
Tamlyn scott	Havant, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Governments are just as accountable as everyone else in how they use public money.
frank kerrigan	Gosport, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is an essential tool of a true democracy. We cannot afford to lose it.
SHARAD BAWDEKAR	LONGFIELD, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Public has a right to information which Govt. hols.

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Robert Trinder	Seaford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	transparency is an essential part of a democracy and government by consent of the people.
Karen Osborne	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is essential and should apply to all people.
Jeremy Green	Chipping Campden, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I live in "Rip off Britain" and the FOI helps us to protect ourselves against it. The worst thieves are at the top.
Julia Vickers	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Why would anyway give away such an important right - why do they want to remove this right?!
Michael Dawson	Cardigan, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The act has opened up public services and government to public scrutiny & should not be watered down, only a government with things to hide would consider this!
Benjamin Ish-Horowicz	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Otherwise we'll never really know why we invaded Iraq
Fiona Simpson	Bracknell, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MPs are there because we voted them in. I want to know how they are spending MY money. The FOI Act is one way that their spending of public funds can be challenged.
tony higgs	Luton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	no secrets no lies = trust hide and we seek = truth open and honest accountability = faith of the nation.
Raj Kamal Gupta	ilford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing because freedom of information applies to all not just hospital staff. Ministers cant be exempt.
Teresa west	Kennington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We're watched closely but government think they can do what they like when they like λ. I don't think so we're all human beings just because they have power shouldn't mean they are untouchable.
joseph adams	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information was a hard fought battle to achieve. Why let porky Cameron and his toadies take it away.
phillip crumpton	Halesowen, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	informed decisions are better than blind guesses
Michael Appleyard	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's a real pity that I feel that I need to sign this... Because people cannot be trusted unless they know they can potentially be found out and have to take the consequences of their actions....
Denise Simpson	Horsham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We have a RIGHT to know what the public bodies are up to and definitely not have to pay for the 'privilege'!
SRJohn Haines	Wotton-unde-Edge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	"Daylight is the best anticeptic", quote from David Cameron !!!!
Alan Peagam	london, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	it's right to do so
Duval Palgrave	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because i want them all to be always accountable for their actions.
Marie Sleight	Nuneaton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I totally agree with your views.
Juliet Clark	Holywell Green, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is one of the ways to hold the government to account. We need this to be robust.
Peter Hawke	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We must be able to see what our government is actually doing.
Dennis M	Crediton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Our democracy is at an all time low with the establishment constantly ignoring or bypassing the wishes of the people
Susan Henderson	Ewhurst, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Government needs to MORE not less transparent

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Sonia Reilly	Hitchin, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Don't let the govt stop us having access to MPs expenses and more Freedom of Information
debra wellbelove	Harlow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in the rights of the individual to access information that deserves to be seen..that may have an important bearing on all our lives. Our freedoms are what seperates our country from the doctatorships of the world.
Michael Holmes	Hutton Rudby, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's important that the government of any colour is held to account for its actions and FOI is key to ensuring that the public is not hoodwinked.
Stephen Padmore	Carnforth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am old enough to remember when the state was less afraid of its citizens
Barry Connolly	Solihull, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	'Sunlight is the best disinfectant....!!**!!
Conrad Romer	Harrogate, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I strongly believe in the FOI Act as a power for good in increasing transparency and accountability in society.
Steven Sayers	Farthingstone, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I do not trust the politicians
Pernille Smout	Kingsbarns, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Freedom of Information Act protects the public from abuses of power.
Graham Avison	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This government is led by a compulsive liar and if they change the FOI legislation it will only assist Cameron in hiding the truth on many issues.
Barry Ackroyd	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Rights of the individual are uppermost..
Theresa Clayton	Narborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that information should be shared for the common good and accountability.
Bryan Huckvale	Nuneaton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We the people have a right to know what those elected to govern are doing.
Christoph Bittner	Hemel Hempstead, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	All citizens have to obide the same laws. Politician shouldn't be exempt. This would be the end of Democracy.
Alan Jeary	Shrewsbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am a member of the public who believes in democracy and the FOI Act is part of holding those in power to account.
james fitzsims	Bootle, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Another attempt to keep us in our place.
Ishbel Tuthill	Saltcoats, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I firmly believe MPs should not be able to claim any expenses. The public can't claim axpenses in their jobs.
Tom Ormiston	Ellesmere Port, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	much good has come from the FOI
Donal Donnelly-Wood	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	For a real democracy to exist it is essential that citizens have access to information about what is being done in their name. Freedom of Information is a mark of a real democracy.
Martin Rayner	Windermere, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It was the greatest thing a Conservative government did to make government accountable
Ronald Cox	Fordingbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I do not want democratic rights of ordinary citizens to be reduced. Also I abhor the thought of so called elites being less accountable for their actions.
Dale Ambrosius	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Nice try, Call Me Dave. Your little liaison a la pork is already common knowledge, and we won't let you hide your other skeletons from public sight!
Richard Harris	Nuneaton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in the freedom of information, and if governments are allowed to spy on us, we should be allowed to spy on them
John King	Dunstable, Bedfordshire, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I want honesty from the top down.

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Chris Faulkner	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We can't lose this right, the right to know what the people running our democracy are doing.
Ian Reader	Lancaster, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI Act is an important element in producing transparency in public life and in holding organisations such as government to account. Weakening the act is the sort of thing only those with things to hide would engage in.
Peter Whittick	Crawley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is a vital part of democracy!
Chris Mitchell	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Parliament needs to be accountable - they are supposed to be our servants, not our masters!
Adam McKay	Limavady, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Our public representatives lie to us often enough, they should not have the option to hide the truth as well, it should all be discoverable.
Alex Craven	Bristol, England, United Kingdom, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	democracy is meaningless without accountability, and accountability is impossible without access to information.
John Barlow	Upham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The creation of veto powers and the reestablishment of secrecy in relation to the FOI act threatens our democratic principals regarding free speech.
Paul Llewellyn	Gloucester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Government have a very poor reputation and behave badly. I want to know what they are up to.
Stanley Williams	Sevenoaks, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am sick of the 'ruling classes' ignoring the electorate. They must listen and do as we say. That is democracy and is their only justification for existing in the first place. Information about their activities is essential for the public good.
Stephen Martin	Prescott, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in full access to our government data and freedom of all government information - not selected 'snips'
Joan Newman	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	No more secrets this information should be freely available.
phil vasili	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	What have they got to hide? We need to know to hold them accountable. What they do, they do in our name with our permission.
paul holden	Kingskerswell, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	we don't want a civil war
Mark Estdale	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI matters
Rhona Giles	ELLEL, LANCASTER, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that we have a right to know what the government is doing/has done on our behalf. They are supposed to be our representatives NOT our rulers!
Denis Bowers	Middleton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	we elect them to act in our interest and have a right to access information
Amanda Simpson	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency of government or any major organisation is of paramount importance for those whose lives are effected by their decision-making.
Dolores Palmer	Rugeley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that we should continue to have access to information that is pertinent to the public
Michael Lindsay	Guildford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is a vital tool to help keep government to account. Should not be compromised
Sylvia. Randall	Aylesford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The government are a load of crooks, and need showing up.
charles hird	york, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I do not want this act adulterated in any way as it serves the public well and no one has anything to fear including mp,s unless they are doing anything illegal.
Laura Carey	Brentwood, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need transparency from those in the government

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Julie Barrett	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's our right to know what our money is being spent on and to enable us to take organisations to task.
Luna Ibrahim	Buckingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I don't want to live in a police state.
simon waters	cheltenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency and accountability should be at heart of what public bodies do
Jonathan Baggott	Shepperton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	On the one hand this Government want greater powers to spy on citizens, and yet they want to curb our rights to scrutinise them! Is this democracy, then?!
gary robinson	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MP's, Councillors, Police establishment, etc should NOT be above the law. These people are employed by us, it should be up to us to decide who gets to see what. We don't put people in power to have them abuse that power!
Ian Forman	Bembridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is vital to retain the FOI provisions unchanged
Jean Carmichael	Bexleyheath, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We have been robbed enough.
Lawrence Bond	Leatherhead, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Do not want information hidden
Judy Rose	Devizes, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If the FoI Act is changed, it will make it almost impossible for anyone to find out vital information on a whole raft of issues. It isn't just national government that needs to be transparent, and we need to continue to be able to hold all public bodies to account properly.
Daphne Campbell	Glossop, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signed because I have also had problems with FOI when I asked our MP for some information he refused saying he had to take legal advice and we never heard from him again.
Ian Bellion	Redditch, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MPs are our representatives. No more than that. Everything they do and everything the government does is supposedly on our behalf and in our name - and that means we're entitled to see everything.... even if it does make David Cameron go an unhealthy shade of red when yet another grubby little fix is revealed.
Hazel Rose	Hexham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	because i have good reason to believe that organisations and institutions will do anything to 'hide' inevitable failings and mistakes. The FOI gives ordinary people some potential for addressing injustice and misuse of public monies etc. A healthy society should actively seek transparency.
George Gretton	WATFORD, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	To weaken the Freedom of Information Act, that I regularly use in my Crime and Fraud Investigations, would be a Gross Obscenity... a Perversion..
joshua sims	Cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There should be a level of transparency with the government including what MP's and what they do with my money
Joseph Dance	Ramsgate, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is one of the few tools we have have to hold public officials to account.
Paul Robinson	York, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is important for the public to be allowed to ask questions and get answers from our elected representatives and publically funded bodies
Kanti Patel	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of Information act must never be weakened to maintain "Our Democracy". Regards Kanti Patel
June Smart	Truro, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am convinced of the need for public servants to be accountable for their actions and outcomes

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Tom Field	walsall, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because it's ridiculous how we trust politicians with the country's finances despite continuous proof that they aren't to be trusted.
Ian Kassell	Holmesfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOIs already being ignored by Sheffield Council as being vexacious and malicious about a 200 yr old tree - don't let the Tories weaken it further Its what should be democracy
Gabrielle Chandler	Bedford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We have learned that you have no respect for us and that we have to watch your every move!
Karen Miller	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MPs often can't be trusted and we cannot allow them to shake off this important limiter of their behaviour.
Brian Duffy	Stewarton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in FOI.
John Duncan	Cheltenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in freedom of Information and we need to keep those in power under scrutiny otherwise our government will become as corrupt as other un-accountable governments in the world.
Lindsay Bamfield	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Anything I do in my working life is open and honest and can be examined to that effect. Our government institutions must be the same.
Anand Kumria	Islington, London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	They want to know every last detail of our lives, but hide what they do behind a cloak of secrecy.
Valerie Allen	Rotherham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is important that the same level of transparency exists at all levels of society - in particular where public money is involved, which should be used with due diligence. The FOI Act is key to protecting the rights of the public to this information.
julie willey	Doncaster, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	this is everyones right to ask question
eamon Scanlon	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because the money that's mispent belongs to me and the rest on the law binding taxpayers
Philip Byrnes	Hull, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparent Government is a trusted Government
Frances Dady	Swindon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If the current government can change this law to suit their own ends, what else will they be capable of doing?
Linda Russ	Billericay, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in a free Britain!
Andy Buckley	Penicuik, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI has been an overwhelming force for good, allowing scrutiny of how government operates. Yes, it has side-effects and is not free, but there are already protections against cost escalation and vicarious requests. The benefits far outweigh the costs -- for the state of the nation as a whole, if not for the political establishment. Which is rather the idea.
Laura Lee	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	More access to our private data and less access to publicly relevant data?. Why not just start calling us minions rather than citizens. Outrageous.
Jo Tucker	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI keeps big organisations accountable
john pipal	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	it's imperfect but has been responsible for bringing much important material into the public domain
Allan Cole	Radlett, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is essential to ensure the public has the right to know the actions taken by the government and other tax funded bodies.
John Covington	Bridlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	To stop the money grubbing scroungers get away with their theft whilst depriving those who need help of that financial help.
Geoffrey Kerr	Skipton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There is no democracy without transparency.

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Allan Murphy	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It seems strange that I he very moment the government wants to look at all of our Internet details it wants to stop us looking at theirs.
Jane Allport	Whitehaven, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is essential that this service access is free of charge to enable transparency in the many fields of operation.
Ian Cunningham	Westbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'd rather put up with the abuse and waste of money which no doubt happens than reduce anyone's right to ask and know.
Ray Ashton	Southport, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Investigative journalists have exposed corruption and sharp practice in government and business which would otherwise remain hidden. Any measures to restrict or veto this vital role must be resisted at all costs.
Graham Small	Saint Mellons, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing this petition because we need to have open government, both locally and nationally.
Ron Bartholomew	Isleworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Free citizens are entitled to learn the truth which should not be concealed..
Eric dickinson	Melton Mowbray, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Politicians lie
Andre Grant	Epsom, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing this partition because I think it important we have transparency and trust in government.
Roger Clarke	Baunton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We pay the tax we have a right to know by whom and how it is spent.
Ian McCrory	Sidcup, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Why should the government be able to hide damning information about their actions until a time when there is no course for retribution
Mark O'Donoghue	Huddersfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If MPs have nothing to hide then they have nothing to worry about. Weakening the FOI would be an abuse of power. They are already on shaky ground with the new snooping laws.
Jonathan Fisher	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is essential we have information and challenge the way government makes decisions. We need to hold MPs and other government bodies to account. FOI is a valuable tool in this democratic processs
syphi s	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that FOI is vital for transparency, trust and calling people to account.
Peter Barnes	Harrogate, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that freedom of information is imperative for both democracy and investigative journalism.
Rhian Worrell	Llansteffan, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is one of the very few ways of creating some transparency in our so called democracy!
John Dunne	Staines-upon-Thames, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	They have too much control over there Expenses as it is and they need to cut back. No more Second Mortgages and reduce what they can claim for on Expenses. Cut it back to basics. a Transparent government is an honest Government.
Catherine Phillips	Aberdeeb, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in transparency
nige waggy	Spain	2015-11-06	its needed
Stuart Graham	High Peak, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI is essential in a modern democracy. Our rulers may not like it but that is the reason we need it. We do not trust them. Given they have to divulge their goings on they may be more careful about getting involved in nefarious activities.
Peter C Hawkins	Ivychurch, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe there should be complete transparency in the spending of public funds. After all they pay the taxes and should be able to see how they are spent. Clarity will reduce abuses for certain.

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Raj Jeyaraj	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We want more transparency. Not less
Robert Salmon	Swansea, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI in it's current form is vital in order to protect the rights of the individual, any changes would detrimental
David Young	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	the FOI act has made decision makers think harder about the consequences of their actions. A succession of unintended (and adverse) consequences has characterised the current government's activities. I think this is a backdoor way of keeping the lid on.
Ian McDonald	Kilsyth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is really necessary !!!!
Arran Frod	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Freedom of information act is the best piece of legislation the UK has introduced in 20 years. Tony Blair regrets introducing it, which tells you all you need to know.
Terry Jackson's	Hornchurch, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	i believe in transparency at all levels,as the goverment keep telling us if you have nothing to hide why worry
Aileen McCulloch	Lanark, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Any attempt to alter the Act would be a totally retrograde step
dave macready	northampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	All governments try to extend THEIR powers and reduce ours. They must be constantly told they are Public Servants nit Tin Gods.
Paul Curtis	Maldon, Essex, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The government MUST be accountable to the voters
Daniel Edwards	Wantage, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Don't keep secrets from the people you serve
Shaun Forsyth	Exeter, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Information is power
David Priddy	Datchet, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	All public bodies must be held accountable and answerable to the people.
mick silkstone	holmfirth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We should have the right to no what's going on.
steve roy	london, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We must keep the executive in check, and the FOI Act plays a part of that task.
jeannette george	Grays, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm a taxpayer and have worked hard for NHS for 25 years
Chris Potts	Barnsley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	it's war!!!
Steve O'Connell	Leigh on Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Its the only way to keep track of all the pigs with their noses in the public trough!
doug peacock	Northampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to be able to trust or have access !
Bea Pitt	Shirley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency needs to remain! The people rule this country, not the government. The government is only there by the grace of the people & as such, it is the people's right to know what is being done in their name
David Bryant	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Even as somebody who has to deal with FOI requests as part of my job, and frequently had to work extra hours to deal with queries around them, I know how much the act has done to make Britain a more transparent and accountable country.
Margaret Cameron	Duns, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The expenses scandal reflects badly on the few honest MP s they are there to represent us not rip us off
Tim Parish	Southend-on-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If they want to know everything about us, we deserve to know everything about them.

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Philip May	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is essential to a true democracy (and even to ours)
Mary Maclachlan	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because information is essential for confidence in the management of the country.
Johanna Lundstrom	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Without transparency, no democracy. Keep the Freedom of Information Act :)
Tonya Hountingwolf Billington	Shaftesbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is wrong to take our rights away.
Eric Sixsmith	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is the one organization that gives us, the public, the opportunity to see what You , the people we have elected at an exhorbitant salary, are stealing out of the public purse. so KEEP your Hands Off, they are dirty enough as it is.
Alan Johnson	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is vital for our democratic system that we oppose any attempt to restrict access to informationby weakening this Act
William Nolan	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If a country & it's government is truely open to the electorate that it claims to represent, and is genuinely democratic & fair, it will NOT have any problems with the electorate (who employs that government) having total access to the information,
Alison Brown	Kirkcaldy, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need this if we are to curb corruption - no-one should be exempt!
Iona Macphie	Sutton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because it is vitally important that information and reports from government departments and public bodies can be scrutinised. As has already been proven, without this 'safety net' there is a huge danger that 'spin' and 'cover-ups' will take the place of proper debate about how the country should be run.
Annabelle May	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI Act is an essential element of a modern democracy, and in a society of increasing state surveillance it is something all citizens must fight to retain.
shaun Huckin	Swindon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MPs soon revert to pond life if they are not checked.
Julian Todd	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	open government is a cornerstone of democracy
Steve Coultas	Stretton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Steve coultas
Naomi Stanley	Hove, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	this is essential to keep and maintain our country's honesty and integrity.
Julie Edwards	Witney., United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MPs would have one rule for themselves and another for the rest of the public sector and the public at large if the FOI Act was tampered with. In short they would abuse their power , it is after all human nature to do so.
Bob Hudson	Durham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need transparency in how we are governed and by whom
Jacqueline Packer	East Grinstead, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's fair. I work for a public organisation and complying is sometimes difficult but it makes change happen, and services improve.
Cecilia Presho	Antrim, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is vital & this gov have taken enough of our freedoms. We must stand together.
Alan Turner	Sutton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing this petition because I'm sick and tired of politicians sitting behind their polished desks pontificating and making laws and rules which we the public are supposed to respect, obey and live by, while they abuse those very laws and rules and feather their own nests at our expense. While all the time they purport to protect us, the general public who do all the work.
Keith Simpson	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	government of the people, by the people and for the people demands transparency

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Gary Byrne	Alresford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We must have transparency in government. No more cover ups!
Rosemary Bryant	Surrey, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because as a citizen in a democracy access to information, as currently possible, is necessary for me to have an informed vote and hold public bodies and parliament to account. FOI should mean more confidence in those in power. To diminish FOI in any way will lead to less trust and more suspicion.
Chris Rusbridge	Kenilworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is a foundation stone for our democracy.
Leon Marc Michel	Norwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	HM Government must respect the rights of citizens to know the truth about how we are governed and how our tax contributions to the public purse are spent. Stretching the genuine need for confidentiality about sensitive matters the disclosure of which could jeopardise the safety of individuals - physical, psychological or social - should not be stretched to protect public servants' abuse of their status or of public resources for their personal benefit. Nor should public servants be allowed to invoke 'confidentiality' to resist disclosure of incompetence or malpractice on their part or in their area of responsibility
John Packer	Callington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in freedom of information
Allen Copsey	Notts, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is all important to a democracy; government processes and documents should be open by default. The FOI Act goes part of the way to achieving that
Jennifer Robinson	Kennington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Why on earth would we weaken the FOI act, when it is an accomplishment to be so proud of. To go ahead with this proposition would be a big step in the wrong direction.
Dave Langstaff	Aberystwyth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The scrutiny offered by the Freedom of Information act is essential to the proper functioning of democracy. If people in positions of power are doing nothing wrong, they have nothing to fear from Freedom of Information.
David Braithwaite	Stockport, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing this because MP's cannot be trusted to do the decent thing, they are generally just out to feather their own nests and stuff the public
Gurpreet Kang	Crawley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's out of order
Bee Benton	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The public needs to know how it's money is spent. I have no doubt some MPs are still abusing their power, wouldn't trust them, or some members of the Lords, as far as I could throw them - and I'm 68 and disabled, so that's not far!
Paul Turner	Royal Leamington Spa, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I mistrust the motives of people who actively pursue a position of power and authority!
Graham Hillier	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We don't want another MP expenses debacle
Scottyboy Hodgson	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Any attempt to clamp down on the ability to research the transparency and legitimacy of large public and private organisations' actions is abhorrent.
Mike Sault	Canterbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	it's important for democracy.
Paul Beards	Wolverhampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that thieving bastards like those politicians who blatantly rob public funds should be taken off the streets.
David Ogden	Ashton under Lyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We have the right to know what our elected politicians and other unelected public organisations are doing, especially when public money is being used to fund their activities.

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John fillingham	Clacton-on-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We pay bill and therefore should have the right to know who is doing what.
Andrea Douglas	Hucknall, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Without it we can't expose MP's when they do wrong.
Tony Chesterman	Lesbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Please let us have no further erosion of our liberties!
Dianne Gallagher	Hull, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We are all in it together - hahaha you theiving cretins.
J Crowe	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Governments are the peoples' government only and the people must have the right to know information that affects them.
David Hardman	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Green Paper on Higher Education proposes to exempt public universities from FOI requests. This must also be stopped.
Derek Turner	Teignmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Public bodies with nothing to hide also have nothing to fear.
Alan Gibson	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is vital in for a real democracy rather than an "elected dictatorship" that residents know what their representatives are taking home with them in cash or kind (physical) terms. The so -called Westminster Parliament should take a leaf out of the Scottish Parliaments book and have full public declaration of all MP's interests and expenditures of public money. I was always surprised when the then Prime Minister Gordon Brown insisted on this for the Scottish parliament but ignored it for the Westminster parliament. Its time to keep FOI as it stands and in fact to strengthen it.
John Stubbington	Medstead, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Freedom of Information Act is a very important part of democracy. I have used this Act from time to time and only once had my request denied - for very good national security reasons that I understand and accept. Attempts to constrain the Act must be resisted but I accept that it may be improved.
Deborah Spaven	Hartlepool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If the government feels it's right to have free access to my emails then visibility should work both ways
Rona mcnulty	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We are a democracy and our ancestors fought for our freedom. Nothing should be kept from the public by a responsible government. If our emails and phones have to be monitored so should the establishments. Decent honest People should manage our country, not evil, selfish, pervertef, crooked ones. They need to be flushed out via open knowledge for all.
Aidan Moore	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If they've got nothing to hide, they shouldn't be afraid! Yes, I'm using their own words against them!
John Mckenna	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Power needs to be held to account, it is the keystone of democracy.
Michael Rayner	Folkestone, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing this because F o I is an essential platform for a modern democracy to openly function.
Keith Cradden	Londonderry, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I have used FOI to good effect and it is a vital tool for people or organisations to scrutinise what is happening within government.Denial of such scrutiny is a denial of human rights and raises serious questions as to why does government wish to avoid such scrutiny
Daphne Gourley	Londonderry, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe the public should know how governments are spending our tax and when no information is allowed abuses occur.
Nick Wood	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If something is in the public interest we should be able to find out about it, in todays world it seems bureaucracy is forever trying to keep things from us
Nicholas Bird	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Tories are divisive

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Gerry Haddrell	Kirkcaldy, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to know what the government is doing in our name, and as the taxpayers pay these expenses we are the employer and should be able to see the original expense claims
Chris Jones	Newton Abbot, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If the government does it the people should know about it.
Joanne Price	New Ollerton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	we have the right to see what these scum bags spend our taxes on.
Sheila Walters	Stoke-on-Trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is a democratic essential for a better and more open society.
Harvey Smith	Bournemouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	What have they got to hide?
Chris Hammond	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The fact that MPs want to change the FOI just makes me think there is more they want to cover up. Without it we will never keep them honest
Maurice Fox	King's Lynn, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	because Cameron & the Tories are bare face LIARS Cameron said in 2010 & again since that is his Government would be the most transparent ever but their always trying to hide everything from the UK public
Andrew Burrows	Greinton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Public accountability is SO IMPORTANT - and far too many people in public service seem to behave as if accountability is a quaint and inappropriate issue.
Sylvia Percival	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The public pay for many of the costs of local and central government and therefore have a right to know the money is being spent in the public interest.
Pat & Derek Beeton	Sutton Coldfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We don't want any dilution of the current "in force" legislation
Phil Garvey	Wokingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is a fundamental human right and must be protected.
Jon Bain	Aberdeen, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There should be nothing to hide
Gareth Moore	Gordon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because the value of FoI requests has been proved time and again. Those in positions of power are not beyond bending or breaking the rules and as such they shouldn't be beyond public scrutiny. We pay their wages and we have a right to see how they behave on our behalf.
Andrea Gill	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I
Chris Farley	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Everyone needs to know what's in their records if only to put the right
Desmond Mottram	Combe Martin, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I pay taxes so I'm entitled to information which I have paid to be gathered and held by government, which serves me, unless it is not in the national interest to release it. We do not want civil servants and the government trying to hide information which by right is ours to see. The FOI act should be more permissive, not less.
Carl Winkless	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing this petition as freedom of information is our democratic right and democracy is our freedom.
Adrian Platts	Killamarsh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The public have a right to know how their money is spent. We elect the government to act in our best interest and therefore should be completely transparent where spending our money is concerned. The only time I would agree with exemption from the FOI act is if the information in question is of SERIOUS detriment to national security. Other than that there is no reason we should not be informed.

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Clare Stringfellow	Wembley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	In spite of working in public organisation and I realise that the act can be frustrating to deal with, I recognise that the wider public interest is served by the Act. Besides, if Tony Blair regrets bringing it in, it must be worth it.
John Gillham	Welling, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I desire the totally open Government that democracy demands, and that David Cameron once promised.
Linda Graham	Huddersfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's only right & fair that everyone be transparent when they are a public servant
christopher sheppard	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because... i think we have the right to know information that, without the act, would be hidden from us, the general public.
Cordell Nicholas	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because the public needs to know what their government is really up to on our so-called behalf.
Grant Shaw	Wombwell, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am dirt
Martin Hayes	Exeter, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We cannot allow those in power to hide their activities (or resulting consequences) where these conflict with either the law, appropriate standards or their responsibility to both the electorate and the taxpayer.
Dominic Mason	Rugby, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	A strong Freedom of Information Act is essential to the accountability of government, and if anything, needs to be strengthened to require government to be more open and responsive to requests. It should not require a Court Order to get a government department to release information that is in the public interest, and it should be made illegal for government ministers to use systems that hide their discussions, meetings and emails from a FOI request
Peter Davis	Dumfries, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need transparency from those in public life
Hazel Millington	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There can be only one agenda to hide the cost of politicians' expenses to the public purse!
chester verner	Upperlands, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As an ex police officer I firmly believe that the FOI Act is a very important piece of legislation which is of vital importance in today's society where there are so many secrets within various offices which without it would be unobtainable by those seeking the truth.
Jon Davies	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	why on earth not ?
James Rice	Surbiton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's essential we retain this act to hold our government accountable.
DAVID PORTER	Braintree, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Information is a fundamental right.
John Long	Gravesend, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is vital in a democracy.
Alana Jelinek	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Open government means good government. Accountability keeps us all doing the right thing and FOI is a tool of accountability.
Gwen Marriott	Rotherham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	They work for the public and if nothing to hide why try and change the law
Jes Flower	leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Elected members of parliament should remain accountable to the public who voted them in.
Paul Freeman	High Wycombe, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Introduced by Blair and one of the best things he ever did. HANDS OFF

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Stephen Wan	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It will undermine trust which is already at an all time low.
Andrea Lightfoot	Effingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI very important for continued transparency in Government
Samantha Hogan	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is of the utmost importance that this act isn't limited or watered down in any way!!
John George	Prenton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's been a success. That may be why they want to destroy it.
David Whitehead	Birkenhead, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is another nail in the coffin of our democracy. Another bite at citizens rights. Little by little, government policies designed to control every aspect of our lives are surreptitiously being introduced. All designed to protect the upper corrupt classes who want to rule us.
Peter collins	Locks Heath, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I totally agree.
Alan Braddock	Wakefield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Our representatives in Parliament have a responsibility to US. They - we suppose - are generally honest.... but we need to be sure of this. To restrict our right to see what they are claiming as legitimate expenses means that the system is available for abuse, as has already been seen in the past. We, the people who pay their wages need this right without hindrance.
peter gammon	woking, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	An essential tool for openness
John Thorpe	Beverley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The freedom of information act and the freedom of the press is the most fundamental right of the British people and should not be interfered with by politicians and unelected civil servants.
Susan Whitaker	Bishop Monkton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Someone has to hold the government to account
Gary Gordon	Exminster, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We, the people, need this freedom of information act to be as it is as there is too much corruption around.
barbara waters	Ipswich, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	They get away with everything biggest bunch of freeloaders ever
Mike Mitchell	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm not convinced there is a good enough reason to weaken the Act. It's important that the general public have access to information.
Pete Daly	Weymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I have a right to know how those elected to power are using this given power
rick salt	Oldham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	These people want to know our business why should we not know there's.
Bart Baarbe	Orpington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because we live in a democracy.
zoe syson	Farnsfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As a parent of a child with Autism i nearly used the FOI Act to support my child's educational placement and i know many parents in a similar position have and found it very valuable when gathering evidence to support cases.
Rachael Nicholls	Ashington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Those who are against this, are those who have something to hide!
Alistair Burn	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Things need to be as transparent as possible for us to trust MP's. They can see our affairs so we should be able to see theirs.
Kee Wee	Enfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	because its our money. It needs to be spent wisely and not abused!
George Bayes	Thornton Dale, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because we need to spend more time getting involved in our democratic system and keeping a clear eye on what those buggers are doing in Westminster!
Gary Sterry	Lowestoft, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If the MPs want to take out food out of my families mouth I wanna know where there putting it

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tom koniuszy	manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information means politicians can be held trsponsible fortheir actions and its as important as democracy...
Thomas STERN	LONDON, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I want things run in a very straightforward way.
Tom Shiner	Hoxne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Eden Baxter rocks the hous
Dave Tooke	Salisbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of Information, like Freedom of Speech, is vital for any healthy democracy. Without either then we have overbearing government influence.
Christopher Wilson	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Mistrust of politicians of any party
Hugh Knopf	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	we must ensure that institutions of power must respect and remain accountable to the public interest that they seek to look after and protect
John Malone	Yate, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I don't think there should be any hiding place for crooks
John Callaghan	Truro, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	"If you have nothing to hide you have nothing to fear" is generally a fallacy, except when applied to those to whom we have delegated power eg our servants - the government and its bureaucracies because power corrupts.
Anne Smith	Harrogate but not a city, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I use it.
Bob O'Brien	Haywards Heath, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I think transparency is vital
Harrison Holman	Exeter, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I want to know if the government is hiding aliens
Linda Drayton	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MPs need to be accountable to those who elected them.
John Hartley	OSWESTRY, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We must stop this Conservative government weakening our democracy.
Joseph McGunnigle	Aberdeen, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is a fundamental right to know what is going on ad at what cost
Vicki Innes	Darlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I want an open,honest, government not a gang of thieves in politics only to make their fortunes.
Paula Chatfield	Chichester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI supports integrity in public life and facilitates conversations, rather than assumptions, about what is in the public interest. It allows the general public to be better informed and more engaged - a participative democratic governance style rather than a more dictatorial and frustrating experience. Unlike, we are told, the Chinese, questioning things is a British value and FOI is important for effective questions.
ROBERT FAHEY	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm a councillor and this information must stay in the public's domain
Philip O'Steen	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency and freedom of speech are very important, particularly in a democracy. Thank you.
Julia Tuckwell	Swindon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Well done. I fully support your mission.
Jaki North	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe as a democracy our citizens have a right to know how government are using the money and powers that I have entrusted them with.
David Tyler	Mottram, HYDE, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Those in positions of authority have a responsibility to promote transparency in a democratic society.
Crystobel Sinclair	Garmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I want to live in a country where liars and cheats cannot lawfully hide their shamefull acts.

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Ethan Wilson	Enfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of Information is a central foundation stone of any successful democracy. If we whittle away our rights in the name of security, then we lose our liberty and our democracy.
Gwen Henry	Kidwelly, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MPs are accountable to the public being paid from the public purse. It is not their money to do with as they wish!
Claire Stoll	Broxbourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's blatantly obvious that we need FOI
Heather Quartermain	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because we have the right to know what our government do in the name of the people they represent.
Christopher McMullan	Uplands, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MP's are not to be trusted
David Cooper	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The powers that be are not to be trusted. Monitoring and surveillance of public bodies is absolutely essential.
James Costello	Bingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because MPs are constantly being exposed as utterly contemptuous of the rights of the public to find out what they are up to. We must contain them.
John Hill	Waterlooville, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The more we know the better!
Mark Choi	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of speech is vital - and if you have nothing to hide, why make any changes? Trust is earned, not enforced...
Gail smith	Macclesfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We are supposed to live in a democracy
Nicola Sanderson	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Without the FOI many breaches of trust would go undiscovered. We will be turning back the clock and at the same time becoming a more secret-driven society. We have a right to know what is being done in our name with our hard-earned taxes.
Robin Waters	St Ives, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Tony Blair later regretted supporting this Freedom fo Information Act. I rest my case. PUBLIC bodies MUST be as open as possible. We pay for them and we are entitled to know what they do; how they do it; and how much we are paying for them.
Clive People	Dalton in Furness, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I passionately believe in Freedom of Information as an essential tool of Democracy. We,the people, must be able to educate those we put in power. Heather Brookes a remarkable example of best journalism
Rob Cullen	Pontypridd, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The liberty and freedom of the citizen should be protected above everything!
David Hewerdine	lincoln, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Why can,t they live by everybody else,s rules, it,s called theft!!
Dan Holt	Bolton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Politicians are robbing the public blind....expose the corrupt thieving ones and bring them to justice like the public are brought before the courts
alan locke	Derby, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because I believe that only shady dealers and crooks gain anything by secrecy, for the rest of us - why worry.
sara jobling	Gateshead, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because I believe the Fol act is an essential element of the checks and balances available to the people of a democracy. The Government and it's agencies SHOULD be accountable to the people.
William Woodman	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The public have a right to know what these people are up to.
Sheila Evans	Littlehampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Keeping things hidden simply supports corruption
Anne utley	Slough, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I agree they need to be more transparent.

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Silvia Gualda	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We must have transparency to hold MP's accountable. We have proven they can not be trusted
Stephen Athey	York, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI enhances our democracy. There should be no barriers.
Paul Partington	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm fed up of politicians thimaking they are above the law
terence hickinbottom	Ilkeston, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	they think we should be quite comfortable trying to survive on £8000 a year with no extras from anywhere. but they can't pay their own way on £70,000 plus. they're a bad joke with rotten taste & a bad smell about them. with the very rare exception.
Dee Gilks	Lochcarron, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Public bodies and post holders are paid and financed from public funds. They operate on our behalf and in our name. We expect them to uphold high standards of integrity and impartiality, fairness and equality. We have an absolute right to know, in detail if necessary exactly what our funding buys and what it is used for. All public bodies must be accountable....he who pays the piper calls the tune. NOT NEGOTIABLE. Embarrassment caused to individuals, politicians, incompetent or corrupt officials by exposure is the reason for maintaining this legislation not for repealing it.
angela constable	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	ther truth needs to be known - what is there to hide?
Timothy Archer	Royal Leamington Spa, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Ive had problems with freemasonry for over 50 years .Which includes an untouchable former police officer whom was a pimp and envvolved in armeded bank raids as a police officer he is believed by some to have been Jill Dando,s executioner.
Alisoun Gardner-Medwin	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As an individual. I am convonced that our freedom relies upon the ability of any one of us to find out what the authorities are planning, from local authorities allowing developers to build on green belt right up to what the government plans.
Graham Smith	Kirk Ireton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing this because in our democracy, the democratic process is often used to protect our democratic leaders from accountability and restrict our democratic freedoms. This is not 'transparent' governance, nor is it democracy. We need to trust our leaders, civil servants, local government officials and politicians, etc at all levels with access to their thought processes, allegiances, their funding bases etc. It also bestows a responsibility on us citizens to understand that leaders and politicians are human and mistakes happen, so we need to support and encourage them in realising that admission of mistakes is good and encourage positive change built on the mistakes, rather than rip it down as we do at present. (Well, as the 'press' does). For this to happen though, we need all the facts available to us and the FOI, without restriction, is a valuable part of this. Cheers. Graham
sylvia mann	maidstone, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I feel we have a right to know what is going on in our country.
Kevan Royle	Aylesbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	All institutions must remain accountable to the general public. Secrets are the first step towards control of citizens.
Nick Scott	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Why would I not want to know what is going on behind closed doors. Us public are not stupid you know

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Patricia Hopkins-Whalley	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This country is feudal. Never any major change of mindset taking in the "nation's" welfare. Arrogance. self-entitlement is now unacceptable. Other countries are more transparent and respect taxes more.
Maria Aziz	Stockport, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There should be complete transparency when PUBLIC money is involved
D Lewis	Warrington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We cant have these clowns be even more unaccountable than they already are they already change the law after the fact to make crimes they have committed appear legal.
john mcnelly	covnetry, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency for all
Pat Talbot	Risca, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to keep this and strengthen it. Anyone who wants to get rid of it maybe has something to hide. Let's keep it in the open.
robert ford	Sidcup, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Governemt and public bodies work for citizens not the other way around. We own the information. Lost trust can only be regained by the fullest openness of what is done in our name.
Steve Bowkett	Market Harborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As people are fond of saying, if you've got nothing to hide you've got nothing to fear.
Ted Barlow	Foxhole, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is my opinion the FOI law is already flouted by some Government ministers, so to water it down even further would make the whole issue of retrieving information a waste of time. Take Iain Duncan Smith for example. He was recently ordered by the high courts to reveal information concerning the thousands of disabled and mentally ill people who have died or taken their own lives after being told they were fit to work by Atos and had their disability and or ESA payments stopped following IDS guidelines. Despite disclosing some very disturbing information, IDS continues to hold back much information stating it is not in the public interest to have this information. Maybe he is more afraid of several bodies announcing this kind of utter outrage is a cover up of government mass murder of the vulnerable and sick in our society.
Charles Young	Verwood, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I agree that we have control of MPs expenses.
Linda Chaplin	Huddersfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing for democracy
Chris Rose	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I have had to use FOI to extract very basic information from my local Council to do with wildlife conservation, having failed to get responses through standard written requests. Were it not for FOI I would still be waiting.
Mike Tyler	Campton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI is a vital tool in preserving our Democracy.
Christine Bates	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because I value my freedom, to know & act on what is going on undercover
Robert Hackman	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We the citizens need to know what is going on. Journalists are our eyes and ears.
Anthony Neal	Maldon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Freedom Of Information Act has given me a little faith in the honesty of our polititions, change or curb the act and I'll begin to think they have something to hide-a retrograde step.
Bea Pitt	Shirley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency needs to remain! The people rule this country, not the government. The government is only there by the grace of the people & as such, it is the people's right to know what is being done in their name.
Alan Rowicki	Blackpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We can't hide, so why should they?

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Paddy Lyons	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If the people who are in Parliament were not covered by the FOI, the frail confidence in Parliament would become more wrecked than it is.
John Smith	Inverurie, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Democracy works through transparency.
Elizabeth Virgo	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I think it very important to keep in place.
nadeem akhtar	harrow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI act is a fundamental check to ensuring powers are not abused and seeking fair redress from those who abuse it by providing evidence of any wrongdoing
Kevin Allon	Gweek, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Our freedoms are not for taking away.
Margaret Kitchen	Ormskirk, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is vital to have freedom of information to protect our democracy.
Mavis Ann Haines	Wotton-under-Edge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The people have the right to know!
Ana Ribeiro	Tewin, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing this because I want to protect a Democrati
Finlay McNaughtan	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If we are all in it together then MPs, Lords and Ladies should be setting an excellent example with high standards of ethics and integrity.
Patricia Burton	Bournemouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There are too many infringements of our ability to know what this government doesn't want us to know..
Tess Glanville	Melton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Ultimately it's democracy that we are losing (unless we have already lost it?)
Erik Trefler	Inverness, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because I believe the only way to prevent corruption is to always insist on total transparency. This is in the interests of everyone (the People) and our elected representatives must understand that it is our interests that they are representing and therefore we expect them to adopt all that ensures the proper integrity and moral ity of our government and all its associated institutions. We deserve nothing less and any elected representatives who do not understand this or fail to uphold it should also understand if we no longer want them to represent us! Corruption breeds when good men do nothing - proper over-sight is essential and this can only be done if there is transparency. As the People it is our duty to take an interest - and by golly we are all doing that now.
Helen Holland	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If the Gov want this they've obviously got a lot to hide.
Ian Rogers	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is a right not a privalige.
Max Phillips	Ipswich, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Power is increasingly centralised while the elites become ever richer. They will fight to maintain the status quo. FOI is one small weapon in a true democracy's law book.
Teresa Cookson	Bury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is one law for them and one for us.
John Bibby	Morpeth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI is an essential for democracy and openness (and should also apply to all private corporations taking on outsourced public contracts).
Edwin Kwakye	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's vital for Democracy to function.

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Teresa Whelan	GU33 6AQ, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI must remain free to access. I used to think it was too liberal. But in this electronic age where honour has been replaced by greed. It is a preventative tool against those who would rob us of our privacy. My story is that the other day I was trying to get a new broadband supplier. I entered a site and was told that they needed my postcode to tell if they can supply me. they then listed 6 properties and asked me to highlight mine. This I did. I carried on my research. that evening I got a phone call from that company. I asked where they got my phone number from they said I had given it to them I told the man I had not. I then said do you have my address he said he could not tell me that because of the data protection act. I remembered I had given my postcode so asked if he had my name, again data protection act. I told him I was under telephone preference service and hung up. It is frightening to think that someone can get my telephone number just from my postcode. My brother then informed me that company is not allowed to claim data protection act as under the FOI he must inform me of any information he holds on me. This must remain free and sacrosanct. Additionally, too many local councils are not democratically elected because of our system and where this happens those who have put themselves forward too often forget they are there for the benefit of their village. They should not have anything to hide, so we should retain the right to know what goes on.
steve williams	Cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing to see justice prevail..
Paul Hancock	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I want an open form of government. No-one should be able to use their job to materially benefit themselves over and above what others might get.
Rose Bottom	Spalding, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I strongly agree with the principle behind this petition.....we do not live..as yet in a government dictatorship...thankfully....by burying information for their own benefit...leads to just that!!!
Rahala Khalida	Dagenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We have the right to know.
Errol Speers	Newtownards, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is my right to know how public funds are spent.
Clive Constance	Durham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I think FOI is vital for a fully funtional democracy
gupta grant	derby, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If the government want to snoop on the people then the people should have access to information!
Niall Ogilvy	GLASGOW, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Government needs to be transparent and accountable.
Susan Seward	Norwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Those who can get away with it will be criminal but our own government, must do all we can to take back the power
Edna Booth	Aberdeen, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is about the only way we can bring various bodies to book and expose what really goes on within governments. Facts and figures are hidden from public view and their exposure is vital to our democracy.
Linda peden	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need this Act left Alone
Georgina cooper	Wilmslow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I WANT TRANSPARENCY
Frank Lindsell	Ely, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in democracy for all people I also believe in transparency especially when the spending of other peoples money is involved, How much will we ever know about the people that signed the cheques giving the Kids Co £ millions which was sorely needed elsewhere

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Juliet Wakelam	Southsea, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is the only effective check we have on Government
john Lidderdale	Cupar, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It took 200 years to get an FOI we need to strengthen it and keep moving forward.
Anthony Carr	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Of course they want to change the FOI. The Gov't wants to spy on you not be responsible for providing info about itself and it's agencies to you. Hands off the FOI.
brian ake	Wolverhampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is essential in an open and democratic society
Susan Hall	Bilbrough, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We are the public and we have the right to know!!
Thomas Robinson	York, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	their 10%+ rise was intended to replace their expenses? but they still claim expenses it stinks one law for the already rich and one for the poor who are being hit hard to pay for these perks Disgraceful MP
Paul Saundercock	Uxbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Governmentns must be accountable and not able to hide questionable behaviour behind a veil of secrecy.
Veronica Lane	Paignton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	In a democratic country information should be accessible unless it is the public's interest for it to remain secret
Laura Goodfellow	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is essential that we have transparency in these matters. We are losing so many freedoms as it is.
Chris Smith	Ringwood, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that public bodies should not be able to hide behind secrecy laws for no good reason.
steve gilbert	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We shouldn't have anything to hide if we're working for the public
Don Brown	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Knowing what is going on behind closed doors is important for democracy
AQ Al-Saud	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is a fundamental bastion against corruption in a democracy.
Edward Keith BAMFORTH	Wales, Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is important to us all.
Ian Wermerling	rushden, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The freedom of information act is a small necessary public right that echoes the british ethos and stands to protect the integrity of our nation whilst exposing the truths that the state would prefer to remain secret.
Jane Costello	Bingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MPs have betrayed us and don't deserve our trust.
Paul Marchant	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Information is key to democratic life
Sue Ward	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because if public trust in government is to be restored, there needs to be full transparency and honesty. The recent revelation that the security services have been monitoring phone records for years without Parliamentary authorisation shows just how urgent this is
Will Cashmore	Walsall, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is very important to hold those in power accountable for their actions
Irene Mansfield	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information and freedom of the Press are vital in a democracy.

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Paige Richards	Bargoed, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	They want to see exactly what we do, whether it's walking down the street and being on CCTV or being at home browsing the web and they want access; but as soon as we turn the tables and demand they be more open with us, we get shut down. New deal, we'll be transparent with you if you be transparent with us. Tell us what you're doing up there instead of shutting down.
David MOXON	ELSTEAD, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is an aid to good governance, not a threat. Those who have done wrong have nothing to fear from others knowing what they are up to. (As the Government keeps telling us in other contexts!)
Michael Pugh	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is critical to the health of a civilised society and we will surely slide further into totalitarianism without it.
roger pinder	Loddiswell, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MPs think they exempt from the law, it is about time they realised it is the populus that put them where they are and that they have to represent all of us and not what is 'in it for them!!'
John Porter	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because MP's and governments of all parties cannot be trusted!
Kathy Toop	Farnham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I think the public are entitled to this legislation & it may help curb unscrupulous behaviour e.g. MPs expenses being exposed
don price	Stafford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I want the government to have to justify each of its secrets.
Michael Hurdle	Woking, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Eternal Vigilance is the price of Freedom
Stuart Heathcote	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	public organisations should be transparent throughout except if data is confidential in some cases because it contains personal details that cant be shared for obvious reasons.
veronique misiaen	St Albans, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing because FOI is vital
Dave Evans	Kidderminster, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is one of the few acts making people accountable.Mps would have kept their expenses secret otherwise.
Keith Colsell	Kirkwall, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We must have transparency to avoid corruption going unchecked
Richard Burton	Stonehaven, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Trying to make things less transparent just means they have something to hide. It's wrong and the people have a right to see what's happening with their country and their money.
Safaria Akhtar	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe strongly in the democracy of freedom of right of public access to information
Mal Brown	Dursley,, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	They cannot be trusted.
Dalbir Singh Makh	Leicestershire, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is vital for transperency and justice.
Thomas Taplin	Nr. Bridgwater, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because I believe in holding to account the very governing body, put in place by the people, whom have had bestowed on them a great privilege and duty, to do good by their country. This privilege and duty must remain checked and scutinised at all times. #FOI
Elizabeth Gale	Soberton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	i BELIEVE THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATON IS VITAL TO DEMOCRACY
Mark Tic	Maidstone, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I understand there are financial costs but this has to be kept in place.
Ethan Gold	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing this because if we don't have civil liberties then we have nothing.

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Alan Spinks	Bournemouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	For the government to seek to reduce the power of the FOI Act, would be to add yet more scandal to the scandal that politicians tried to get away with for all those years with their expenses.
Liz Bateson	Eaton Constantine, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The public should be allowed reasonable information about how their taxes are being spent. A few individuals cannot be allowed to hide behind smoke screens, maintaining their privileged lifestyles at the expense of people who are working hard every day for low wages.
JOHN WALKER	Ashford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because I have used the FOI Act successfully, and I know that it is vital to the checks and balances so necessary in our unequal society.
Paul Gibson	Blyth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is a corner stone of our democracy as has been proven many times in the past. It is essential that at the very least it is maintained as it is. Personally I would like to see it expanded.
Michael Barnett	Waterlooville, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Nobody is above the law, which must be seen to be done.
Ruth lockhartRuthLockhart	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is essential in a democracy
leonard black	bury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	i think the public has the the right to know what mp's are doing with tax payers money
Callan Gardiner	Ayr, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Government: "oh look, they used this to catch us, no problem, lets just remove it"... arseholes.
David Snowdon	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is vital to a healthy democracy
Robert Smith	Launceston, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Remember those British values - honesty, openness, accountability? Didn't the Conservative Party at one time claim to support them?
Lynn Tilley	East Chisenbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that it is a fundamental right for everyone to have access to information.
Colin Smith	Shortlands, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	people in public office should have no secrets as to their management and control
Derek Mortimer	Maidstone, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because I'm a liberal democrat !!!
Tom McFarlane	newmains, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI act is a vital tool for holding the government to account for its actions. Don't let them dilute or tamper with it.
Alfie Leuw	Norwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'll show you mine if you'll show me yours
Nicholas Fry	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Our elected representatives should not be able to hide their actions from those who give them the job and pay their wages and expenses.
Tracey Higgs	Eynsham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I
Antonia Layzell	Great Cornard, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Free choice is a basic human right we are supposedly born with but how can you have it without freedom of information.
carol frost	tamworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing because I believe a country and the public money it uses should be accountable, should be open and above board, should not be wasted should not be abused by frivolous government. Should be used with due care and attention for the good of the people who have worked so hard to put this into the public purse. This government has been so bad so wasteful so outrageously oblivious to the peoples needs that they should be ashamed of themselves. If only we could sack them from office like football managers are sacked when their teams do badly!!! thank you

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Godfrey Charles Girling	Imus, Philippines	2015-11-06	If we are to trust a Government and its policies the n the Freedom of Information Act carries a great deal of weight. I ask myself why does the Government want to water down such an Act,what has it got to hide.
Steve Walker	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If you willingly give up your right to freedom where does it end? All those people who have laid down their lives for our liberty will have sacrificed their lives for nothing. We cannot allow that to happen.
Jeremy Radford	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Our government, at all levels, must be accountable to us, and power corrupts- so we need checks and balances
Debra Jeffreys	Barnet, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I don't want government keeping secrets about important issues.
claudia john	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Civil liberties are continually under attack
Angela Harris	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is our fundamental right to know what all politicians do as we are responsible for voting them in and it would be remiss of us if we just left them to it and didn't hold them to account for their actions as this impacts is all
dave bentley	radcliffe, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We must know what is going on
James Gilston	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because MPs are benifit cheats on a higher level
Michael Carr	Middlesbrough, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	we need politicians and public servantswe can trust but without transparency, that trust can never be built. We need the FOI Act
Davey Premsing	Boston, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	its a public interest matter of utmost importance,
Anne Bacon	Holmbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is in the interests of democracy that the Freedom of Information Act remains unchanged.
Colin Rose	NEATH, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Governments are never your friend - they can only operate in secrecy.
Ian Lowry	Caversham, Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	An open society is a healthy and a sustainable society and one in which I would like my children and their children to live in. Of course the State must be able to keep certain secrets for the security of the society it serves. But there is a fdifference between that and cover up.
Wilbert Garvin	Kells, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Democracy should rule. We should know everything that is going on.
Ann Denise Lanes	Lancaster, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I agree totally with the fundamental right of citizens to access information that is in the public interest. MPs are elected by the people to represent them and Parliament exists to, amongst other things, protect and pass legislation which enhances our democracy. It therefore makes no sense whatsoever to curb the rights of citizens to any information in the public interest.
peter Farrell	Melling, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Keep the mps in check.
Michael Crowder	Michael C Crowder, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	large greedy and inept organisations should not be allowed to operate without some public knowledge this includes our government too
G Francis Roberts	Ruthin, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need the law to enable us to get at the information that the authorities etc seek to hide
mark bentley	High Wycombe, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	we should have a democratic right to ask questions about our elected officials in every walk of life.
Paul Roninson	South Ockendon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Lest we forget what freedom means
Robert Philpott	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is essential that public bodies are not allowed to avoid transparency over how they spend our money
Robert Thornewill	Stroud, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Openness and accountability are the hallmarks of good governance. To quote another captain.....Make it so!

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Keith Hopkins	Rotherham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The truth will out-always.
Valerie Colvin	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Equality throughout, everything should be transparent
fiona johnston	Gargunnock, Stirling, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is very important that the public are kept fully informed. Acknowledge that is a huge task so FOI is an excellent way of ensuring that we all have access to answers to a problem/interest we may have...even if we have to use a bureaucratic way of getting to it. It is also very supportive of genuine whistleblowers. Good Luck with this petition!!
Bob brown	Redditch, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Peoples right to know
Steven Thornborough	Laxton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	there are too many scandals that go unreported, it's our money we should know how it gets spent!!
Naomi Williamson	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is something we are entitled to know seeing as we pay for our public services
Jean Burbridge	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because we are told we live in a democracy, even condemn other countries that do not have 'democracies' according to our definition, but we have plenty of evidence that politicians renege on promises/manifestos, etc. The FOI Act is one of the few tools that can be used to hold politicians and corporations to account. It can also be used to reveal how public money is spent e.g. in the NHS where huge sums are paid to 'consultants' and publicity people which could be better spent on health treatments.
Adam Maylin	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The government are increasing our transparency to them with surveillance laws whilst reducing their own transparency
H Gray	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is one of the bedrocks of a working democracy
N A	Rowington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI in its present form is an essential means of ensuring we can discover what is being done in our name.
Bill Mann	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Independent scrutiny of public institutions and public policy is the mark of a civilised society.
Fanos Andreou	Dagenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	My wife had a blood test at her hospital as she was over 50. She was told by her GP nurse that all was okay, but when on holiday she was very unwell. She was admitted to hospital in the UK and told by her doctor that her GP should have looked at the blood test results and told her there was something seriously wrong with her before we went abroad on holiday. She has been asking for the past 6 months since coming out of hospital for her blood test results from her GP. In the past 2 weeks she has finally had acknowledgement that the blood test results will be provided to her. We await to see...
peter Relf	Gravesend, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I don't trust politician's
Terence Hack	Brighstone, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because it's the right thing to do, & they need stopping anyway.
Paul Kilfoyle	Somerset, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Without freedom of information those in power would have no limits to what they could inflict on to us. They would be free to stomp us into the ground and leave us in endless poverty while they wallow in stolen wealth from the people. Our once great people's Parliament has become infested with tyrants. we need a major overall of our political system.
lucille iliffe	Chelmsford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm sick of hearing about greedy & dishonest politicians

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Norman Davies	Solihull, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Governments will instinctively try to bury information they don't wish the public to know.
Ralph Averbuch	Pencaitland, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that freedom of information is absolutely critical in our connected age. If it is permissible for arms of Government to snoop on any of its citizens, then all those in positions of authority and leadership must be prepared to have their activities scrutinised by both the media, the opposition(s) and the general public.
Alan Thomas	Westbourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Having the right to know what MPs do is a vital safeguard for democracy.
Jacqui Jones	Kirkby in Ashfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The government is becoming more and more corrupt and they will want to hide it.
Keith Alexander	Exeter, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because I believe that the Freedom of Information Act is an important advance for a democratic society. The present Government seems to want us to return to the dark ages.of despotism.
Barry Prescott-Shovelton	Ipswich, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	They've already proved to be untrustworthy and still seem to be determined to have no transparency.
Andrew Grist	Evesham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Otherwise the corruption within the ranks of the Houses of Parliament continues.
Liam Hogan	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The government should not be able to change laws purely to serve themselves. Keeping FOI also encourages basic openness in all government affairs. (To head of FOI requests)
Julius Guzy	Derry, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need this so that embarrassing secrets we should have the right to know can be known.
Mark Redman	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is imperative that a democratically elected government is fully transparent to the electorate.
jane Ryall	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is important. We need to be able to hold those in authority to account.
Leslie Powner	Congleton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of Information is an essential element in a democracy. Attempts by politicians to keep information from the electorate should have no place in the U.K
Alison Jackson	Kenilworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe this is an important means of holding governments departments to account.
julian perkins	Winchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Information that is in the public interest should not be withheld by an elitist group who would personally benefit from its being stifled.
Val Mowlam	Wallingford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Any dilution of FOI by government will serve to confirm the desire of Government to withhold information from the electorate
DIANE CLARK	EASTLEIGH, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If this is a democracy we MUST have FOI. Why shouldn't people be held to account for wrongdoing. Hiding information is the hallmark of totalitarian systems.
Barbara Tatton	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It took so long to get this right and it improves democracy
John Everett	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We, the electorate, have a right to know how Parliament and Local Government are managing the funds collected from us through taxation, and all public officials have a duty to provide information to support the decisions they make in the performance of their duties.
Andrew Lavey	Nuneaton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Why be secretive about things which affect the people of this country? Don't you think we have a right to know? Put yourselves in our shoes.

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ADRIAN PAUL MILES	WEDNESBURY, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I've used it myself and it is very important for truth and accountability
Andy Chaplin	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Its part of living in a democracy and we are entitled to it. No public office or individual should be exempt from it.
Barbara Pugh	Cropwell Bishop, Notts, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that integrity is central to responsibility
Pierino Gattei	Accrington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Accountability of the government by the people is fundamental and should be diluted in anyway that could allow the government to hide actions, decisions and activities that the people would not accept as reasonable, fair or moral.
Mohammed Zarafat	Rochdale, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We should have the freedom / right access such info
ray fitton	Penzance, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information has never been more important.
fran Knowles	Stoke-on-Trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The public should be allowed sufficient information to make reasoned choices when electing representatives
Bernard Whitley	Louth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's important!!!
Ray Beecroft	Saint Leonards-on-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing both because of the principle and because I have a clear example of a matter, disclosure of which is, in my opinion, in the public interest, but in respect of which a Borough Council refuses to so disclose.
James Clarke	MOSSBLOWN, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is the ONLY WAY in which people can gain access to very important information which would otherwise remain secret. I am currently using the Act myself to DEMAND TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT DEFAMATORY INFORMATION that a Council are holding about me.
Geoffrey Gregory	West Wimbledon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If in this case (MPs claims) it has tried to restrict what is being spent of public money, by the people voted for to represent us then who could we trust, corruption or fraud call it what you will those carrying it out should be named and shamed. Public services are named and shamed for trying to do more with less and get a kick in the teeth yet those elected by us try to get away with bad practise. Good luck with your endeavours
Stuart Malcolm	Penicuik, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	True power, and democracy, is being eroded,!!
Robert Ford	Watnall, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Politicians are no more trustworthy than any other of the public.
James Brooks	Weymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Corruption thrives where there is no transparency and accountability.
Richard PHILPOTT	Enfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Democracy depends on open government
Steven Roe	Derby, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I fear the way society is progressing.
Ian Crowther	Barton upon Humber, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There should be one rule for all and Politicians are only there because we voted them in. Those who vote in favour of amendments should have their names published and which seat they hold so we can vote them out!
Mike Drinan	Edgware, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information means just that! Pure and simple.
Fred Baxter	Middlewich, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There is too much of "telling us what they want us to know..."
Thomas James	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We, the people, need to know!

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thomas sheppard	Rhandirmwyn, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing because freedom of information ensures a more democratic society
Barry Thorpe	Cheadle, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	On the one hand the govt. wants to pry into our affairs with the prosped new version of RIPA, while on the other they want to keep their grubby secrets.
Tony Unseld	Beckenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is essential to help ensure transparency in all matters of public interest
Claudia Carroll	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Do I really NEED to say anything about why?
Stewart Anderson	Comrie, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I strongly believe in maintaining FOI. I have had personal experience of its importance and believe it to be a required tool in a modern democracy.
Malcolm James	Solihull, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It exposes fraud and greed of those in public office
MOHAMMED ALI AKBAR	LONDON, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Everyone is equal regardless of statuses and wealth, as David Cameron states "We're all in this together" so the FOI should be there to be edit everyone.
Dave White	Salford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is needed to audit Governments
Terence Deighton	Harrogate, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If the government can scan & read our emails, social media websites etc, making us totally transparent, then why can they wish top opt out. Scandalous
Peter Williams	Stockton-on-Tees, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is our strongest tool in defending the democracy that is being attacked every day from inside and outside of the UK, lets make sure that those we elect, stay as our representatives and not laws unto themselves. Across the world the freedom of the press costs enough journalists their freedom and in many cases, their lives, charging ours for the truth is a large step into the UK following this freedom.
Ben Weich	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm a journalist
Martin Perry	Rustington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is our right
William Mcloughlin	Wargrave, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	In a true democracy the nation is entitled to freedom of information so that they can clearly see what it's elected members of Parliament are doing on their behalf.
Julie Knights	Saxmundham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that they're only doing this so that they don't have to reveal how many people have died due to their benefit cuts.
George Rowley	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	All Governments of whatever disposition are always trying to find new ways to keep their activities Secret.
Christopher Meyer	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is important.
Jeff Clarke	Brixham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There are too many sneaky people in the government.
David Freeman	Storrington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We have a right to know how Public and Government Funded Bodies are spending the money we pay in our taxes ! (for example). Don't shut this door on us (the Public) !
Lorna Smith	Stirling, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because a fully functioning democracy must have a FOI law.
Ashley Walsh	Lancaster, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Information such as MP's spending has to be freely available, it is tax payers money and we have every right to see what they do with this tax and how they get their income.
John Cogan	Hetton-le-Hole, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that transparency in public life as an aid to accountability is essential for a democracy to work. We have worked hard in this country over many years to achieve a democracy that works... even though it isn't perfect, but what makes a democracy work more effectively is the balance between the various elements, and an FOI act is essential. Democracy fails if we let it, if we become complacent. PLEASE DO NOT WEAKEN THE FOI ACT!
Kenneth Anderson	Royston, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Democracy must thrive .

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CLashmar Ch	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is part of the democratic process and the current administration is trying to make themselves less accountable
Ian Hawthorn Thain	Banbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We PAY these miserable people. That makes them accountable to us. Half of those who had to pay back OUR money are still there, and I for one will not be content until every one of them is OUT of Parliament and public life.
R Simpson	Aberdeen, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Democracy & Accountability
Linda Baxter	stowmarket, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As public servants they should welcome transparency. I you haven't anything to hid you can be open and honest.
sandra paterson	glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Despite the fact that I often had to compile information for FOI,s and found it extremely time consuming (and used by journalists to shortcut investigative work) I still believe that the general public has the right to have access to information when the public purse is involved
Shealyn Caulfield	Ballymena, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's my right to know what my taxes are being used for!!!
Roger Saxon	Sidmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Free information is the life blood of democracy.
ryan farr	Clydach, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	transparency is something we need from our mps
Paul Williams	tolpuddle, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Everyone is accountable.
Jo davis	maidenhead, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Personal reasons
Tim Arnold	Slough, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	the people have a right to know what is being done in their name by the rich and powerful.
RON MARSH	Lancing, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The 'Establishment' needs to be reigned in.
les allen	Bridgend, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI provides the fear that the establishment cannot hide their shady deals
susan cox	Charlbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Its absolutely right that we know where public money is going; open democracy; if people are honest then there is no need to be worried after all.
Martin White	Portslade, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Honesty is worth fighting for, dodgy institutions of any hue will always elect for secrecy.
Audrey Jamieson	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I want an open democracy!
Ralph Land	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I beleve that the passing of the FOIA was a significant step forward to ensure democracy accountability good governance. Any weakening of the present act represent a significant step in the opposite direction
Kevin Rowson	Leigh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The public have a right to know what every penny of their taxes is being spent on
Brian Etheridge	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I think the Freedom of Information act is an important facility which needs protecting
Ian Calori	dorking, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Mp's get away with murder over their expenses and they must be kept in check.
linda bowden	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	it is necessary , though not sufficient , for a legitimate state.
Mark Smith	Gosport, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing this because I believe the act has proved to be a vital tool in holding government and officialdom more widely to account.

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Grahame Chick	Aylesford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI allows the public access to information that would otherwise be secret and easily abused.
Ken Tompkin	Bromley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The State and its officials should always be open to public scrutiny otherwise we lose faith in our institutions. Lack of scrutiny opens the door to corruption. We see this time and again. I don't want to live in a corrupt society headed by money grabbing officials and elected representatives. Without strong FOI laws giving clear access to the public, corruption will creep into every walk of life.
Dave Taylor	York, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Even though the City of York Criminals is reluctant to obey the Freedom of Information Act, the law is still worth having, and indeed, strengthening.
Jason Darling	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Mp's need to be accountable to the public. The foi act makes that easier.
jan Hubbard	Buckinghamshire, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's totally unfair to expect people to live for a week on what a politician would probably spend on one meal out. expenses should be out of your own pockets. too much greed
john howard	shrewsbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	its OUR money !
Gerald Lavin	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	information like this should be freely available
Barry Sheridan	Chandler's Ford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Government should not be allowed to exclude itself from public scrutiny.
Donald Stewart	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	In my opinion the FIA has done a great deal of good in the past few years. Many MP's have been exposed as greedy, selfish, arrogant and unprincipled so I do not want the FOI to be weakened in any way.
Stefano Sechi	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MP's are corrupt fuckheads
Elizabeth Orme	Stone, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is a vital tool to investigate potential problems.
Claire Johnstone	Stanmore, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is vital if the public is to retain any trust at all in this (and other) governments as well as private companies e.g Volkswagen, who have been lying to us for years at the expense of public health. Our government was complicit in this too, diesel is not clean and cannot be 'cleaned up' like petrol.
Inderjeet Tak	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI act is an invaluable tool for keeping an eye on those the public have democratically elected to be their representatives. Any change to this act will be rightly seen as a way to limit public accountability.
Steve Jarvis	Westbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As MP's you work for us, and any body delivering services paid for by the tax payer should be subject to the F of I act. It's one of the few effective tools we, the electorate and public, have to hold you to account.
Patrick Michael Fitzgerald	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is important in a democracy
Mike Browne	Littlehampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There can be positive reason why the government wants to limit access, we need more transparency not less!
Sandra Keepen	Uk, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because of them exhibiting self importance
Celia Bailey	Benfleet, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I support the need for freedom of information
svetlana purisova	london, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	My privacy is a human right
Tony Irvine	Weston Turville, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe government should be seen to set the standard in honesty and transparency.
Gerry Thompson	Thornley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	No information regarding the people who allegedly act on our behalf should be kept hidden from the public. Not to comply implies impropriety

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Jonathan A. Coles	Workington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I don't really mind all my own communications being spied on by the government, but I do insist that government should be transparent.
graham reynolds	woking, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MPs have a habit of covering up embarrassing information in connection with their use of public money.
arthur elliot	Bletchley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	i am sick to death of these people thieving our hard earned money.
Hazel Dakers	Brentford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe increased transparency, in our scandal ridden public life, is vital for a democracy. The original Act was weakened. If anything it should now be strengthened.
bernard greenwood	thornton cleveleys, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing because I hope one day to see a freedom of speech and thought Act.
lillie byrne	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There is no way they should be allowed to make changes to stop the public gaining access to vital information - how would the dwp have been held to account for the deaths of people under sanctions???? How much more do these elite think they can push the public before the public push back
Desmond Darling	West Bridgford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We the public have a right to know how tax payers money are being spent.
John Burrows	Northallerton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	You have nothing to fear from Fol if you have nothing to hide.
Paul Lewis	Gosport, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need more transparency not less
Clive Seager	Caersws, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that the people have to have the right to see what is being done in our name by government and we must keep a check on what large groups, industries and other powerful lobbies are doing.
Mark Davies	Llanymynech, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The government and the civil service should be compelled by law to be open and honest. At present, nether body is honest and would become less honest without FOI Act.
Andrew Quinn	Stoke-on-Trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The government think they are exempt from the rules
Valerie Neil	HEYWOOD, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Freedom of Information Act is a MUST and should not be allowed to 'disappear' or be changed, especially to protect our dishonest MPs
Dennis Leefarr	HEREFORD, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The truth will out if we watch those who would suppress it
George Higgitt	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Over the past year (and long before!) has shown the 'honesty' within government circles, people who are trusted to look after the interests of my country. If they have nothing to hide they wouldn't have a problem. The FOI helps to keep them in check.
Judy McSorley	Enfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We, the people, desperately need this safeguard; with government spin and media pro-establishment hype we need to be able to access the actual facts which are not readily available
Ahmed Amraoui	Exeter, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	1984. Big Brother is watching you, whether indoor or outdoor. I fear for the future.
jane robertson	Sharpness, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need the FOI to maintain a democracy in which an individuals decisions about issues can be based on a wide range of information and data.
Daniel Lal	Mitcham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Secrecy in the Govt that relates to the people should be stopped. Certain areas like Army plans etc should be secret.

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James Betteridge	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If so much power resides in the hands of so few their machinations must be reasonably transparent.
Dave Smith	Whitby, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing because I don't believe that career politicians have the same values as politicians who have worked in proper jobs first.
Edward Horne	Braintree, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	All in public service should be answerable to the public, this can only happen if the public have access to accurate and full information.
john mcrorie	evanton, dingwall, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	foi is vital in a democracy
William Whyte	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI allows us to get information from government departments and councils by law, this has uncovered information regarding MP's expenses and council costs that would have been hidden from the public. This must not change
Bernard McGinley	St Leonards-on-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is a part of democracy (and there are plenty of existing exemptions about possible abuse). The recent remarks by Chris Grayling about supposed misuse of the Act showed that he has no concept of FOI, or the law, or democracy. This is quite a handicap in a former Lord Chancellor.
Charles Fenn	Ubley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The government is the last body who should decide the difference between what needs to be kept secret for the public good, and what needs to be kept secret to protect the government from embarrassment.
Martin Rowe	Stotfold, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It would be scandalous to allow crooked MP's to steal more money from the tax payer and use it to furnish lavish lifestyles. If any MP thinks that people trust them, then they are sadly mistaken. The only way you can hope to restore any faith in Government is to be transparent. Currently, teresa May can spy on me, but you want to hide what you do. Wake up Bullingdon Boys - this is a democracy, not your own club.
Emmie Carmichael	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There should be no secrecy at all surrounding MP's expenses, after all it is us the taxpayer that is coughing up the money for it. If they have nothing to hide there should be no problem.
Andy Davies	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is one of the basic tenets of democracy.
Tim Carter	Prestatyn, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I do not trust Parliament to do everything that we expect of it - be impartial, non-corrupted and totally competent. We need the FOI Act to monitor all that MPs and the House of Lords do - supposedly in our names and for us, the electorate and taxpayers
Eileen Coyle	Worthing, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that we, the people for whom the government are employed to protect, should be able to know what the government are claiming as expenses etc. to perform the work for which the people have elected them to do.
Mary McGuiggan	Eglinton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Living in the North of Ireland, I know how destructive lack of information is to our communities.
Adrian Stapleton	Woburn Sands, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The powers that be should be accountable, everyone else is!!
Glynn Jones	Long Eaton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Government should be transparent
Alan Warner	Ely, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There are more & more reasons to get information on what the government are doing! If we don't keep an eye on them, we will find ourselves controlled in every way!
Mike Clayton	New Alresford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If everything the public sector and our elected representatives did was perfect, we wouldn't need an FOI. But then, they would have nothing to hide. So, because someone wants it weakened, I conclude we need it all the more.

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keith dobbin	Durham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	They are greedy robbing t**ts!
Robert Ford	Bushey, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	They only want to line their own pockets, their motto should read We have got it you haven't and we will make sure you never do. That's this so called government for you.
Simon Banks	Ascot, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This act will weaken our security not strengthen it.
Paul Renshaw	Stirling, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is the only way we have of exposing the skullduggery that members of parliament get up to. You are no better than us, and as such should be governed by the same rules as us.
Peter Scott	Croydon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	These our representatives are accountable to us THE PUBLIC.
Phil Paige	Nailsea, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	With power comes responsibility
graham Johnson	Chatham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Democracy still matters
Sandra Chamberlain	Stratford-upon-Avon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe it is very important to maintain our ability to question and have sight of information that is in the public interest
Keith Bingham	Dorking, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Freedom of Information Act is essential if the public is to be allowed to keep checks and balances on authorities who abuse their power.
Dave Marteau	Shaftesbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because FOI equals democracy
paul greenwood	Trimley Saint Mary, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information should be unquestioned in a democracy. Government are the servants of, and elected by the people. It should not be the other way round.
Victor Haven	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It seems some MPs cannot see how damaging it is to themselves and the franchise to needlessly keep certain information secret. Someone needs to tell them what is perfectly obvious to ordinary people: You work for us. Please act like it. Please serve us properly instead of disgracing yourselves and our democracy.
Stephen Hassan	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If they(government or big business) have nothing to hide why change it.
Gavin Tomkins	Cheshire, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am sick and tired of the government scum bags taking our money, rights and liberties away from us.
Terry Grehan	milton keynes, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe information regarding MP,s and any other public figure in office should be scrutinised by the public, as they have responsibilities towards the electorate that have voted them in.
Michael Slater	Preston, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is my hard earned taxes being used, and I believe it is my right to know how it is being used.
Dr Gloria N Okorocho	Sedlescombe, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is important to know what is going on
MOHAMMED MAJID	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing this petition because It is our (public) money and we have a right to know what it is being spent on. If anyone tries to deny this information being made public they are committing a crime against transparency in government
Peter Longhurst	Caterham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is essential that this act is strengthened not weakened? The only type of person who would want to weaken this act would be the people with something to hide?
Barbara Diawara	Bedlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to know where publics money is going. Bx

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Richard Fulton	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	At a time when we are being asked to share more of our information with GCHQ, I think the government ought to be offering to be more transparent in its dealings. Fair is fair.
Rob Stoakes	Todmorden, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because optician are our servants, not the other way round
Mike Carrick	BROMSGROVE, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The informatio ought to be readily available; public money - the public should be able to see where it went. M ECarrick
john allegri	Exeter, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	In a democratic society people have a right to know what the people we elect are doing.
Tony Clayton	Sevenoaks, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I have seen the FOI system from all sides - as citizen, civil servant and politician. It is fair, proportionate and essential for an effective democracy in an open society. Only those with something to hide would want to limit it.
Sandra Howes	Croydon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that there are things the public have the right to know, whether or not vested interests try to stop them.
Lindsay James	Hove, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I don't see anything wrong with the FOI as it stands; therefore no change needed.
Ankur Ravinarayana Chakravarthy	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Good democracies depend on the ability of people to hold the government accountable. It is therefore vital for the public to keep Parliamentarians in check and the FOIA is a vital instrument in this regard.
Ronald Reid	Denny, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Anything to keep these parasites in check is a good thing and I therefore support this wholeheartedly. I would add that I have tried to use the act with Virgin Trains (Stagecoach) and they have totally ignored me as well as London Travel Watch. I therefore suggest that it should be made stronger not weaker.
Roberet Brack	Worcester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing this because I truly believe that the Freedom Of Information act benefits democracy.
Leonard Greening	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing this petition because I believe the most accountable people in the land must be our Politicians. The Nation must be able to obtain all information about the people who are elected to Public Office as they hold the power to shape everybody's life. We keep hearing about a "transparent" government. Let's ensure we get that transparency. After all, we're all in the same boat aren't we????
David williams	Aberystwyth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Governments, including the current party are promising more transparency. i believe this is the correct manner in which to maintain a democracy.
Carolyn Southwood	Whitstable, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in transparency
Steve Hook	Shotley Gate, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Government is accountable to the people.
George Hunt	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	the government has already taken away too many powers from the people
Peter Conway	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The public have a right to know how there hard earned Tax is been wasted
Perry Blye	Braintree, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Openness is very important
Clive Green	Evesham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If there is nothing to hide, what are the government afraid of?
BoB B	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Its in the public interest for the public to be informed so that informed decision making can take place; as to whom is lying and to what degree and to what degree I can stomach the practise, on my behalf, of Realpolitik.

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Michelle Towler	Gosport, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because this is supposed to be a democracy, how can we make informed choices without the relevant information!
Chris Cumpstey	Wirral, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Im fed up of living under a dictator
Marc Olbison	pontfract, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because I fully support the notion of transparency and accountability of which the freedom of information act provides.
Dean Whitby	Bath, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's important and should be left alone.
Sue Burke	Marshfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I have also used the FOI act to gain information from a public body, when they were extremely reluctant to give me the information on just asking. It is a very powerful Act which we need to protect.
edward morley	Derby, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because it's not one rule for them ,and a different one for the rest of us.if it hadn't been the first past the post the torys wouldn't even be in power!!!!
Paul Fuller	Reigate, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I can seethe thin end of a very unpleasant wedge.
Maxim Egorushkin	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Governments must be transparent. Otherwise they get corrupted.
Jean Kelsall	Framlingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The M.Ps must think we're all a soft touch.
Paul Norris	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Too many secrets
Ian Wilder	Aldershot, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that FOI is an important weapon in the armoury of everyone who wishes to ensure that the government, our public bodies and all our elected representatives remain accountable to those whom they serve as public servants and those who elect them.
Vicki McEvoy	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I passionately believe this act is needed and relevant
William Treloar	Sticklepath, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because I believe it's essential that the FOI should be preserved and, ideally, extended
John Boorman	Pinner, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's very important as wrong information can be put down. And you should have every right to know what's been written about oneself
Pauline Waters	Ammanford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am a student and use this service.
gillian pope	hastings, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	we are supposed to live in a democracy NOT a dictatorship
Chris Gillham	Winchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This proves the whole point that we have government we cannot trust and therefore we need the ability to find out what they are up to. They seem to have enough loopholes on this to crawl through anyway.
Michael Brookes	Walkington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is one of our remaining democratic freedoms and must be preserved
Robert Irving	Huyton mersyside, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We all have to sign this they don't like the person on the street to have any thing but they can just keep taking tax payers money in expenses they have no shame so please every one sign this now thank you .
EIRIK HANSEN	TELFORD, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information act is vital to protect public interest
peter Heaslewood	Wick, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	we need to know what is going on
Jim Cook	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Whose information is it? It should belong to all of us, being in a democracy.
Wendy Cary	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I consider that the general public has a right to know what their elected representatives ar doing in their name.

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Richard Pope	Leighton Buzzard, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am sick to the back teeth of parliamentarians helping themselves and not the people they are supposed to represent ☹
Howard Everingham	Cottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI provides some transparency of Government
steve hunt	southend on sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is our inherent right which should not be restricted In any way
Roger Stevenson	Upper Cwmbran, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	After the expenses scandal, it's obvious MPs are not trustworthy. This act is vital to democracy.
Chris Gray	Clydebank, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There all crooks don't trust them with the expenses
Adrian Doyle	Luton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom is our right
Robert Mellor	swansea, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Politicians and government cannot be trusted and need to be held to account for some of their actions, therefore the act , as it currently stands, is the most important piece of legislation available for that purpose.
Laura Taylor	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of Information Act
Sheelagh Graham	Dumbarton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is one of the essentials to save our democracy from vanishing completely. If the government is agin it, they're afraid of it.
Mike Lynskey	Wakefield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MPs should be accountable!
John Mulligan	Worcester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I do not want the UK to be a fascist style state.
James Storer	Syston, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is important
Ian Smart	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is a right and should never be taken away. Only those people with something to hide would mess with this right.
Danella Campbell	Crewe, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Freedom of Information Act is a legislation that allows the public to be informed on the actions of elite powers and should be protected. This law also means that power is policed by the people. Leave it alone!
jeff house	worthing, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing the petition because I am unhappy with the political class believing they can do one thing whilst telling them majority to do another. Without access to information we are blind
Don Davidson	Chipping Norton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is vital that public bodies (include all layers of government) and large corporate organisations/businesses can be made to be held accountable for their actions.
james yeo	prestwick, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	i have used it to but i keep geting quoated ther is a third party intrest when i requed my personal imfo ayr scocial work said they had none of my info but my doctor gave them my medical reports for kin ship assement so i know for a fact they have my info but denie all so yes we need more powers for the public ASP
Nick Mills	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As the security services and police say, 'what have you got to hide?'
Lou Sharman	Knebworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The government should be grateful that the FOI Act is working as well as it is rather than trying to reduce the ability of ordinary citizens to examine the actions of both local and central government. I am not a journalist but an ordinary member of the public.
Howard Groves	North Newton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to know that this scandal will never be repeated MPs are public servents we need to know total probity is being observed
Dawn Dunne	Ware, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in liberty and truth which government seeks to abuse

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Maurice Little	Maidstone., United Kingdom	2015-11-06	A FOI act is essential if we are to hold our elected representatives responsible to us and not to multinational companies.
John Mountain	Morpeth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Whilst I'm sure there are some principled MPs, and I have no reason to believe that my MP is not one of these, I'm equally sure that a large number of MPs are not to be trusted.
Ralph Dickinson	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If it isn't public information it can't be used as information
David Cottrell	Congleton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is one of the best methods of calling the politicians to account, it must not be weakened.
tony savage	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Let Mp live in the real world no chance
Linda Mullen	East Kilbride, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Everyone should be honest and transparent. If they are doing something they wish to hide - then this will help them stop!
eddie emerick	Southend-on-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I sadly feel that freedom in this country is under constant erosion by the people in power, and it is always for the worst possible reason. Namely, power = greed.
PAWAN KUMAR	Ilford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency in public life is needed.
Graham Arnold	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because I believe FOI enables the British public to hold national and local government to account in a way which feels to me to be an essential part of the democratic system most of us hold dear.
Jenny Maher	Cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Information is power - we need to ensure people have the power. We are all told, with CCTV, etc.. that we if we have nothing to hide we should be happy to be observed... this should apply even more-so to those accountable to the public
Jane Pearse	Yeovil, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	i believe in freedom of speech
Brenda Armitage	Derby, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI requests re our local NHS services have helped inform campaigns to Save our NHS.
carolyn pantlin	Braintree, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	No organisation should be able to hide what it does.
Alistair Bulloch	Newcastle, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is vital for academic enquiry.
Darren Stead	Bridgend, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I got treated like a criminal signing on before because I missed an appointment made for me when the job centre was closed, got money stopped and yet mp's seem to have free access to money
Judith Barford	East Bergholt, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I think it is very important that FOI remains so that things that need to be in the public domain can be accessed.
J Robinson	Chester-le-Street, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is the cornerstone of democracy.
Tim Boyce	Lymington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is crucial to democratic government and the FOI Act is an essential component. It is only ever criticised by MPs, public officials and royalty. This is a disgrace. The scope of FOI should be expanded and not reduced.
Catherine Graham-Harrison	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because any weakening of the FOI Act would be a seriously retrogressive step for a country where much is already secret and which should aim to keep its reputation as an open democracy.
peter rowe	baldivis, Australia	2015-11-06	The government needs to be held to account
Robin Young	Crowhurst, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing this petition because freedom of information is vital to a healthy democracy

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Peter Williams	Stockton-on-Tees, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is so important that our country has a free press; our politicians, have unfortunately demonstrated that we are unable to trust them. They on more than one occasion have been found to be dishonest and even when exposed; they have attempted to have everything hidden. The people outside of Parliament would have been charged and jailed for similar actions. Thankfully our press were looking after the country's purse.
David Billinge	Heysham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency in government is essential
susie pratt	derby, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's been a tool for revealing so many truths that those in power would rather we did not know. The fact that Tony Blair considered it his biggest mistake and that Cameron's lot want to dilute it means it must be working.
Ray Hand	Abingdon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Successive governments have boasted about their openness and how they don't try to hide their embarrassing decisions from us. Let them prove it by strengthening FoI rather than weakening it.
Jeanette House	Keighley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing this petition to ensure that the public can be reassured that the government and other public bodies are transparent in their decision making and accountable to the people who pay their salaries.
Roger Fox	Aylesbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We have the right to know the truth.
Trevor Box	Chatham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Politicians always have something to hide
Pam Dyer	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of Information is Democracy - we do not live in a communist dictatorship.
Lesley Billany	Horsham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing this petition because I strongly believe in accountability and that the public has a right to information.
Tina Ball	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is essential for democratic accountability.
anthony wood	ammanford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	i think its a scandal that all these so called public servants get away with fraud !!!
Lila Randall	nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's our right in a DEMOCRATIC society.
Michael Warden	Tilney Saint Lawrence, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because they work for us - not the other way round.
Annette Morris	Preston, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in transparency. In this instance it is our money, the tax payer, that they are spending.
Kwaku Kwaku	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	because we can not afford a weakened or restricted FOI Act!
Tony Moore	Paignton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Freedom of Information should not, and must not, be watered down. For transparency (yet another of David Cameron's long list of 'promises') in Public matters, the general public have a right to know. Well done Heather Brooke for setting up this petition.
Anthony Peatfield	Kings Cliffe, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We elect and pay for the MPs and government and we need to be able to question what they do and spend without them being able hide behind secrecy.
David Brims	Fareham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It matters
Richard Williams	Abingdon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	In a democracy it is right and proper that we should be able to obtain information on matters that are of public interest. While it may be legitimate to maintain secrecy on matters of national security, this should not be used to cover up abuses of power and public money.

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Alan Burton	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It all needs public airing.
Gillian Birdsall	Maesybont, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Millions of young boys went from their homes and families, to die in appalling conditions to make this country free from dictators and the rich who like to suppress the poor. It seems we have to fight again to keep what they won. Shame on those who throw away what they died to protect.
John clark	Inverness, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I do not trust politicians
David Pryce-jones	Wallingford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	In a democracy, it's absolutely essential that government (and the public sector generally) is made to be accountable to its citizens and any weakening of the FOI Act would start to undermine this.
Shreeram Vidyarthi	Sittingbourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Yes, this FOI is the citizen's absolute and morally justified Right. The parliament must not temper with it.
Peter Elliott	Hethersett, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FoI laws are essential to keep our public servants in check and to be able to scrutinise their actions
Stephen Holmes	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Freedom of Information Act must not be scrapped or altered to enable corrupt officials getting away with conning the public
Peter Simmons	Eastbourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We should know what we pay for.
Martin Fay	Holmfirth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If you have nothing to hide you have nothing to fear, eh MPs???
SUE HEDGES	Cranleigh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is a right of the people, the only reason not to allow FOI is you must have something to hide
Paul Sax	Bath, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	No FOI, no democracy.
Angela Smith	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If everyone is doing the right thing there is nothing to hide. The government has the right to our information and as they serve us, we have a right to there's.
Sandra Stoddard	Peterculter, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It seems that under the facade of democracy the UK politicians hide a great deal from the public. I vote that true democracy is practised by all in the spirit of transparency.
Susan Woods	Dumfries, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in honesty and transparency in everything. We have a right to know everything about anything that is done in our name and at our expense.
Chris Healey	Catherington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is vitally important that questions may be asked to ensure aspects of government are accountable to the people who vote.
Barry Clements	Buntingford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	So MPs don't like us finding out about all their little cons and scams eh? So they try and change the law to fix that.
jan hutton	hull, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There would be cover up after cover up... MP's and their ilk fleecing the working man
Peter Griggs	Billiericay, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Politicians must be accountable to the public they are supposed to serve. FOI is not just a must; it is a right
Peter Gordon	Bridge of Allan, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I have not found the Scottish Government to live up to their promises of "openness" and "transparency" and without FOI we have even less chance of seeking accountability in authorities
Brenda Gibson	Raffin, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Without FOI our democracy would be flawed.
michael barley	Tamworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom is not just for the upper class and politicians. This is a blatant act of oppression against the people of these lands. We cannot accept the blatant problem of the government attempting to create a dictatorship
Hilary Murphy	Chester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is a very odd move for a 'transparent government'

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Maureen Donohoe	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in the Freedom of Information.
Paul Smith	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	to speak truth to power the truth needs a method of exposure, FOI
Paul Bryant	Cherhill, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information should be a fundamental right in a democratic society
Ann Booth	Hale, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is an unequal playing field when MPs give themselves more salary/perks than a nurse like me
Corinna cope	Surbiton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am fed up of the corruption and abuse of power by politicians in this country. The power needs to be with the people to ensure total transparency ALWAYS on EVERYTHING
Cheryl Taylor	Theydon Bois, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This Act is important. Democracy should be transparent.
Angela Murphy	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I have a right to know what the Government is doing with my money and my vote.
claire tjaveondja	07523210969, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Government is there for the Good of the people not to rip them off
Andrew Holder	Ludlow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The act as it is now does a fantastic job in creating transparency. Hands off the act!
Richard Gibson	Woodley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This shouldn't be allowed
Kevin Bradshaw	Ashton-under-Lyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MP s should be open and honest
Thomas jones	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	They have the same freedom on our info so why shouldn't we
Kathie Golletz	Ladysmith, Canada	2015-11-06	Transparency is what makes citizens trust their government
Martin Powell	Halesowen, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	By having access to public information, we, the public, are able to engage properly with political issues. This makes for better politics, better government and better democracy.
Jeff Royle	Horsham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The UK government are nothing but a scandalous self serving malodorous thieves.
Beth howard	Darwen, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Im signing this petition because im 17 and want to be able to say my future is protected and im proud of my country for making me feel safe! I can't say that if my right to a private life is taken away from me.
David Morris-Jones	Warrington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Hiding information from the voting public provides the opportunity to act in a way which is wholly unacceptable, and can lead to a misuse of public funds.
Kathleen Thorley	Stockport, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is wrong that any member of the government to try to water down the Freedom of Information Act, especially for their own ends. Freedom of information is crucial in a liberal democracy. As Plato wondered who guards the guardians? No one if they cannot be called to account. After the recent antics of the MPs and their faux claims it is clear that they must never be trusted again.
Linda Rigler	Chulmleigh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Linda Rigler
IAN Lyall	Ayr, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Happy to sign it
rob Devine	Tewkesbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	its my money being spent

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Paul Morgan	Ormskirk, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	trying to stop FOI act , so we the public can't see what they are spending .. spending the taxpayers money ,,,,
Gemma Barnard	Sidcup, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	People can not get away with naughty things. Everyone has to show and prove what they get.
john meara	manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	government must be held to acciunt
Steven Cocker	Walton-le-Dale, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As I understand things, we live in a democracy. If this is so why all the secrecy? As the slogan says 'Hands Off FOI' or the UK will be one step closer to Democracy with a capital 'Mock'
Tim Whittle	Horsham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MPs, Senior Civil Servants and the BBC can no longer be trusted. Only the FOI can stop them continuing to cheat Tax Payers.
Gary Robinson	Sherburn Village, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because people should be able to see what ridiculous things they are spending our money on. They should pay out of their own pocket they can afford it.
ian Hunter	Serfaus, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information makes people accountable. An essential part of democracy.
Brian Walker	Andover, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	information should not be hidden when it has an impact on all of us
Milton Bolechala	Hawkinge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Not EVERYTHING should remain Secret
brian watson	Bearsden, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in open government , no to keeping the electorate in the dark.
Petra Hall	Darlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There are some issues that I feel Parliament has no business to keep from public view.
Peter Mackenzie	Stornoway, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We all need to know
Philip Jempson	Streatley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because transparency is required in Parliament
Hazel Anderson	Abergavenny, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing because I think our FOI is a cornerstone of our democracy. Institutions and elected officials must always be held accountable for their actions, which can only happen when information is freely available.
Simon Edwards	Haverhill, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Yet again politicians seem to forget they work for us, voted in by us and should be accountable to us. Stop trying to hide behind smoke screens and using paper trails to hide stuff. If I ask for information it is your jobs as MPs to serve the public and be forthcoming, not to hinder.
Tristan Hale	Leek, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We fought against the Nazi regime for a reason. Now it's in our own society.
Michael Gilbert	Cranleigh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe good comes from freedom.
graham turner	Rainham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	its there to protect us don't lose it
Simon Dove	Coggeshall, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I strongly believe in the public's right to see what their employees (parliamentarians) do with their money.
Leonard Iggulden	Camberley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need all the tools possible to bring public figures into line.
Celia Moreton-Prichard	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There are so few safeguards left, we need to keep the ones we've got - even if it means honour among thieves . .
Susan Ryden	Stockport, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	All info re both public and private information should be shown. It's the only way we can keep this country safe from terrorism and illegal payments.

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Bernard Simpson	Saint Dogmaels, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I beli
Andrew Wherry	St austell, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Simply - The public deserves to know what our money is being spent on.
Mona McKenzie	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The government are taking everything from us as it is. Benefits being cut and taxes rising. For what? So MP's can pay for new kitchens. We have the right to know what our government are really doing.
Sara Challoner	Guildford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because little by little our freedoms are being whittled away by this government. This act is one way we can continue to monitor what they are really doing.
Derek Smith	Swindon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Why should they be exempt if they have nothing to hide?
Jacqueline Collard	Colchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is key to building trust. MPs should not need to hide anything, if they are acting justly.
Luca Bee	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Most politician are the scum of the earth. anything to stopping them!!!
Peter Dilworth	St Helen's, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This government cannot be trusted
Brian Isham	Faringdon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MPs and the government have proven themselves to be at the least gross distorted of truth up to outright liars. Credibility only comes from being open. Don't hide behind security. It won't wash any more.
Mark Stuart-wood	Southgate, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Anyone who trusts these fools to olice themselves is, quite frankly, as stupid as they are.
Louise Waddington	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The country is in a state and getting worse by the day! The law should include transparency too but one step at a time hey!
mark dicker	Llanbrynmair, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	foi exposes liars and cheats
Dorothy Lynn	Yelverton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency goes both ways. The government wishes to be able to use surveillance on citizens. So we need the Freedom of Information act to give us some transparancy the other way.
joe mccann	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Lying thieving pigs at the trough
peter mcgeown	coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	WE HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW WHAT THEY ARE UPTO
Katrina Gibson	Aldershot, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We have a right to access information
Alexander Coll	Dunfermline, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I sign this petition because my ancestors and family fought over a great period of time for the relative freedom I have experienced up to date. Governments are controlled by the people; this present government aspires to be dictatorial.
Stephen O'Brien	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There is no such thing as Freedom without the Freedom of Information. Furthermore our Political Masters have proved their lack of integrity
Gwilym Colenso	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The public have the right to know what action is being taken on their behalf by those elected to represent them. To take this right away will move us more adn more towards an unaccountable state
Aaron Keal	Southsea, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This kind of corruption and greed is everywhere and is ruining our society. Power should not be able to put people above the law
Patrick Morgan	Walsall, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Government must be accountable at all times.
Linda Kelly	Ashton-in-Makerfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is important to be able to obtain true facts when required

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Michael Hallatt	Ipswich, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The people must always have a voice.
Sabah Haque	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The government is always on about freedom of speech But when the table is turned it's a different story
Paula Swanson	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The public have the right to know what public money is being spent on !
Glenn McDougall	Saltburn, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	You get to harvest every scrap of information you want about us. I am yet to hear a valid reason why it shouldn't go both ways.
jeff gathergood	reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	fed up with mp with their heads in the troughs
Lizzie Allen	Shipley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing this petition as FOI is such an essential part of a democratic country. This current Government seems determined to erode so many of the principles and policies that have been fought for over the years to ensure the freedom of British citizens. It is of great concern.
angela antunes	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing because I am fed up of MP's discriminating what themselves do, with no necessity. Its time to remind them that they are Public Servants and not the other way around. Corporative members in Parliament? Where is this so called Democracy..
Victor Trim	Maidenhead, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Keep vigilant and maintain democracy in our country. We must fight to prevent any further erosion of our rights, before the majority of our rights dissappear to the rich and elititist only...!
Vivienne Pearson	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe the general public pay the salaries and expenses of politicians. We were entitled to know how that money was spent. The same goes for any organisation funded by out taxes
Zephyr Chan	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am completely against corruption of any kind. Signing this petition will help fight graft and corruption. ^_^
Andrew Mills	Harpenden, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is an essential part of a democratic society
peter coultas	Ilkley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Without true information there is no point in democracy - choices made in ignorance ore not real choices
Ian Pike	Fareham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because 'Government' should hide nothing from us. Current political thinking is archaic.
Alan Fairhurst	Wigan, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	we deserve the right to review information that keepS us well informed
Jon Dew	Swansea, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Accountability and clarity should be a paramount right for human beings to hold accountable the people we employ to govern.
Robert Morris	Hartley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As politicians often tell us, if you've got nothing to hide you have nothing to fear.
Anish Bahra	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because the same occurs in the NHS and attempts to suppress information comes from the highest level of the Trust.
Nicholas Teague	Edenfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Iam signing because I know that Rossendale council need to be held to account, all day, every day. god bless this petition and everybody who signs it.
Dennis McWilliams	Leamington Spa, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	for every good reason
Mick Donnelly	Lincoln, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	All public bodies should be transparent in their use of public funds. Self serving Politicians have over recent years a bad press, and this bad press has been thoroughly justified. Their attempts to change laws and regulations to serve their own ends and their ends only MUST BE STOPPED.
Angela O'Dell	Luton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	They earn enough they should not have this threw the back door stop expenses full stop

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Roger Owen	Poole, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	<p>I'm signing this because in a democracy there can NEVER be a valid reason for keeping secret anything which concerns the openness and accountability of MP's to the electorate that they serve, especially anything which concerns financial transparency (e.g. - MP Expenses.... is this still 'above board'??) and other information pertaining to the public interest that has no need to be secret. Please see to that you defend this rigorously!</p> <p>Incidentally, I didn't receive satisfactory reply to my last communication on 'fracking'(!) I DID NOT wish to confine my views to National Parks alone, but to the whole countryside of Great Britain..... so please see to it that you stick to the pointand NOT DRIFT AIMLESSLY to a position that merely satisfies your own (often blinkered) point of view which doesn't accurately reflect the question(s) sent by individual electors!</p>
David Cain	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need these mechanisms to ensure our politicians find it harder to be dishonest and not get caught.
Geoffrey Thomas	Emsworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Government tells me that if I have nothing to hide why should I worry about them having info about my emails etc. Well the same principle should apply to government in general.
glenys jacques jacques	Hastings, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	<p>MPs must be transparent</p> <p>We have to be</p> <p>They should be subject to sentences, as we are, for fraud crimes!</p>
sue widden	Lancaster, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that elected organisations and people in power should be accountable for their decisions and actions - and the FOI is essential for that.
Michael Henderson	Rugby, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The only people the watering down of this act does is help those with something to hide.
Jane McCarthy	Aylesbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI is a wonderful tool for democracy.
clive and maureen sabel	Dacre Banks, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	In our modern democracy any weakening in the provisions of this Act would be both tragic, unacceptable and make otherwise moderate citizens militant.
Robert Roberts	Penrhyn-side, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Public bodies must be accountable and can only be so if there is transparency...hence the need for a freedom of information Act that serves the public not the abusers.
Richard Wilkins	Watford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because I believe the public should not be protected from their responsibility for knowing what governments do. I want the media to be free to report the truth. I want ministers and media barons alike to have their hypocrisies exposed. I want honest, truthful reporting to be extended, so that adults are no longer infantilised by 'protection' from the facts.

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Michael Ricks	Forest Row, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	<p>As an investigative reporter and former provincial newspaper editor with more than 40 years experience I have watched with increasing alarm restrictions being put on our right to know.</p> <p>The need for transparency and open-ness was recognised by governments after the local government corruption scandals in the 1970's. Successive governments and ministers have called for transparency to prevent fraud, in business dealings and preventing corruption in overseas contracts yet in my view this will make decisions taken on behalf of the people of this country more opaque.</p> <p>The tendency has been for requests from journalists for basic information to be routed as FOI requests which increases the apparent load.</p> <p>An independent and enquiring media has been one of the checks and balances of our democratic society; the fourth estate between Crown, parliament and the judiciary - we limit its right to enquire and the public's right to know at ur peril.</p>
Joe Chapman	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The laws around FOI requests should be made better, not weakened. For example, Thames Valley Police have rendered many FOI requests useless because when they migrated data to a new system in 2012, they forgot to provision easy access to certain older data. There's an exemption on FOI requests being fulfilled, based on the cost involved. Because TVP would now have to pay someone to extract and analyse the data from the old system, it exceeds the threshold and as a result the police don't need to fulfill the FOI request.
David Saul	Wigton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in democracy and accountability
Neil Robertson	Stonehaven, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I do not want MP's noses in the trough again.
Doreen Laird	Stockton on Tees, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's great to know what these bunch of thieves are up to. Not that it makes any difference - they're STILL at it.
Peter Wood	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MP's have shown they can't be trusted in their position of power over the majority hardworking people of this country
David Coulstock	Leighton Buzzard, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Who elects the Government? The people. This is OUR information.
David Ramzan	Ashford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because I have been required to use the FOI act on my own behalf in relation to acting as Litigant in Person on several occasions in legal proceedings.
Elizabeth Egan	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I think MPs are accountable to the people who pay out for them
Robert Watsson	Maybole, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	In the interest of Democracy
clive fitton	blackburn, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There should be NO secrets held by public bodies that affect the public at large, without a court judgement that meets the strictest criteria of National Security
IAN FERGUSON	Mensignac, France	2015-11-06	It is vital that we know what governments are up to
Andy Crocker	Derry Hill, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Signing because government and politicians should be accountable for their decisions to the electorate.
Kaval Sokhy	Hove, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	How dare they erode this the public has a right to know the politicians are paid by the public

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Mick Couchman	Folkestone, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	the public should have the right to the truth
Randy Klein	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This government wants complete freedom to look at our personal data yet will not allow citizens access to their spending of our taxes.
Melvyn Geeson	Flowton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because we need to know and I want to know the reasoning behind what is being done in our democracy
vanessa woodward	Mepal, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	we need to know how the corrupt government are behaving,if they have nothing to hide,they shouldnt mind being transparent
Ian Roxburgh	Kilmaurs, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Quite simply we have a right to know what politicians and other relevant bodies are doing with our money and the kinds of decisions they are making on our behalf.
Grant Atkins	Hove, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in the FOI in it's current standing. Watering it down shows you are complicit in information evasion.
Juliet McBride	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because we have one of the most secretive governments in the western world which relies on peoples' lack of knowledge to get away with abuses
Kathleen Chaplin	Bawburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Government cover up too much.. The public vote them in so they have the right to know when the government is trying to cover things up to benefit themselves! .
talat basharat	Slough, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	All information should be default in the public domain.
Richard Fuller	Swindon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It has been proved that some are sinners and this would show who is good to us.
Williamad Cook	Canewdon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I want to know what is going on, no underhand dealing we do not know about.
Freida Whitson	Murieston, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Why should they be exempt from disclosing information. Having gone through a similar experience where I had to disclose all expenditure, why should they be ignored.
Dave Adams	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Don't let them change the law to hide their dishonesty.
john morgan	Pontypool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	because the government, especially the Tories, lay claim to seeking open government. freedom of information etc, yet this government are doing everything they can to remove that openness and freedom/ Get off our backs, you are a burden we, the people, do not need.
Kerry Nethercott	Dagenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm sick of the them and us attitude.
Maureen Dagg	Marlow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There is no way this access to accountability should be taken away.
Gillian Capaldi	Doncaster, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to preserve this piece of legislation
Neil Paterson	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because I believe that elected representatives are not above the law, and, human nature being what it is, the Freedom of Information Act is a very good way of keeping them accountable to the people they are meant to serve.
Andrew Gear	Shetland islands, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I fear journalists may make up stories when denied access to the truth. I want the news to be as accurate and as complete as possible.
Dave Finney	Nancegollan, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in honesty and openness not deception and lies.

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Richard Bartlett	Torquay, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is in the public's interest. If they can spy on us they can keep no secrets from us. Sounds a fair deal to me.
Pat Mackie	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI gives us the right to demand information. It is precious for democracy to thrive.
Angela Jackson	Formby, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This Country is supposedly a Democracy. I feel very nervous that MP's do not therefore wish to have an Act that is transparent and keeps the general public informed of what is happening. This makes me wonder why they would wish that!
Neil Craven	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe tax-payer funded departments should be accountable and the workings of government should be transparent
Anthony Abbott	barnstaple, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	never trust politicians
Jonathan David Harris	Cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It needs to be signed ,why I simply state we can't let them get away with more poisonous vitriolic murder again and again and again and again can we folks
Clare Druce	Holmfirth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Writers and anyone concerned with facts (especially those facts that government might prefer to keep hidden) have relied on the FOI Act. This Act should on no account be watered down.
Bill Drysdale	Ayton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We are becoming a police state if we allow government erode our rights
Kumba Fasuluku	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Without my consent (we the people) the powers that be get to govern NOTHING.
Sharon Whyte	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There should be no hiding place for the information about what public bodies and our elected officials are doing in our name. If it is in the public interest for this information to be released, this must continue to be the case. Please Matthew Hancock MP, DO NOT water down these powers.
Peter Lane	Norwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to be watchfull
Michael Edwards	Rhyl, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is the best thing that the Labour government introduced in 3 terms.
jilly Jordan	Hove, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	this country must remain a democracy
Laks Mann	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Tories are shamefully trying to elevate their elitist interests and protect the Establishment.
Kevin Nelson	Yelverton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Let's show these bastards that we aren't going to put up with their bullshit!
ian kennedy	Bramber, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe those in power will abuse it to cover there actions and we will not be able to make them countable for there actions I believe they only want to change this for their own benefit
Monica Masca	Corby, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We vote them. We have the right to know. Like this when there is an issue they can't say that they didn't know about it.
Jed Hoile	High Wycombe, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	In deference to the democracy we believe and live for and in. the Freedom Of Information act must be kept as wide- ranging as possible without bringing unnecessary danger or threat to this country. Cases such as the ability to review public spending cannot be seen as threatening to national security so should remain a common right and made more easily accessible.
Graham Jordan	Hove, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	freedom of information is central to any democracy
gordon jameson	doncaster, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	everybody needs to know what is going on behind closed doors, especially government doors, they were set up to work for the people but since thatcher everything has changed, governments do as they wish, not as we wish.

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Stuart Goldie	Durham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	A government elected by barely a 1/3 of the electorate! Industrial scale surveillance of every citizen! The ruling elite in charge of what the public do and don't know. All hail our glorious dictatorship! All reject liberty and justice.
Daniel Moncur-Sime	Hereford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	overnment exists at the consent of the governed and every man or woman who works for any government body, agency or associated group, or anyone who receives money from the public purse, must never be allowed to hide behind acts of parliament, or exempt from public disclosure of any kind. Only Lies need defending by acts of parliament; Truth needs no defence.
Alison Kilpatrick	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As an ordinary member of the public, it is important that government & public bodies are able to be held to account for their actions.
Barry Thompson	Derby, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I want transparency in government what have they got to hide?
Valeriu Toader	Eastleigh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Why would you modify the act unless you have something to hide or plan on hiding something in the future. Is the government taking our liberties step by step? First was the invasion of privacy and slowly they are creeping to a point where they could cover all their dirty dealings with public money. What would happen if I was too pay tax however much I prefer? Or maybe not at all, are they going to sit there doing nothing about it???? I don't think so
Margaret Brown	Leighton Bozzard, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm supporting this petition because I feel it is yet another, apparently harmless but really significant move towards a '1984' over-regulated state and a danger to democratic freedom.
kevin williams	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	They are her to serve not as they think to rule
Janet Stoyel	Sheldon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Such Information should be available to all. not simply the privileged few in positions of power & our trust? Save the FIA
Alex Newbold	Royal Tunbridge Wells, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	we have a right to know what our government is doing with the information they gather
Andrew Fields	Henllys, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in accountability for all civil servants and politicians
morag macfarlane	Rushden, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We should always have the right to monitor and fact check those who represent us as an individual, community or society.
cliff clarke	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Our freedom, including our freedom to ask even the most difficult of questions, is fundamental to the rights fought for by previous generations
Irene Plumb	Billericay, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We should all be subject to the same law and not use position to take advantage of others e.g. The taxpayer
Adrian Hepworth	Devon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI law is there to keep track of elected representatives and those companies that abuse their elitist positions of power. It has recently been shown that self regulation does not work so FOI allows tabs to kept on those bodies that claim it does. Without FOI so they are able to avoid public scrutiny.
John Halliday	Teddington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI act has its problems but its benefits are much greater and it is vital cog in the wheels of any fair and strong democracy
Alan Reynolds	Croydon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is important that publicly taken decisions taken at public expense should be open to appropriate scrutiny
Robert Peachey	WORCESTER, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in open government
Lara Bricknell	Gloucester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I used the Act to request information which showed that the Health & Safety Policy in a school was not being followed.

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Christopher kirkland	Lincoln, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Oh please! what do they want to hide now? A free and democratic society? The "Lords" interfering? now this! Time to remember this country is free to all not just the "minorities"!
Julie Mercer	Bangor, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am becoming increasingly infuriated by the increase in poverty due to benefit cuts whilst this government make no sacrifices but continue in their affluence.
Alan Dykes	Kirk Sandall, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Members of Parliament are elected by the Public and should be fully answerable to the Public for everything they do and spend - every penny!!!
Paul O'Farrell-Stevens	Calne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing this petition because I fundamentally believe in the freedom of information act and I do not want it weakened by the elite power brokers, Transparency needs to be remain.
Olwen Ford	Penrhyndeudraeth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Our democracy is not as strong as we think and government needs to be kept accountable
anita harrison	Aberystwyth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in accountability to the electorate.
Michael White	Leominster, Herefordshire., United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The politicians need to be even more accountable.
June Peters	Chatham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This act is needed to ensure secrets are are not kept hidden and that transparency prevails.
Roger Kirman	cheadle Hulme, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The emasculation of the FOI would be a significant blow to UK democracy and MPs who propose reducing its powers should be named and shamed. The act allows a light to shine on those in power to view the motives behind their voting record and on others in authority to keep them honest
julian Crocker	Hinton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm fed up with the slow erosion of our democratic rights while ploticians continue to strengthen laws that allow them to watch everyhting we do. Living in a democracy should mean nobody is above the law.
Malcolm Neal	derby, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	No one should be able to manipulate laws for their own personal benefit as MP's seem willing to do,
Peter Sewell	Covington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	All powerful institutions need to be accountable to prevent misuse of power
Eddie Davis	Bolton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I Believe that is should not be weakened as the government should be held accountable
carol cowgill	huddersfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FIA is better known as democracy at work!!!!
Mark Cheesman	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Free information is central to trust and democracy.
Helen Webb	Lostwithiel, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The sponging rich must be accountable because they are not elected by the majority
Greg Briers	Peterborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I need transparency on public funds and information
Martin Hines	Liss, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I agree with the proposal. If FOI is curbed in any way it opens the gate for further corruption.
Hugh Reilly	Mayfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	THEY HAVE NOT ENOUGH ACCOUNTABILTY WE DONT NEED TO PROTECT THEM FROM DOING AS THEY PLEASE WITH PUBLIC FUNDS AND WITH ANY OTHER MATTER
maureen dobson	Worthing, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is time rate payers learn the truth about MP's expenses. We all have expenses !!!

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anis ramji	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I have nothing to hide... Have you?
dee Bound	Cheltenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If you have nothing to hide.....
Hilary Chadwick	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Deference should have been dead and buried long ago; instead, it keeps on popping up, suggesting the public do not have a right to know about the internal workings of the state. WRONG! The presumption must be that we have a right to know everything; the necessity for any and every exception must be proved. And making FOI requests impossibly expensive must be resisted too.
Anthony Brown	Newcastle Upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	don't they no they work for us its a disgrace how they think we the public are so naïve to there fiddling. Its time to take back what was stolen by the hole lot of them.
Pete Shulver	Fareham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe the Gove should be accountable for all the information it holds
Neil Waddington	Featherstone, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	there should be freedom of information and total disclosure as MP's robbing the tax payer proves
Graham Bentley	Marlborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If it ain't broke don't fix it, the freedom of information act ain't broke and it don't need fixing.
Ian Beddow	Broseley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Although I've never personally used FOI I do understand the value of their use and the positive pressure that the potential scrutiny generates on curbing perverse behaviours and building in value for the tax payer in the practices of public figures and baddies.
Stephen Peasnall	Tain, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Our privacy is being invaded more and more by government, yet they are restricting what we can find out about them.
lucy axton	airethwaite, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Freedom of Information Act established the broad principle that public bodies must release information if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in it remaining secret.
David Britton	Potters Bar, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	In a democratic society the right to freedom of information to ensure that those who are in power whether political or commercial are accountable to the taxpayer and to the electorate. While I accept that certain information needs to be withheld for reasons of national security, it should not apply to any other matters thereby placing privileged individuals above the law.
Jeanette Thomson	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom has been hard won and must not be weakened. We must not be seen as a dictatorship.
Zoe Addison	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As always - one rule for them and one for us. What are they doing
Paul Coleman	Allington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	All Public spending must be transparent and accountable, especially in these austere times !
Victoria Cranfield	Devon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Collected data should be disclosable otherwise cease to collect.
Irene Keane	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We must know how OUR money is used by MP s
Morag Goldsmith	Sarlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is essential that the FOI act is not watered down and public figures are subject to proper scrutiny
David Teasdale	Chesham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that the public have the right to know what decisions are being made and what monies are being spent in their name.
David Miller	NEWTON ABBOT, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am a researcher and have used Fol frequently

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peter westpfel	Dartford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	for those with things to hide, this is frightening,
Karen Carr	Shaftesbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The public have a right to ensure that public servants are behaving in an honest and law abiding manner. Without the Freedom of information act corruption will be rife
Angela Meyler	Buckhurst Hill, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We pay and we deserve what we are "buying"
Nigel Atkinson	Long Whatton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Secrecy begets dishonesty.
Susan Key	Newport, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency =freedom to access information.
Frances Howse	North Baddesley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is so important - the government should be accountable and transparent and should want to be. They are here for the people believe it or not.
Tracey Price	Haverfordwest, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We are entitled to know!!!
rose magee	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of Information is crucial to a democracy.
Rashmi Chopra	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	In the interest of transparency and abuse of public funds
Alan Hudleston	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Information of public interest should be in the public domain. It should be a right in a democratic society. We are a Democratic society!
Ian Curtis	Hemel Hempstead, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This should not change.
Joe Ferguson	Kilmarnock, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because MP's need to be held accountable like all UK citizens they have proven that they cannot be trusted.
John Nicholas Leicester	Halesworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There is no excuse for keeping information about expenses, salaries, perks, residential status and a whole host of other information. Too often the establishment hide their corruption.
Nikki Oldhams	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Information is power.
Ian Somerville	Calne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because secrecy only benefits the powerful.
Joyce Graham	Aylesbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	So what have you to hide then? Shame on you!
Lee Foster	Chesterfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is not a Police State !!!
Sally Dillon	Gloucester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The principle of FOI is fundamental to a healthy democracy.
James Donnellon	Lance, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Democracy is now being challenged by politicians who no longer believe in the greater good for the UK and it's inhabitants, but by how much they can profit from it.
Leslie James Olding	Leybourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	A free country, why should anything be hidden
Chloe Wright	Basingstoke, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I want to be able to access information that may affect me or others around me
John Keddie	Hamilton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Unless National Security is involved, all Establishment information should be available on request
Chris Allen	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Access to all information that affect our lives is a human right, not a priviledge!

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Carl Ball	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm fed up with the continuous erosion to democracy and honesty. I really don't trust the people at the top anymore
Paul Clarke	Huddersfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because full freedom of information is essential for the proper working of democratic and open government.
Lynne Hood	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Stick to the principle of releasing information to us, the public. As we have the right to know
Paul Thompson	pickmere, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI should mean exactly what it says it is - Freedom to Information.
Terry Payne	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI Act should be part of any modern democracy
jack van praag	cambridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is essential to a democracy! This is a disgrace!
Stanley Potter	Hullbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	A veil is drawn over too much. we must have the right to question our representatives about what they do in our name.
stewart short	glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	manipulative to conceal
Jeromy Sachs	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to be able to continue exposing corruption in public life, especially MPs. The Freedom of Information must be strengthened and protected.
Joe Egginton	Wolverhampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI act is a very important part of our democracy. It can be used to bring to account anybody. No body is above the law, anybody, that as dubious or criminal activities should be brought to the attention of the public through the media or face a court appearance.
Marion Shaw	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I passionately belief in the right of individuals in a democratic society to have access to most government and business information.
Brigitte Florek	Fordingbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Do not let go of our rights in a free society!!!
Dorothea Thompson	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because access to information is vital to a democracy. Knowledge is power.
roy briggs	Crowle, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The public have a right to know!
Colin Calder	Yate, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The whole purpose of the act is freedom of information, so why curtail it unless there is something to hide.
Barry Douglas	Bradwell, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is called " The freedom of information act " and not "The freedom of selective information act ". MPs wrote and passed this law, why should they now vote to change it to protect themselves ? Be like the rest of the population, , Learn to live with your mistakes.
Jocelyn Erskine-Kellie	Erith, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We have a right to know what our elected representatives are doing.
Sapien Bower	Norwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's not only important, but right and just that the act remains and continues to help us seek out truth, that would be hidden otherwise
douglas cheyne	wisbech, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We have a RIGHT to know.
Christa Snowden	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The right to know what those who have the power over our democracy, allows us to hold them the account
Michael Moore	Habgood Road, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	A crucial part of a democracy is that there should be open accountability.
Shirish Trivedy	Harrow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is important that people in public life should be open to scrutiny. Trying to weaken FOI is totally unacceptable.
Peter Ryalls	Dronfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is an important part of civil liberties.

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Jenny Dashley	Bournemouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is absolutely necessary to uphold a democratic society and eroding it is a backwards step
christopher durant	chagford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The current FOI Act gives us a pretty limited access to routine day-to-day administrative information; if anything the Act should be widened in scope and more data published openly and without tedious request procedures. Having said that getting information out of the UK government is easy compared with the EU where secrecy and lack of accountability is rife.
Maggie Dunleavy	NORTHFLEET, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Isn't it obvious? We do not want to be lied to and manipulated by politicians any more.
WAHID ALI	Walsall, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is our right to know what our government does.
John Adams	Redhill, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need a torch in the fog of secrecy that seeks to shroud sources of information and channels of accountability
Gulfraz Ali Raja	Aylesbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing this petition because we, the public have the right to know what is going on with mps and other high level people.
Marion Clutterbuck	Salisbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freely available information is a vital tool in maintaining integrity in public life and holding people and institutions accountable. There are already sufficient limitations to FOI to protect national security.
Chris Shepherd	Swindon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of Information is important, we have the right to know what is being done in our name and at our expense.
Tomas Sloan	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm believe information should be open to the public.
Gillian WEBB	Harpenden, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is a potential restriction of our right to be fully informed about decisions that affect all our lives.
Diane Pace	Dagenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Dianepace
Bernie McFadden	Humshaugh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is Criminal. Criminals should not run the Asylum?
Ken Boddy	Partridge Green, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I want transparency, I want people to know what happens, I do not want those who are accountable to hide behind laws they write and amend simply because of the inconvenient truth.
Cora Baker	Stamford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Corruption in all levels of government must be stopped
Andrew Cross	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I just don't trust politicians, particularly Tories
Hazel Fotheringham	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because we all have a right to know how public money is being spent. Money that we have worked hard to provide.
Katie Smith	Oyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because the government is for the people and is made from the people so why withhold information from the people?
Rosamond Palmer	St Leonards on Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	it's our money.
sally and tony ashton	walsham le willows, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We should keep this Act for the sake of everyone who has needed to find information.
Patrick Searchwell	Camberley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	everyone should have a right to see how there taxes are spent
KENNETH BISSETT	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We do not need a more open society .

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Humayune Kalim Khalick	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This although not perfect ensures that there is some accountability to the public. If the government seeks to change it, it would only be so that they can better hide their dirty laundry in the future.
Claire Currie	Walsall, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Everyone has te right to know the truth!
janet williams	Salisbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	we need to know the truth
Riaz Khan Hazarvi	Dagenham Essex, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information act should not be tempered by government.
Helen Allan	St Albans, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I want transparent democracy, clarity and freedom of information always and forever.
Rhys Dil	Stanmore, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I want complete transparency with the government and anything they do.
mittchell blythe	Ramsgate, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We deserve the truth, we demand the truth.
Victoria Hyland	Stowmarket, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The public are deserving to know the truth so others cannot take advantage.
Malcolm Harnden	Harlow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Cheats need to be monitored.
Robert Yeldham	Pembroke Dock, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I do not trust any branch of officialdom to tell us the truth if lying will add to their personal or organisational funds
Ian Lewsey	Crewe, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI Act holds public servants to account and helps to stop corruption.
thomas brooks	Keynsham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's the correct thing to do
Chris Devlin	Isleworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Hide information and you probable have something more to keep secret.
Michael jhoomun	Dunfermline, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	They've turned our establishment into a money making venture, and think that they're so important they can hire a limo to get their menial tasks done...
Jeremy O'Connor	Stockton-On-Tees, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe that the FOI helps to keep Government and local politicians accountable for their actions
Adrian Rawlins	West Woodburn, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's an essential component of a democratic society.
Rosalyn Jolly	Blackpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is not a communist country, everything should be in the open!
Andy Ekule	Greenock, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	One rule for all
Ray Bavin	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is very important that we have the FOI so we can know the truth.
David Hand	sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We must have openness and honesty to prevent abuses by greedy people
John Woodcock	Lichfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing because I believe in transparency and if you have nothing to hide then why change it, the only exception would be for state security
Anne McConville	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency and accountability are essential to trust and democracy. We need to be able to hold parliament and public bodies to account.
Peter Drummond	Prestwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need an accountable State and the FOI Act is a very helpful tool to keep our State accountable!
Michael Waller	Fareham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is important that we are able to access most of what politicians etc are doing

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Paul Larsen	Billericay, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Lead by example. Public spending has been cut so get your own house in order by doing the right thing.
Ingrid Spencer	Sileby, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We must be able to hold any public institution to account and FOI does this
Margaret Oldbury	Nutley, Uckfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MP's should not be allowed to be above the law, & should be accountable
M Parry	london, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	how will we ever keep them accountable otherwise?
Peter Shaw	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is essential for putting controls around the data that institutions and government capture without this access huge scandals and abuses would never have been uncovered and therefore I see it as essential that it remains as is
Sarah Dunne	Derry, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because I was the FOI Manager for a Health Trust in Northern Ireland and I am a firm supporter of the Act and the opportunities it provides to make the government and public bodies accountable to the people.
John Spencer	Cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is necessary for us the public to know, what are they trying to hide. They are there because we put them there it is not for them to decide.
Paul McKay	Isle of Bute, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Politicians start off for the people. Once in the job they tend to side with the establishment. We must remind them where they started.
Bob Gilbert	Cirencester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I support this petition because experience has proved, conclusively, that not even politicians can be trusted to behave either ethically or morally, or, be honest when challenged about their lack of ethics and lack of morality. This attempt to weaken the powers in the Freedom of Information Act are more than enough evidence of the continuing behavioural traits of our politicians. I completely fail to understand the depth of their continuing depravity.
John Fox	Morley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MPs have to be accountable. FOI can help to ensure that they are.
Michael Blant	Telford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am sick of the lack of transparency from the Government.
Kal Singh	scunthorpe, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The MP's are Public Workers (ish) so why are they not accountable like the most of us
errol newman	Taunton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Essential for all our freedoms
Vincent Matthews	Harrogate, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Public bodies have lost the trust of the general public and cannot be relied on to spend our money wisely. The FOI act allows the public to hold them to account.
Helen Pring	londob, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	All public bodies are paid for by the tax payer. They should always be held to account.
Dennis Gornall	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe strongly that information is the citizen's right except in circumstances that our Government can justify, e.g. on grounds of national security. The information belongs to US we have elected the politicians to do the business on our behalf
Darran Fenton	Cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI has become a vital tool in exposing excess, ineptness and incompetence in those responsible for managing the public purse.
Brian Catt	Sunbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Unless we have the absolute right to transparency, those in power always have and always will abuse the public purse and trust. As with security, if you have nothing to hide concerning the way you are spending OUR MONEY to represent us, what's the problem?
Peter Dilworth	Saint Helens, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This government is untrustworthy.

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ANDREW clarke	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We're not stupid!!
david short	Polzeath, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing because we need complete transparency on how our money is send and the back ground of decisions taken.
Gloria Charlton	LONDON, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's not good to keep on hiding the truth!
Gillian Brockbank	Atherton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Politicians should not be allowed to keep their expenses private from the very people who pay out for them. Everything needs to be clear and open to scrutiny to ensure no politician is fruading the system.
Margaret Cameron	Larkhall, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	the MPs only want to change the FOI as, in my opinion, there must be something they are trying to hide. Or am I just an old cynic?
Ian Smith	Blunham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This ensures that people can be held accountable by all when failures and incorrect decisions are made. After all, the expenses scandal came from this type of request and the public had the right to know
Robert Houston	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is essential.
Ian Blair	Cambridge UK, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This, to me, is a litmus test of whether we live in a democracy or not. How can the electorate make informed decisions without transparent (and independently collected) information?
Bridget McEvelly	Galmpton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The public should have the opportunity to make its own decisions
Gillian Rudge	Canterbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is not a right that should be dismantled as it is far too valuable
Pete McPhail	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of access to information is an essential underpinning for an informaed democracy
Lisa Wall	Dartford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of Speech is our human rights against those higher than us
Lauren Watkins	Pontypridd, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of information is vital! It's disgusting how the government can pick and choose what they disclose and then expect us to be happy with the having our internet history checked and scanned.
Tony Machon	Benfleet, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I think there should be more transparency not less.
Andy Pienkowski	St NEots, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There's nothing worse than seeing the double standards of this government trying to limit the scope of FOI now that they are in power after making many FOI requests themselves when they were in opposition against Gordon Brown. It isn't the prerogative of any government to think they can curb the the democratic right of the people to find out what's really happening in government. Leave FOI alone! It's one of the really great things to have been introduced in this country in the last 15 years - even though Tony Blair regretted having done so. (No surprise there.)
Anton Torino	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Too many toffs with their snouts in the trough
Tony Simons	Finstock, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is a key building block between government and the public
Karien Wolf	Gwynfryn New InnLlandeilo, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to know what is going on, nothing should be behind the screens, it will also benefit everyone as all expertise around people will be used.
IAN HARBOUR	Derby, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Politicians are such devious and corrupt -----, they don,t want us to know what crimes they are committing.

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Jeni Hatton	Halesowen, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Our freedoms are gradually being eroded. We will soon have a feudal society. Already we have the modern version of Robber Barons. We NEED FOI.
Laurence Carter	Gosfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	How can I be sure, that there is not another scandal like the MP's expenses scandal in 2009.
Abigail Hutchinson	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If we lose the right to access this information, any remaining dregs of faith in the conservative government's honesty will be lost forever.
Jim Oakes	Bury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This Government wants to know everything about us but doesn't want us to know anything about them. That is not good for democracy.
Janet Al-Utaibi	Shildon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency and openness should be part of British values.
Geoffrey Elliott	Portsmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Those in public life should be open to scrutiny and their decision-making should be transparent. The public have a right to know
Patricia O'Neill	Prestwick, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I don't want publicly funded individuals or organisations to hide things from us.
simon hynes	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	we all need information and the freedom to get it
tom martin	South Ockendon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	we need to keep an eye on the people whom we elect to protect us from the corruption that is rife in the country
Roshan Wijetunge	Bath, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This government is trying to dismantle the free and open society that generations have worked hard to create, FOI is an important pillar of that, don't let it be weakened.
Stuart Smith	Harwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I choose to sign this petition because I have experienced for many years what it was like not to have a legitimate access to fundamental information that could affect your daily life.
Wayne Briwn	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We should have the right to know
rosemary hopkin	cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing because I am harassed 24/7 by cameron s bully boys on information I have on MALPRACTICE in the NHS in HUMAN ORGAN TRANSPLANTS for the FOREIGN FEE PAYING PATIENTS. The PUBLIC has a RIGHT TO KNOW.
Elisabeth Nelson-Williams	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	BI am signing because we vote MPs to seek the interest of the the Nation we expect MPs to be men and women of integrity and transparent in how and what they claim for as expenses. Leaders must lead by example as well as being trustworthy and accountable to their Electorate who campaign at constituency level and voting for them during Elections. Government should not just keep changing Laws because it had exposed hidden flaws. Tha Nile urges us to pray for our Leaders and those in Authority if we desire peace in our Land. This we are doing but we also have to act when the the standard expected by our electorate is found wanting.
Keith Lamb	York, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing because if the FOI act is modified it will no doubt lead to more scandals being hidden.
matthew durrant	swindon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MP's are bad at truth telling foi needs to be safe from those vultures!
James Hayes	Eastrea, Peterborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI helps to ensure accountability by Politicians especially, but also other public servants.
Karen Brayford	Darrington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is a very important issue
PaTricia greaves	Darlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I want to know what the government is wasting public money on.

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Trevor Armstrong	New Tupton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Governments always try to hide the truth. The freedom of information act gives the People the tool to find out inconvenient truths.
Phillip Hodgson	Sharlston Common, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The government has enough wriggle room. Let's not give them any more.
Nick Ing	Callington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because we need to be able to know when the truth is being withheld.
Maxine Relton	Horsley Stroud Glos, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe this is an important Act in any democracy and should not be diluted.
Gisela Moreira	Great Yarmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I don't want my rights to be abused.
Kevin West	Hemel Hempstead, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's a "no brainer"!
Zahir Panju	Northwood, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Conservatives want to govern! Others want to serve when in power
Janet Stammers	Wickford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Too much cover up and M.P.S thinking they are above the law of the land as well as the law of ethics. We elect them... They don't elect us. The freedom of information act is in the interest of the population as a whole and should never ever be changed in order for the unscrupulous to prevail.
Will Hiorns	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I have first hand experience of how local and central government try to avoid transparency and accountability. Don't let them.
Tom Neill	Thorpe Hesley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	There is too much secrecy in this country. We need the FOI Act to preserve our democracy.
Lynda Crowley	Radley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I made use of the FOI legislation during a campaign to find out what the County Council was doing with a large business in my area threatening a nature reserve with development. The FOI ensured that everything was followed to the letter of the law regarding the planning process and is a vital piece of legislation in the transparency of local Authorities' behaviour, not to mention our expenses-grabbing MPs who think they can get a tax free income from their unchecked/unaudited expenses.
Lynn Porter	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We have to make public representatives accountable
John Goodman	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom and privacy are important
Rajnikant Morarji	Stevenage, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	People in public service should lead by example Power corrupts - we are no different from any other corrupt regimes!
Richard Price	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Information is power - and power is sovereign in the people.
Reece Daniels	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Sim Sim
Heather Wilkinson	Writtle, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	we need to be able to ask our city council different questions to find exactly who is Telling the truth, who is hiding anything and why the people of the city of chelmsford should accept less facilities than it has at present .
Russell Curgenvan	Tregony, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	for example it highlighted corruption amongst a few of our politicians. Causing a change in the law. I believe in a just society and don't want to see it changed such that it is easier to hide information in the public interest.
Omar Azzouz	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because I don't wish to live in a country where the rich and powerful get away with murder and shutting all the public from finding out.

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Trevor James	Baldock, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Freedom of Information Act was one of the most enlightened bits of legislation from the 1990s. If any 'tidying up' is contemplated, it is vital its basic principles are not tampered with.
Alexandra Kleanthous	New Barnet, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We have a right to know!
Matthew Edwards	Kettering, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The transfer of Power from people to elites has gone too far.
valentin neagu	swanscombe, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Hands off!
Victoria Blair	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This government are a disgrace
Sergio Repka	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	it is hard enough to use the FoI as it stands - public bodies notoriously delay disclosure for as long as they can get away with. We need the act to be strengthened, not watered down.
Douglas Smith	Peebles, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The information should be available to people !
lynn harrington	bath, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It can't be a democracy if we aren't allowed all the facts!
laurance thorold	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	we have a right to know ,it is our county our money,they are supposed to serve us
Barbara De La Rue	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is impossible to exercise democratic rights on an area of society if information regarding that area can be hidden from the public at the whim of an authority.
Anne Wales	Aylesbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Governments should not keep secrets from the people who voted them in.
Kenneth Tait	Gourock, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	"Ceasar's wife must not only be pure, she must be seen to be pure." A lesson from William Shakespeare that is relevant to everyone in public office
Peter Lanyon	Little Plumstead, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	From my Parish council upwards, layer after layer of government have shown they are not to be trusted. As they seek to know more and more about me, so must I be able to now how they are behaving too.
jane godfrey	Malton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I think it's outrageous this sort of info can be covered up. Everyone should be accountable
Michael Lyle	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Without free information there is no democracy.
Movanna Poland	Antrim, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need transparency in all public bodies in order to keep a trusting relationship between public bodies and the public they serve.
Mario SAVELLI	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Its our duty to know what they are doing simply because we the public do not trust them.
Jenny Brown	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Freedom of Information is critical. We cannot claim to have a democracy without it. This is a fundamental right what ever government is in power now and in the future.
Georg Meyer	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm signing because FOIs are important in exposing the actions of our mayor, Joe Anderson.
Michael Martin	Ely, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Truth is the cornerstone of democracy!
rita grootendorst	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is essential for the common good and in the interest of society versus vested interests/professional lobbyists
Tony Withers	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I think the taxpayers have a right to know how the MPs spend public money especially there expences

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marlene firth	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Personal info should remain personal.
Merry Matti	Alfreton, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Government accountability should be strengthened, not weakened
Roger Ferris	Falmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The FOI is important, besides any changes now would surely be an admission of guilt. Things to hide?
sarah Johnston	Pontprennau, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Public purse spending is public business
Anthony McCann	Droitwich spa, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe in freedom and democracy, withholding information and cover ups are NOTdemocratic
Anthony Ely	Knowsley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MPs have said things in the past such as as Education Education Education and Consultation Consultation Consultation. Here is a new one then Information Information Information. Something to hide i think.
Derek Summers	Macduff, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The public have a right to know what their MPs are claiming.
Duncan Lyons	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Protecting the right of citizens to find out what their government has been doing is crucial.
Tony Smith	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Though we may not like it all the time and other people abuse the nature of our hard won civil liberty of freedom of speech, it is what makes us the nation that we are. If we start eroding that we become no better than other far less tolerant societies.
Philip Byrne	Hemel Hempstead, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe Freedom is worth paying for. Ignorance is cheap.
Richard Mier	Hampshire, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	MP's think they are above the law.
Gerald Chettleburgh	Portsmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	In the face of severe welfare cuts, this particular gravy train needs further derailing.
charlotte clifford	Ash Vale, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is important
josephine darvill	Welwyn Garden City, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I attempted under the act to obtain information from thr ambulance as to the name of the person who called an ambulance when i was injured, the Herts Ambulance service refused, the said person has caused my injury resulting in hospitalization, four proceedures including the insertion of screws to my ankle, five months incapacity, and still having treatment not mention that i am now unable to work as a nurse. Still another imigrant can be brought in. Leave the act and make sure people and organizations abide by it please.
Jen Jousiffe	Ipswich, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	the ability to get information from local government allowed our wildlife group to save an area of great wildlife value.
Danny Chapman	Bacup, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Because we have the right of freedom of information
Jackie Daley	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	What else have they got to hide?
Nathan Archer	Huddersfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As a student journalist, with very little funds, FOI are vital as a way in to public bodies. Liverpool City Council are infamous for their poor press office, so an FOI is a way that I can speed up the process.
Chris Tradgett	Whitley Bay, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is the only means we have of exposing the self-seeking corruption that seems to be endemic in this parliament
Lizzi Armitage	Accrington, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	anyone who id against FOI is obviously a cheatng liar/

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Denise Elliott	Dodford, Northampton, United Kingdom, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Britain is all our country. Outside of national security, information must be available when properly requested. Curtailing the scope of the FOI Act will do nothing to encourage the trust of the public in those who choose positions of influence and power.
Tom Taussik	Havant, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I support the FOI Act as it exists and oppose the Government's intention to weaken the Act. Democracy depends on people having as much relevant information as possible so that informed decisions can be made. The FOI Act gives people that chance.
john simmonds	Birchington-on-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The scales of justice and openness of information need always to be tipped in favour of the people and not just to permit socialism for the rich.
Andrew Nuttall	Runcorn, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Journalists need this Act in order to better inform the public!!
Stephen RUDGE	BIRMINGHAM, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We demand more transparency in Britain
Christine Watson	Chester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	If you have nothing to hide there is nothing to be afraid of! There is no good reason to limit the Freedom of Information Act.
mark newman	stockport, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe we have the right to a transparent society where trust is implicit.
Martin Payne	Torquay, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I wish for more accountability and less procrastination
Simon Heath	Tamworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I'm a shareholder of UK Plc. If the "board of directors" think they can hide the accounts from me they better think again
Gilbert McIlwrick	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It is in the public interest that we can obtain information
S Dewar	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's our right to know
Michael Cave	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency of public organizations makes them better!!
Geoffrey Renshaw	Royal Leamington Spa, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Brave and selfless people fought for centuries to give us the freedom that is being dramatically undermined by this and recent governments panicking over 'terrorism'.
Errol De Silva	Kings Langley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	FOI is vital for the electorate to ensure that our representatives are acting in the best interest of the public and not a means for those in power to hide behind to protect their best interests.
Gregory Sheldrake	Lincoln, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	To many people hide behind parliamentary privilege, this country runs on double standards nowadays
michael wells	South Croydon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	we need freedom
ben hall	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This is a critical tool to allow the public transparency to in workings of the state
Ronald James Yarwood	Northwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I am signing because masses of us believe that access rights to the freedom of information act should be expanded and certainly not curtailed.
Aileen Algar	Renfrew, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's our money they were squandering!
RAYMOND JONES	Tamworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	we should as citizens of UK have the right to access such information this bunch of crooks running OUR country are trying to turn this government into a dictatorship
Wes Gargett	Coxhoe, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This government and its obnoxious supporters are beginning to remind me of the type of people my father gave up six years of his life to fight a war against. As someone once said the price of freedom is eternal vigilance.

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John Currier	Shirley, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I believe we are all equal
Douglas Best	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I like a lot more are sick at what our M.P.s help them selfs to , we need the likes of FOI to keep us up to date , and in the picture .
Garin Linnington	Bodmin, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Tory politicians are subject to the law, not above it.....
Helen McGuire	Falkirk, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency in government requires information affecting citizens to be released, Otherwise democracy is hiddenor refused to all.
M Poulter	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Experience of local government in Wandsworth says that they cannot be trusted
Graham Howie	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Don't let those grabbing sods hide what they are screwing us taxpayers for.
Charles Bell	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Transparency is key to a healthy democracy
Paul Matthes	Ashford, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The public have a right to know how politicians are distorting statistics.
Philip Sowden	Abingdon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	The Freedom of Information Act has helped to provide information of Public Interest that a few freeriders would prefer to remain secret. Chananges by the group most critisied should not be allowed. Transparency is the ultimate test of people acting on others behalf, and should not be watered down.
Robert Barbour	Coleraine, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Truth is telling it the way things really are. They shouldn't be objecting to truth.
Ivan Griffiths	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	This information should be in the public domain
Terry Pattinson	Maidenhead, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We must know the truth.
James Kessler	Rosyth, Fife, Scotland, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	It's important!!!!
Christina Fairhead	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Democracy needs serious reform if it is to survive. Let's stop unscrupulous politicians waste any more of Tax payer's money!
Patricia Roberts	basildon, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	As a campaign group we have had to use the FOI. on many occasions and it is not easy now. It should be strengthened not weakened.
Trudy Anderson	Raunds, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	We need to know the truth!
Alison Burns	Swansea, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	No one who lives in a democracy should be deprived of information about what's happening in their state or how can it be a democracy?
Yves Messer	Ely, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	I used it
Andy Frew	Belfast, United Kingdom	2015-11-06	Politicians should operate in the open and be ready to justify what they or their parties receive.
Neville Andrews	Catrine, Scotland, United KingdomK, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	MP's should get NO expenses their salary is more than adequate for what they do,
Josune Arzalluz	Oswestry, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We want to know what is going on.
Angela Boyle	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Public bodies should be subject to scrutiny and accountable to the people they represent. How is this possible without freedom of information? If government at both local and national level were more open, FOI might not be necessary - but it is central to democracy
John Paley	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	because the Government want to change it and they are a nasty dodgy bunch so in all probability it must be a good thing

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Bev Rawlings	Didcot, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I used the foia to check whether my privacy rights had been breached and it was the only tool available to me.
Steve Bradley	Wolverhampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The FOI Act allows journalists to uncover the truth, rather than hollow spin.
michael moorhouse	dukinfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Government should be concerned about the reaction of the governed, but this should push them to excel rather than hide there shortcomings.
Kevin Farmer	Eastbourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I believe in the right to know.
Ian Looker	Dorchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	If the government insists on spying on the people then the people need the right to know what exactly the government is doing with the power it has been given.
Samantha Edgar	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	it is important the public knows the truth and that elected bodies are held to account
Stephen Pullan	Harrogate, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The truth brings trust.
John Davis	Stockport, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The FOI Act is crucial to the health of our democracy
mervyn newton	Braunton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It's a disgrace what the mps get away with We the public have a right to know seeing that we are paying for it
Philip Lamb	Wellingborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	mpS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE accOUNTABLE TO us
paul stryczek	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	If there's nothing to hide, this act would not be needed.
Peter Bamber	Luddenden Foot, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The FOI is too important to be weakened.
Giulia Terrile	Hirwaun, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	the people who are calling for austerity sanctions should lead the example
Terry Moseley	Newtownabbey, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We have a right to know!
Kamran Nadeem	Luton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It's my right for freedom of speech
Bob Harper	Edgware, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Freedom of Information is an integral part of a healthy democracy
John Banks	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We are your masters you obey us not the other way around or your out!
Nicholas Hayward	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Sick to death of these lying cheats...
Janet Best	Crawley, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Fol is needed to expose establishment corruption.
Roman Bobek	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	it is kind of ironic to petition unelected government pursuing but own agendas against the will of majority
David Devonport	Dagenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Being informed is the only thing that allows us to make good decisions. The public pays for the information via taxation and therefore it already belongs to them, so they should have easy access to it wwhen requested.
Beverly-Anne Henderson	Rugeley, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I have used the legislation to find out about my file held by my employers, the Government.
Stephen Evans	Wigan, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	These evil scumbags want to cover up everything sinister and sick that they do. They need to be stopped.

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ERROL FRIEND	TEDDINGTON,, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The scandal needed to be further exposed to the wider public BUT: make no mistake - this exposure was almost entirely driven for several years previously by the heroic, campaigning patriots of the British National Party. They have not been adequately credited and that fact is a disgrace. Much of their individual website space was given over to the "snouts in the trough" campaign regarding greedy, abusive mainstream party MPs. NO other political party wanted to expose this obscenity but the BNP did it and would not be put off. Huge praise is due to them for this. It is way beyond time they received it.
Sally Meacham	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The government cover-up enough of their misdoings even when we have the act in full. Any logical thinking person knows we needs more transparency not less
john newson	Freshford, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I believe politics needs cleaning up and this is a useful tool for doing part of that job.
Tina Fellows	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	For is a total right and need
Stephen Leet	Whetstone, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I believe in public accountability, openness, conscience and responsible government. It is vital to entitle the general population to information in order to maintain confidence.
Paul Duffy	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It's scandalous the things these MPs get away with. Should do away with half of them and have an online vote for the public to decide not waste money on these gobshites.
Abby Hone	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I work in Local Gov, having to provide responses to FOI and more frequently than not find it incredibly annoying & an unwelcome distraction from delivering project work. HOWEVER, I think that's rather the point isn't it? Cages can be rattled and governance/government can be challenged and for working towards a real democracy in this country FOI is a good thing. Oh, and I never thought I'd see myself write this!!
winston maskell	Chideock, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The government wants to be able to snoop on us so we should have the right to snoop on them.
Rebecka Dori	Worthing, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	With the Internet and pole tax it is far to easy to find and one as it is. Information that is personal should be kept that way !
Anna Prygodzicz	Salisbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It's essential that the public have the ability to hold to account those public servants who make decisions on our behalf
Christina Jones	Dundee, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Especially now more than before this country is in rapid decline financially and morally we need this law to stay in place because the politicians and bankers have brought this country to its kneesand they need to be accountable for any deceit
John Copeman	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Our 'freedoms' are slowly being removed, and it's being done quietly and in a underhanded way. Plus, not all of it is for genuine security reasons as they would have us believe. Freedom should mean something to those who are elected to protect it.
David Woodcock	York, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It's the only way we can expose cheating politicians
Reg Place	Nuneaton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It;s our country
karen ratcliffe	hull, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I'm signing because we live in a democracy and we need to be able to keep a check on our government
Jayne Watson	Doncaster, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	FOI is essential for a democratic society.

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sheila blowers	Peterborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We need to know what M.P. s are up to
Liz Johnson	Cheshire, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I think it is discusting that they are trying to hide infomation again we are entitled to know what is happening in our country but this is typical of the so called government again treating us as lesser people AGAIN
Kyle Moxham	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Investigative journalism needs to be nurtured and encouraged, for the benefit of society and democracy.
Margaret Westbrook	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We need this to safeguard a free and accountable state and society
Kate Saint	Darlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It is imperative that we retain this facility in it's entirety
David Walton	Beverley, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I demand transparency
Fatima Marjolin	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	If you do not wish us to live in a democracy, then please let's change it and you'll be able to do whatever you want. This IS what you want, isn't it?
Stuart Wood	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	FOI is a cornerstone of our democracy and should not be tampered with by any group, be they politically elected or not (e.g. civil service)
Bear Paws	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It is probably better that you leave Fo I as it is . Because we will find out. At least this way, you know what's coming.;
peter murray	Felixstowe, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I agree strongly about accountability in all walks of life
Caroline Richer	Rochester, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Freedom of information is a right that we as Citizens of the UK democracy expect and in a modern democracy have in place as a norm. We are a democracy not a dictatorship. Government are our elected servants not our rulers
Edward C. Last NameDowty	Terrington St. clement, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The freedom of information act is the only way the public can get at the facts from Government sources. It is significant that Whitehall always fights against revealing any requests which concerns anything which is likely to embarrass those in public service . MP's;ministers; senior civil servants. in anyway especially if it contains misuse of their powers. the case of expenses is one which i think tax payers have the right to know about. Any honest MP should be proud to hold up his expense claims to show that they are fair and correct. Concealment is in affect an admission of guilt or at least carelessness with their claims, if not deliberate fraud. The only matters where concealment might be used should be in the area of Defence of the realm. Business sensitivity is not it is admitting that " there is something dodgy about a deal being made.
Sarah Strutt	Stutton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	FOI makes corruption more difficult to get away with
Fliss Stanford	Guildford, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Transparency and accountability of ALL aspects of public dealings are essential. Anyone who hides behind an invisible "cloak" of respectability shouldn't be there..
john Vanbar	Crawley, England, United Kingdom, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I am tired of these so called paragons of virtue having their finger in the till.
Nicholas Colloff	Atherstone, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I believe public information should be available to the public on request
Kath Coussement	Hebden Bridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	As a librarian, access to information is what I do all day - it's fundamental to citizenship and democracy

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Clare West	Ross on Wye, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	There is already too much secrecy in government. Without FOI it would be even worse and the reasons for weakening it are trivial and cynical.
wendy panther	Mexborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The government and others should be held accountable to the public they serve for the decisions they make.
diane moir	cameford, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	too many freedoms are being eroded
Jane Holt	Rolleston, Newark, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It is important to have the means to discover information those in power wish to deny us
alyson hammond-forge	Poole, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Inequality is unacceptable
Jennifer welsh	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Foi provides a degree of transparency that cannot be delivered any other way. It also encourages bodies to put their info on www . So they can refer enquiries there .
Neil Davey	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	How can I not? As a concerned citizen / taxpayer / whatever you want to call me, this reeks. It's an astonishingly arrogant / evil move - from a Government who preached openness and honesty - but one that doesn't surprise me at all. Frankly, the FOI should be extended to the Private Sector, not threatened by restrictions.
Richard Mitchley	Poole, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Transparency should be allowed due to all the scandals that we have today
John Howarth	Whitby, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	After what happened before with the expenses farce, we can't give them any slack to get away with something similar in the future.
Pat K	Ashington, Pulborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We are supposed to live in a democracy where Government are accountable to the people???
Ernest Lilley	Southend-on-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I regard this as M Ps building a wall behind which they behave as they wish then say,"I acted within the law" as they did with their housing .
Matthew Robinson	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	As I employ these people to look after our interests and to represent me, I should, at least, be able to see what they've been up to.
Catherine Fritz	Northampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Transparency is essential if trust is to be restored. There should not be charges for FOI requests; that would make them unavailable to many people and public bodies and companies already have the data (in some form) and so should be willing to produce the information requested.
James Ward	Wadhurst, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Transparency is the mark of a free society.
Avril Wooster	Okehampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	FOI is a way to keep check on our Governments behaviour and should be as transparent as possible.
Helen Lord	Warwick, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Secrecy prevents accountability.
Noeleencshaw Shaw	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I believe strongly in transparency in government.
James Palmer	Horley, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The Government should be accountable to the people they are supposed to represent.
Alicia Davies	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Now is not the time for public SERVANTS to retreat behind a wall of secrecy. The genie is out and cannot be put back, and we should never accept government attempts to turn back the clock to a darker age
Nigel Buttery	Derbyshire, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Unfortunately we can't trust Politicians or Business men to act in a right and proper manner. We need some way to access information on their actions.
Janet Gifford	Wigan, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Our state is totalitarian enough, thank-you. Let's try to preserve what little accountability still remains.

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Muhammad Naseem	Lancaster, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Because I believe in an open society
Katrina Wagstaff	Tresillian, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Freedom of information is of tantamount to democracy. We do not want to live in a totalitarian state.
Andy Yorath	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I am supporting the right of voters and taxpayers to get accountability from all publicly funded organisations including all levels of government.
Vince Bufton	Ludlow, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	AS A former journalist I know how necessary it is to have an FOI act. If anything it should be given more power.
Thomas Smith	Morecambe, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	As a member of the public I have the right to information via FOI
Michael Mellor	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I believe in truly open and transparent government.
Anthony Jones	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Members are supposed to work on behalf of the people that elected them, not for a big fat profit, so let them be as open to public scrutiny as the electorate.
Mark Robertson	Lea, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I don't want yet another of our freedoms taken away.
Amanda Watt	Sunderland, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It's in place for a reason, we have rights!! We are starting to get sick of your BS! Revolution is the way forward in this craphole!
averil travers	tunbridge wells, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Transparency is key in any democracy.
William Moss	Lagos, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I TOTALLY BELIEVE IN THIS
jamie morton	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I think Freedom of information is an important part of a democratic system. People in positions of power think they can do what they like only seem to think of there own selfish needs. Stop taking from tge public we have a right to know what's going on.
Margaret Matthews	Helston, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I am signing because I was proud when the FOI Act was passed. I do not want it to be weakened in any way. Much in the public interest has been brought to our attention by this Act.
Sharon Paterson-Jones	Haddington, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I think this government has become woefully arrogant and unaccountable to their public. I think they have forgotten entirely the meaning of PUBLIC SERVANT. They disgust me no end.
Sarah Bloch	Crediton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I strongly oppose the government's attempt to whittle away this important and newly granted freedom
david smart	london, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	it is important
Barry Embling	Cinderford, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We need to maintain our democracy in the UK.
Rob Evans	Leighton Buzzard, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Thought we lived in a democracy or put another way: "Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the Earth." according to Abraham Lincoln!
Patricia Lee	Crawley, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I feel the government do not have the right to just spend tax payers money without having good cause. It's like handing over your wages to children to run the house who will spend it on whatever then coming back for more because they ran out!!! Budgets are budgets and overspending is a big problem !
Trevor Williams	Pembury, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We didn't win this right easily and not likely to want to lose it easily either!
Peter Sergeant	Benson, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We must stop the political elite keeping their dirty secrets secret
alison dunne	Pickering, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I distrust the lack of openness

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Ged Edwards	Rainhill, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	In a democracy, officials must be accountable for policy and actions and that needs access to information.
Christine Horsfield	Cliffe, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I believe this because the elected Government should always act in the public interest and the Government should not be more powerful than the people who have elected them.
margaret hook	Fairlight, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I am signing because we have a right to know what goes on especially when the money spent is ours!
Janetta Burridge	Burton upon Trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	If they use their expenses as they should do, they shouldnt need to hide anything ! x
Alan Fox	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	we're governed by an elite who dont give a s**t about ordinary folk
John Tutton	Chelmsford, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	For a truly free and democratic society the people need to be able to find out what the state is up to
jasmin cross	Rookhope, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I do nt trust our politicians to tell the truth, and to be honest.
Colin Daniel	Wallasey, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It is self evident that the availability of information is a successful tool in keeping officialdom accountable
Jane Keegan	Wisbech, Cambs., United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Governments routinely lie to the electorate - this act should not be watered down to further reduce the government's accountability to the public.
Sylvia Crompton	Poulton-le-Fylde, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The government and people in power need to be accountable and this is needed to fight the corruption inherent amongst politicians and powerful companies.
clint sinclair	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Democracy means nothing without transparency. There is no good reason for this law to be repealed or altered.
Jane Allen	Sleaford, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Freedom of information is the cornerstone of any democracy.
Lis Waller	Biggin Hill, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The MP's expenses was a travesty of greed & lack of social conscience. To think these people represent us and rip/ripped the general public off big time is a disgrace & still seems to be continuing. Surely we have a right to know that expenses are not being used for things that should come out of their own pocket like every body else! They should set by example - no wonder many people do not trust politicians!!
Murray Dale	london, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	In the inrerests of democracy
Adrian Sexton	Cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	A government should be accountable to its people.
jeanette Keen	Hebden Bridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I don't trust the government not to abuse public money and use legal powers to their own advantage again.
William Harrison	Barnsley, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	to make everbody subject to the same laws
Wendy Pizzimenti	Desborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Expenses are there to help our MP's serve their constituents. Not all MP's are rich or have a large disposable income, so to be able to claim expenses for a lot of MP's are important as it enables them to serve their constituents in the best way. Therefore the public have a right to ensure that their money is being used in the appropriate way. No more moats or duck ponds.....imagine if they had spent that money say in the NHS.....what that could have bought!!!! STOP THE GREEDY SO WE CAN GIVE TO THE NEEDY!
jane morris	prudhoe, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The FOI is necessary to give people the right to see what is being done in their name -and not just the things those in government "allow" us to see. It enables those who act as watchdogs in our society to speak to power.

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Adrian Williams	Bratton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Telford & Wrekin Council are presently trying to thwart my attempts to expose corruption with which this council is heavily involved. Everything is covered up and a recent request was simply pages of blacked out detail, even the dates were redacted.
John Howes	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We elect governments and we pay for them. There can be no argument against our knowing what they do and have done.
Karin J	Totnes, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The FOI is a fundamental part of public accountability for expenditure and for engendering behaviour grounded in integrity
stuart mantle	SURREY, UK, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	FOI shouldn't even be needed in a proper democracy as the governments wouldn't be so utterly corrupt in the first place with so much dirt to hide. The very fact not a single word uttered by any government can be trusted means things like the FOI must stay with more power if anything!!
Olive Collins	Mountmellick, Ireland	2015-11-07	Government must be accountable to the electorate
Derek Blackmore	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	"public bodies must release information if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in it remaining secret."
Andrew Myatt	Knowle, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	FOI is a democratic right
Siusaidh NicNeill	Isle of Skye, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	FREEDOM of information! we do not yet live in a police state. Most information must be made available - we are the electors, therefore, the information is ours by democratic right. Such information as the MPs expenses is surely ours, I do not expect information that might (MIGHT) hamper security to be made readily available but the actions of MPs and government generally must be transparent.
Colin Bell	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The current FOI with all its faults. Needs to be extended not hedged in any way.
Jeff Davis	Rushden, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	This is a truly democratic tool that, along with freedom of expression and freedom of speech, is vital for developing and safeguarding civil liberty.
Jeanette Jones	Hastings, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We live in a democracy & the FOI is a valuable part of that
Graham Cole	Portsmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	this government seeks to serve its own interests
Lindon Paxton	Portsmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The government has proven that they cannot be trusted to use restrictions on the FOI for appropriate purposes.
susan aitouaziz	Dagenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Teachers in Barking and Dagenham used The Freedom of Information Act to gather information on teachers pay progression in schools. Although most schools were complying with the policy set down for pay and progression some were not. We are challenging these decisions. The template we used to gather the information is now been sent out to all the Borough schools. NUT Barking and Dagenham Assoc Assistant Branch secretary
Shane Butler	Worthing, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	This is our democracy, not theirs. We must protect it
Marjorie Bell	Cramlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We need to know!!
Christopher Hilton	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Freedom of Information has proved since its introduction to be an important way in which the citizen can hold power to account: I would strongly oppose, and mistrust, any attempt to water it down or narrow its scope.
mary smith	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Government is supposed to represent me not themselves.

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stefan filipkiewicz	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The FOO is an essential tool to curb the increasingly secretive and dishonest workings of government.
Margaret Coggins	Warwick, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The people who govern us whom we have ELECTED should be honest and clear about their incomes etc to the electorate.
Steven York	Earl Shilton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	You take enough rights off the public already
Ann Conifey	Chester-le-Street, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We vote them in - they represent US - so surely we have a right to know how they conduct themselves in all areas of their public life or use of public-provided funds/facilities etc.
Brian Keatley	Enfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We need sensible plans for cyclists to travel on the road. We do not need plans that add to the congestion already there.
John Bryant	Tonbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I used the FOI Act to discover that David Cameron had secretly intervened in a CPS prosecution of a Huntsman friend of his, who had been charged with three offences of illegal hunting. The charges were dropped.
Linda Card	London, United Kingdom, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I'm furious!
Richard Williams	Brecon, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	it has to be right for information of public importance and interest to be shared with those it ultimately affects - we the public.
Clifford Gould	Glastonbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Who else can hold government to account if not a free press and the FOI Act?
Bryn Clarkson	Middlesbrough, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It is imperative that we still have access to relevant data and the governments are not allowed to secrete away the information they want hidden.
Alison Bramhall	Cheltenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I totally agree with this
Theresa Munson	Boxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Government should be transparent in a democracy or it can't call itself democratic
Wilfred Aspinall	Pirton, Hertfordshire, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I have tried to use the FoI Act with my local authority but was told that the other parties involved had to agree to giving out the information. I know these third parties have defamed me. Parliament should reform this Act but making it even more transparent.
Michael Elliott	Harlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	disgraceful
Ann Swift	Crawley, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	This was a hard won victory for the general public, we can not afford to lose it.
Dave Russell	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	This Government is trying to oppress decent people and suppress are right to know.
ivor jelley	Lichfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	FO.I. says it all..
Beyant Bath	Hounslow, London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I hate this tory government and its infringement and oppression of peoples' rights.
hannah gotley	f.row, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We need more transparency not less
Terence Weight	Leominster, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We must be able to hold our government to account, public access to info is vital for this
Dawn Langstone	Darlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Some MP just use there position to make money, greed is what runs this country

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Dean St Clair	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Because now the government is unable to fool people to give away their freedom anymore they just want to blatantly take it away little by little FK Them !!!!
Ralph Bebbington	Crediton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	There are things we, the voting public, ought to know that the politicians would like to keep from us
Marian Briggs	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	For those who oppose freedom of information, what are you seeking to hide from us?
james redfern	norwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Transparency is clearly required given previous behaviours
paul judd	Dorney, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We have a right to know!
Robert Moore	Holywell, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The FOI is an important element in holding powerful people to account, an essential function of democracy. No surprise that power-holders wish to weaken it. That they do is an argument for increasing the powers of the Act.
Anne Lalley	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	As citizens we should retain the right to be able to seek information on matters that concern us
Tirzah Loewenstein	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Transparency is enormously important, not least in this field.
Robin Greenaway	Farnborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	without it the sleazy powerful elites will continue to do exactly what they want and cover up their goings on
Alan Bean	Lancaster, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Access to information on issues that directly relate to the expenditure of taxpayers money or even the service that residents in the UK can have access to, eg. access to fibre broadband should not be hidden away behind closed doors. Such decisions should be made publicly accountable to ensure that fair and equitable reasoning lies behind decisions.
Gerry Duckworth	Cheltenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	FOI needs to remain in tack for our own safety.
Carol Ripley	Sutton Coldfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	How can we begin to call ourselves a democratic society when certain sections of that society fight to retain what belongs in a feudal age!
david stride	Hemel Hempstead, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	protect the parliamentarians from them selves
Barrie Heath	Stevenage, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Sadly our representatives in public office often get it wrong and then try to cover up their failures. This leads to poor government and a spread of the injustice caused. The FOI act is one of the few ways the cover-ups and spin can be challenged. Thanks Heather Brooke for all you've done in this regard.
annette guest	Stourport-on-Severn, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I believe we have the right to know what is done in our names and with our money, and don't want MP's to act with impunity behind a cloak of secrecy.
Hayley Pinto	Marsham, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	we have a right to know what is being done in our name
David Smith	Emsworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Without this FOI Act corruption will become as endemic as it is in Africa, South America and many other countries. What do our politicians want to hide now?
Martin McLaughlin	Larne, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I am disgusted at how we are being played. And how they make it up to suit there greedy selves. Etc
Peter Overstall	Hereford, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Only by keeping the freedom of information act in its present form can we expose fraud and mismanagement in public bodies.
Malcolm Crosby	Biggar, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I write as someone who sometimes has to answer Fols and see no problem with this. It is a lot of work and can be frustrating, but if you have nothing to hide there is no fear in releasing information and there are sufficient safeguards already. It is also about changing culture and that is well overdue.

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Alexis Gray	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	<p>Again: between the snoopers Charter, this, the TTIP, removal of employee rights, changing of voting registration, and constitutional boundaries to favour conservative voters, and promising to reduce the power of the house of lords, the only check and balance system left in an increasingly right wing political system, as well as the restrictions imposed on the BBC, one of only a handful of objective, independant media outlets left in this country the Conservatives are sleepwalking all of us into an Autocracy.</p> <p>It is not democracy if the supposedly democratically elected (with only 24% of the popular vote- thanks first past the post..) party can snoop on every bit of data that belongs to us as individuals, but we can't ask for information from them to be able to hold them to account.</p> <p>Controlling information flow is the first step towards dictatorship.</p>
Peter Jones	Whitford, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	<p>It is bloody disgraceful that in this year of the 800th anniversary of the signing of Magna Carta which began the process of weakening the power of "absolute" elites and the long, slow, painful and sometimes bloody path to our democracy that anyone should even consider messing with the FOI Act, unless, highly unlikely, they intend to give the public MORE access to information.</p> <p>The MPs expenses scandal revealed just what happens when the great and the good are allowed to operate their cosy cabals behind closed doors.</p>
Bernard Carroll	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Because I believe in the Freedom of information act
Peter Woodward	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Politicians of all parties have lost the trust of the public; if they ever had it; so if they try to close down this mechanism for getting near to the truth it will only confirm the widely held view that they are all hypocrites and only in Politics for what they can get out of the Public purse. Also they try to set up political dynasty's like the Benns and Kinnocks and Blairs which must be stopped.
Damien Sullivan	Bournemouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	If you hold a powerful public position then there should be accountability and legislation should be in place !!
Nigel Gray	Brede, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I want MPs to be answerable and not forget that they really are public servants! maybe naive?
Matthew Rodgers	East Kilbride, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	There s still far too much secrecy .It is too often kept secret to cover misdemeanours of the powerful .
Tahir Abdullah	Derby, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	So that the truth can not be hidden.
Martin Roberts	Christchurch, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I did not agree with the transfer of press regulation form the industry to the state - that way lies dictatorship! The FOIA is a valuable tool which should be kept sharpened and available for public use. Don't weaken a valuable resource.
David Bryce	Hamilton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It is essential to a healthy democracy
Patricia sabini	Chafford Hundred, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It's vital we expose the corrupt establishment ,elite and and indeed all corruption
Brian McCormack	Lochwinnoch, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	With corruption being found everywhere it is imperative we have access as a legal right. We are the masses, this is our land, we decide.
Ivor Neckles	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Our freedoms are important and need defending. FOI has become an important part of our freedom
Ken brill	Balmullo, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I support this campaign. As I feel those who govern us should be answerable for their actions.

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Beth Roulston	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The freedom of information act separates us from the Countries in other parts of the world where the government is secretive and the public are kept in the dark about pretty much everything. To the point where they believe any lie told to them and have no idea what's going on in the world. I do NOT want to live in a Country where FOI act either does not exist or is restricted: if you restrict information it is then by definition NO LONGER FREE! I live in a democratic evolved nation and I want to be proud of the society I live in. Let's continue to show the world how we can live in an evolved and equal society.
Richard Pope	ROSS-ON-WYE, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It is important that we can check-up on them, when they can check-up on us.
percy nickle	warrington, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	its important, 'we' shouldn't get away with
Adrian Purkis	Worthing, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The public has a right to know how our tax money is being spent. The elected, "By the People for the People" have a duty to act in an open and honest manner and to be seen to do so.
Susan Newman-Crane	Christchurch, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It's the only means, too, of countering the Data Protection Act, and the only way oi stopping officials from keeping secrets from us, who pay for them, and stopping misdemeanors being buried.
Alan Grimes	Farnham, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The public has a right to know everything.
David Burke	Gowdall, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The press needs to look at it's own concience when using the FOI against individuals but I agree entirely with: The Freedom of Information Act established the broad principle that public bodies must release information if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in it remaining secret. Not to seek to create any new veto powers over the release of information.
Ian Bebbington	Harlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	"If you have nothing to hide, you have nothing to fear"
Kirsty Norman	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The FOI is one of the bulwarks of our democracy: our government, civil service, health service etc must be accountable to the people whose work and taxes support them. It is not just a question of press prurience: it is much more important than that. It's matter of retaining the faith of the voters in our system of government.
Daina Binde	Newton Abbot, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The public need to know what MPs spend taxpayers money.
Anne Paskett	York, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	we elect people to represent our interests and protect our wellbeing. Their responsibility is to treat us honestly and to do this job with integrity
John Hawkins	Highnam, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Freedom of Information should be extended, not curtailed. We should all have the right to know exactly what all government bodies are doing with our money.
Peter Miller	Fleet, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I believe that access to information is important, oversight on poorly written and enacted laws is essential. We already have to many secrets and misuse of information that it is important the act is not amended in any way.
Gavin Findlay	Virginia Water, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	This is a very necessary power in any free and transparent democracy.
Willie Heaney	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	it is important that our government remains as transparent as possible. There is little enough faith in their honesty as it is without them trying to hide their tracks even more.

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John Speight	Medomsley, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It is only correct that there is transparency for all it is only because of this that flaws and wrong doings are exposed
steve downes	Saint Briavels, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The freedom of information act has shown the government to be devious & obstructive in their release information to the voters so they want to close it down.
William Isaac	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Transparency is a good thing.
Ray Barrett	Melton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I believe REASONABLE requests for Information and Openness ensures accountability.
Margaret Waddingham	Ware, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Government of every hue must be protected against the instinctive reaction to protect reputations and power with secrecy
Charles Brown	Hemel Hempstead, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It's in the public interest to maintain this window on activity funded by taxation. We are critical of countries where corruption cripples progress and must maintain any tools we have that will restrict the same problem growing in the UK
Peter Beal	Wick, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I believe that the FOI act is an important means of holding the state to account
Richard Yates	Solihull, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Government secrets lead to bad government
Tim Welsh	Middlesbrough, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Freedom of information is important to allow checks and balances in a democratic society. We elect our representatives in parliament, they should be accountable to us as many other professionals have to be.
chris wilder	Ipswich, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	ALL public servants must be open to scrutiny by the public for the public. It's not a private members club, WE foot the bills!
Terry Clements	Swindon, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	these are public servants paid with public money and they must be accountable and all payments to them transparent
Andrew Hall	Kielder, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The government should be run by people who are equal in every way to everyone else in society. Having authority bestowed upon them by the rest of society to govern must be respected for the good of the people ...and not abused by making themselves into a hypocritical private entity. Serving itself foremost and in doing so making itself an elitist organisation, hated and despised by many of the population no matter which puppet is its mouth piece. There should not be one rule for them and another for everyone else. Transparency works both ways only we the people have to be polite and ask for information whereas the government just take it as and when they choose. Little boys golf clubs watching out for eachother at the expense of everyone else should be a thing of the past! The freedom of information act is the only authority people have of policing an already corrupt government and a useful deterrent against those who refuse to do their job properly, or abuse powers of the people who voted for them through trust. The FOI act ensures we have that trust in the same way the police ensure we are civilized to one another. Remove the police and we live in chaos.... remove the FOI act and we live in corruption. The fewer police the more chaosThe fewer powers the people have over its rulers the more corrupt its rulers become.
Alan Piggott	Eastbourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We have a right to know what goes on in Government
Dick Willis	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Transparency is a critical contributor to good governance. The freedom of information act embeds transparency in the heart of Government.
Ray Dowson	Peterlee, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The government should be more transparent not less. If our Unions went by the same rules what would be said by them then. The State has far too much big brother power now without not being able to keep it in check

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mary whistance	Exeter, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I am signing because with cuts everywhere,the MPs can lead by example,they don't need a lot of the expenses they are claiming, it is about time that expenses were cut in fact I would go so far as to say they get very highly paid and expenses should come out of their salary like the rest of us.
Michael Wilde	Hounslow, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	All MP's should be accountable for the expenses they claim and voters should be allowed access to this information to maintain transparency!
Susan Lee	Stanmore, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It is imperative for democracy that the Freedom of Information Act is not weakened.
Richard Butland	Portsmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I support the Press Gazette 100% and enables democracy to be seen to all.....
Andrew Deane	Stanton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Public bodies are meant to be transparent to the public they are meant to serve; not able to cook the books, misuse public funds or make egocentric decisions without any possible repercussions.
miriam jones	bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I'm signing because I think it vital to the healthy functioning of democracy and citizenship that so much information is available.
Richard Lawrence	Poole, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	This is our, the citizens, last bastion of power when we've been turned away, fobbed off and hoodwinked by people that have something to hide.
Julian Feinstein	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	This is important legislation and there are far to many coverups which in essence represent stealing. That slime ball Jeremy Hayward even has a word for it redacted. The correct word is COAWIM, that Cut Out Anything Which Incriminates Me.
Janina Gibbs	Polegate, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We need to know what you lot are hiding! We don't trust you
Janet Wolfenden	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	There should not be a curtain of secrecy to hide behind.
Glenor Roberts	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The cause is good. Public bodies' accountability is vital. When facilitated, it is an act of true democracy. I read the book that resulted in the 'expenses scandal'. I was astonished and inspired by her bravery and tenacity. I was then reminded of the importance of speaking out.
Peter Goudman	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Government ministers have forgotten the meaning of the word minister, instead the have taken it to mean 'master'. In order to keep them accountable we must be privy to the information that shows they are.
Pearl Oshea	Rushmere Saint Andrew, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	People have the right to know how there money is being used/ misused by those that look receive/ look after it. Taxes paid and banking/ savings in particular.
William Lock	Bangor, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Democracy needs transparency
Max Turner	Guildford, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	MPs work for us, and our taxes pay for them and their operation, so I want to see what they're spending our money on.
Lorraine Findlay	Muchalls, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	FOI prevents corruption such as the MPs expenses scandal.
Shona Oliver	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It is currently challenging enough trying to access information under the FOI act. To try and further limit access will ensure that organisations are even less transparent and accountable. Not acceptable.
carol stevenson	New Tupton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Too many secrets are kept from us and we need to find out

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Peter Daines	Crowland, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	This is vital in a democracy to prevent corruption.
Therese MANUELL	Herne Bay, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The Freedom of information Act is honesty for all. Why would politicians want to keep anything they do secret. Any diminishing of this act leads me to increase my distrust of the actions of those in power
Mike Jenns	Sharnbrook, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I believe in open transparent government
Ann London	Harrogate, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	FOI vital so that the powerful can be made accountable for any misdeeds and corruption controlled somewhat..
Christopher Mee	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The public needs to be protected against malicious use of public funds. The government is expected to serve the people and checks must remain in place to prevent misuse. The FOI is one instrument that enables this and must remain in its current format.
Charles Dobson	Skipton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Freedom of Information is one of the cornerstones of a functioning democracy. The other is an accountable press - but that's another story!
Tracey McNulty	Cumbernauld, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	My partner used to work for a business travel company called Capita who worked for the Scottish Government booking hotels, rail and travel for the Scottish Government and it's a disgrace what they spend of tax payers money on so called "business" trips. At the end of the year when they have budget they need to use up to ensure that they get the same amount or more they waste valuable money that could be spent on the country. Then they had they cheek to pull the Scottish Government contract out of Scotland to give it to an English firm who were cheaper and make redundant 60+ Scottish people. They country deserves the right to know what they are doing.
Chloe Yerolemides	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I'm signing because I feel people should not get away with being able to abuse their positions as with MP's expenses etc
Mark Moran	St Albans, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Open government is accountable government. I am a journalist but sign as a citizen.
Shireen Lawrence-Wooldridge	Surbiton, Surrey, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Without FOI the ruling elites will be able to act as they please behing the backs of all of us. The government must not be allowed to tinker with it or, God forbid, do away with it.
Angela Gregory	Rainhill, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I think openness and truth should be an automatic thing. MPs make themselves look shady by trying to avoid this basic right we as their "employers" are entitled to know.
John Halket	Hamilton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Those we put in power should be accountable.
Taylor Lilley	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Transparency is vital to our national integrity.
Darren Hayden	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	If politicians want to snoop on the general public then it's only fair the public get to see what the MPs are up to as well!
Chris Resident	Saddle Bow, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Freedom of Information on our Government's actions is a democratic right which we must preserve.
Michael Pinchen	Silecroft, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Hands off the FIA you devious Tory scum.
Mike Harmon	oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Government must be transparent and accountable
Dawn Mackay	Aberdeen, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I believe freedom of information is essential to help transparency and accountability - no one should fear it if they have nothing to hide.
Emma Smith	Croydon, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We're struggling while their spending! They be allowed to carry on they'll have more than riots on their hands.

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Rob Wolf	Rochdale, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	All government activities should be absolutely transparent.
Rick Leib	Portsmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The unadulterated greed of both Houses of Parliament disgusts me! It can't be long before another form of Guy Fawkes rises to attempt to topple the system, rather than the the collective body. Their easy accommodation with the "Lords" of Global industry, and their corruption of power that allows them to legislate in that body's favour, whilst putting the boot back on the neck of the population, as once was the way!
Vanesa Arganaraz	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	This is our right!
barbara peat	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It is important to keep the freedom of information act for democratic society
Sarah Hurley	Southall, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It is disgusting, they should be ashamed!!!
Martin Ede	Clowne, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We must not relax our right to information regarding how MPs spend OUR money.
Patricia Toward	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We all have a right to access information
Mike Gush	Mortimer, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We are a democratic nation with a long tradition of free speech. Stalinist tendencies must be rejected.
Valerie Balleny	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Local authorities (in particular) cannot otherwise be properly held to account.
Teresa Patterson	Liskeard, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Any attempt by MP's to curtail the freedom of information act, in the light of the MP expenses scandal can only be seen as attempt to conceal information that will be personally damaging to the self interests of the so called elite - often people who's only interest is power, status and money. Many MP's being foremost among them. The revealing of MP's expenses certainly demonstrated that. Just what these privileged few can get away with simply because the electorate aren't generally aware of, has for too long been considered one (of the many) perks of the job. The less we know, the more they can get away with. This is a tried and tested policy that has worked well for millenia - the mushroom policy, keep them in the dark and feed them manure..
Jade Knowles	Newquay, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I'm signing because the public and tax payers deserve to not have this information withheld from us. corrupt
freddy jervis	belfast, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	it's the right thing to do!
Mike Law	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Government information is OUR information, it should be available without question or hindrance.
Tim Thornton	Stockbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Government should be open, accountable to and for the benefit of the electorate, not some cabal behind closed doors. Unfortunately history shows us time and again that without legislation such as FOI, governments forget that they are responsible to the electorate.
Nigel Pearce	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Transparency and accountability are vital for good governance and a functioning society.
Peter Connolly	Swallowfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Politicians SHOULD NOT be exempt from any laws!!!
Chelsey Murphy	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Because the government are thieving dogs that need to keep their dirty fingers out of the public money jar!!!!
Joanne Wakenshaw	Weston-super-Mare, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Honesty and integrity are the prinicles of the country and world I want to live in

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Graeme McGroarty	Wokingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Openess is good for democracy- full stop.
Charlie McCarthy	Harrogate, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Don't spoil a gem in our legal system
Nigel Corrigan	Saffron Walden, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We have a right to know what is done in our name
Gary Lightfoot	Barrow-in-Furness, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I believe in democracy
Charlie Burnham	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	This is an important element of true democracy & should not be curbed.
Richard Campbell	Huntingdon, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Freedom of information is an essential part of democracy. Clamping down on it can only benefit those with plenty to hide.
Amanda Thomas	Chorley, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I feel the rich just get richer. We should be helping the poor.
Susan Wells	Ludlow, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Total Government transparency is essential and we cannot be called a democracy if the Freedom of Information Act is curtailed in any way.
david lukey-dickinson	truro, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	its for the greater good/there should be no hiding in the dark about our money/after all you work for us not us for you
Mark Coleman	Crewe, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Freedom is not just a word it's a right
jane gibbs	Timperley, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I would like to see it fully extended to all departments of local authority too as I believe individuals are able to misuse public funds for their own benefit. I think the public have a right to know how their taxes are spent, down to the last penny.
Jonathan Tod Pittam	Twickenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We live in a democracy. The freedom of information is an important cornerstone of this. Weakening this law will make the government and corporations more unaccountable to the public.
Charles Mc Cann	Hitchin, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We need this act in its current form or stronger.
Glenis Scadding	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I don't want to live in a secret society
Keith Holmes	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	This FOI is too important to lose
Glynn Smith	Rotherham, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Why would it need changing? Something you aren't telling us?
liz Parry	Northwood, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We must know what MP's are up to
martin lodge	NEWARK, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I'm signing because there is a greater need for transparency in government and other public services, which must be made known to the public.
Hugh Mack	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Crooked MPs must exposed
Martin O'Kelly	bOURFNEMOUTH, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	FOI is a vital part of democracy
Alistair Bisatt	Market Lavington, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I'm sick of government being able to cover up their ineptitude and corruption
Judith Leader	Beeston, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The Freedom of information act is a sign of a democratic country. I want to live in one not a police state
James Wasson	Carrickfergus, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	If dishonesty exists it needs to be exposed!

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Jacqueline Barlow	Cheadle Hulme, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Doesn't this just prove that the government have got things to hide.
Shiyane Dussard	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I'm singing because i want to. I'm being honest.
Patrick Smith	Portishead, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	No elected UK government or civil service should EVER have the authority or the right to censor, edit, choose or decide what information THEY deem we should or should not know about without the approval of the electorate. Government officials are subject to the same laws as us, they are elected by us, and their salaries paid by you and me and we must NEVER let them forget that.
Ian Dalling	Gosport, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I have signed this petition to ensure that the public is properly informed about those elected to act on our behalf and to in order to make them accountable.
James Devlin	Livingston, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I believe in Freedom of information.
David Turner	Northallerton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	No Government should need to hide "the truth"!
Graham Woodward	Sudbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It is essential to keep the FOI act at least as it is now. Transparency is vital for credibility.
Michael Dunlop	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The FOI is an essential tool for ensuring transparency, openness and honesty in local/national government, and any attempt to water it down is an attack on the nations democracy
Oliver Harkness	Blackburn, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Surely the word freedom has some meaning in today's society, clearly the government think otherwise
John Storr	Carlisle, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Power corrupts, and corruption has a way of making itself "normal behaviour". FOI is a vital democratic tool.
Olwyn \\\Twentyman	Redcar, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It is not right, they are like the secret service
peter richardson	pontefract w yorks, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	FOI is an absolute must for a free open society. How can anyone argue otherwise???
Maurice Preen	Church Lawton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I am signing because freedom of information is vital for the population to continue to have knowledge of current affairs
David Baker	Arbroath, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Powerful elites - like MPs - don't like the electorate to know what they are really doing.
Ian Brooksbank	Crieff, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I have seen the FOI act in operation, and have also experienced the lengths public authorities sometimes go to not to share information
David Devoto	Loughton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The UK is renowned for freedom of speech and freedom of the press. These freedoms are the envy of the world and a mighty defense against corruption and abuse. Don't demean these freedoms by restricting them only to those who can pay.
Gabrielle Todd	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	because I believe strongly in transparency and openness especially where public interests are at stake.
Rosemary Swinscoe	Southend-on-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Everyone must be accountable - with very little exception, if you fear people knowing what you are doing, and particularly fear the electorate knowing what you are doing, you probably should not be doing it
Lynda Khalifa	Appleton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I'm waiting to see how many European MPs are fiddling their expenses. When and who is going to investigate that one?

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Jane Gidlow	Silverdale, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	This Legislation helps the individual to challenge big organisations.
Frank Houston	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	If you have nothing to hide, why hide it?
Dawn Cameron	Bromley, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We need to weed out the rot within the government!
David Wooldrige	Bedford, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The electorate have the right to know!
George Prentice	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	All of our lives would be poorer if we did not have the systems that allow us to ask questions relevant to any of us, and expect a truthful & honest answer. Without it we would be in darkness.
Anna Ruzicka	Northampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	the FOI is the only law guaranteeing that we can find out the truth. anything this government might come up with is sure to make it more difficult.
alec kelly	Sutton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	in the case of the MP's it's our money they're spending but most of all FOI makes "everyone" accountable
Michelle Griffiths	Bodmin, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	If the MPs are as hardworking and honest as they would have us believe, they would have no reason to hide!
Penny Evans	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I am signing because public sector bodies such as academy schools are becoming increasingly unaccountable and the FOI Act is one of the last remaining powers the public has to see what is going on in these organisations. What possible rationale could there be for reducing transparency in the use of state power?
Huw Price	Aberdare, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Information is power
David Mcdougall	Blantyre, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	This is our government no matter what the MPs think, their actions should be transparent to all of the nation
Pete Denham	Norwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	FOI is an integral part of an open society as is the EHR act.
Emily Morgan	North Yorkshire, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I back Heather Brooke on this completely. It is not just MP's who shouldn't claim expenses.
Audrey Minty	Briton Ferry, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The public have a right to information
brigid donald	Inverness, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	If the state has nothing to hide then there shouldn't be a problem with this petition...
brian rigby	Caernarfon, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I'm a democrat and believe in open government, free speech and the traditional rights of Free Born Britons.
PETER Bassett	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	All these corrupt people who believe they have a divine right to dictate to others then break the rules for their own benefit need to be exposed and punished
Susan Hubbert	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I'm signing because this right wing government are seeking more draconian powers to limit the scope of our so-called democracy.
louise fallon	Hucknall, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I back this 100%
Cristhiam da Silva	Eastbourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Without FOI corruption will rule us.
andrea kelmanson	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	FOI is essential to the very core of our civil society and must be retained.
Natasha Nolan	Twickenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Information should be available to journalists and the public for free - this is essential to maintaining a strong democracy. It is very worrying that the government wishes to curtail such an important aspect of our democracy

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Paul Busby	Saltburn-by-the-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I'M SIGNING BECAUSE FREEDOM IS A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT AND THE RIGHT TO SEE INFORMATION STRENGTHENS ACCOUNTABILITY. ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE SOMETHING TO HIDE SHOULD BE PROMOTING THE WEAKENING OF THE FOI ACT.
Richard Chadburn	Ballymoney, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The pay rises they get are always above inflation whereas the rest of the country suffer. Poverty is on the rise and the government appear not to care. They just wish to line their own pockets, scandal after scandal show they cannot be trusted. To allow them to make changes like this are sheer folly and almost criminal considering their track record. They must be stopped!
Andrea Wallace	Haigh, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	it is essential that government is held to account by the press (and also by the judiciary) otherwise we have to accept their word that everything is being decided for us and for our own good - by this bunch of rich tw**s - I think not.
Brian Harper	ILTON, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	George Orwell reminded us years ago, to ensure our freedom to know what decisions the government make on our behalf are totally transparent.
Daniel Mealing	Stratford-upon-Avon, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Politicians should be accountable
David O'Brien	Exeter, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We are starting to put into place a state apparatus that Stalin could only dream of. Lack of privacy for individuals and total privacy for those in power. The Fol Act should be widened and strengthened not weakened.
Phill Iveson	Bridgend, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I'm signing because tax payers money needs to be transparent it's that simple. It's our money.
David Parry	Rawmarsh, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	too much abuse of trust sends the wrong message to everyone
Roman Lobas	Kearsley, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Honesty is the best policy
Liz Doona	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	While appreciating the work that often goes into answering these requests, it is an invaluable way of ensuring that all our public bodies remain accountable.
Christine Jackson	Burley in Wharfedale, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The UK is a democracy. It goes without saying that we maintain FOI. I also believe that other public bodies are abusing expenses and need examining.
Kieran Sheehan	Beverley, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I have used this Act and public bodies try very hard to keep secrets from those they serve. Shame on the Govt for trying to roll back on transparency but, when you have no mandate to govern (24% of the electorate) you try and stifle opposition any way that you can. Democracy anyone?
David Harrison	Stoke-on-Trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Politicians can not be trusted
Linda Wain	Hemel Hempstead, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I agree
L Foster	Stourbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I have had to use this to request data that was supposed to be publicly available. I do not trust our government to govern for us all equitable. I feel that I have to monitor their activities and that they should be reporting back to us as our employees but we can not trust them to do so. It is a poor state of affairs for a supposed western democracy but my trust in them is completely destroyed and I require the ability to check on their activities which are supposedly for the benefit of us all but so often appear corrupt.
Freddy Vachha	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I'm signing because this intended change represents shameless opportunism. Stifling enquiries will make it harder for us to hold those in power to account.
Steven Price	Basingstoke, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Public information is owned by the public and should be freely available.

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Caroline Blase	Stockport, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I believe the Freedom of Information Act to be a force for public good, and an excellent tool as regards holding those in power to account. I am a freelance journalist and library assistant and have had to provide information to those submitting requests as well as being aware of how useful the act is to journalists. I work in the area of music and cultural journalism, not investigative journalism, and as such I have not personally made use of the act, but I believe firmly in the right of the public and journalists to use it.
Dave Harris	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Transparency and openness are an essential feature of a true democracy. We must not allow this government to reduce our democratic rights, merely for their own convenience.
Graham Gold	Bracknell, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	This is an essential piece of legislation to monitor the actions of all levels of government
Patrick Booth	Marston Green, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I do not trust people who have access to other peoples money,Banks, M.P's. etc. All of their actions should be open to public scrutiny.
john byrne	knockinf, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It is essential that citizens have the right and unhampered ability to access information on how the taxpayers money is being used by our legislators and our government. otherwise corruption and abuse of power can thrive.
Andrea O ' Hare	Brighouse, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We need to have a strong act on thisIf we don't stand up for our selves we will soon be living in a communist state
Peter Taylor	South Brent, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Democratic accountability is a strong UK value. - Revd Peter Taylor
Jane East	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I'm signing because the FoI Act is an important element of our democracy, and we need to maintain this important instrument of transparency.
Dan Cook	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Whatever the issue happens to be, if I'm paying for it, or underwriting it, or substantially affected by it - I need to be able to find out about it.
Peter Hodge	Newport, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I'm sick of the sheer hypocrisy and double standards of this government
Kucko Izabela	Northampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	its right thin to do
Kevan Critchley	Rotherham, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	in a democratic society we need open government and public bodies that are accountable to the people
Tracy Allan	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We need freedom of speech
Rick Ketley	Crawley, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I believe in the freedom of information.
Laurence Turner	Basingstoke, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I am signing because their is enough secrecy and dishonesty within the government.
Suzanne Hogg	Luton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Member softie public need to have access to all information concerning those they vote for, or who hold public office. It is a democracy in action.
Harry Dhirpuria	Hayes, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I support this cos I want freedom in realty I am grateful for those who are fighting for our rights without any their personal interests Thanks
Wanda Briggs	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The government are only supposed to be working on people's behalf. We therefore have a right to know about what is being done in our name, with our money.
Lee Stapleton	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Transparency and accountability matter.

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Peter olivo	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I believe in democracy, not a secretive society
Paul Leahy	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The tax payer pays the expenses, transparency is a must always.
wendy macdonald	london, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	This is Public money if they can investigate claims for any public assistance, the MP's are also open to scrutiny
David Hook	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It is essential for public accountability that the FOI be maintained with at least its present scope, if not indeed greater scope.
Arend Goodheir	Inveraray, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	arend03@live.com. This must not be allowed to happensn.
amy nurse	Forres, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The fact that this is still an issue is abhorrent, we voted these people into power so we deserve to know what our money is going towards. However it's pretty obvious that with their shifting of goal posts, it seems that our money is just being pocketed by the rich and powerful while at the same time trying to keep the poor man down and out
Andrew Hamilton-McGinty	Waterlooville, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The Tories are scumbags
Valerie Aikin	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It is hard enough to get information now via the FOI act we do not want any further restrictions.
walter simkins	frome, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It is the right thing to do
Harry King	Messing, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I am fed up with this deceitful government and their bloody lies and half lies - I also hate them for treating the public and British law with contempt - they can't be trusted with the care of our country or anything else - they are just contemptable and corrupt to the core and shouldn't be in charge of our country.
Richard Harding	Slough, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I believe that MP,s believe they can change rules to suit them selves , you cannot move the goal post after the match has started
Russell Head	Luton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The government works for the people and the people have the right to know what their employees are up to.
graeme Lees	Elgin, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Everybody has to be accountable for decisions they make supposedly on our behalf.
Timothy Gowers	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I have used the FOI act to reveal the huge amount of money that British universities spend on scientific journal subscriptions. I would hate to see it weakened.
Barry Hill	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The freedom of information act is in place to help ensure that those elected to look after our best interests do just that and not and not use their powers to look after their best interests. Government, both local and national, need to remember that they are working for us, the electorate, and not themselves. Government should be transparent. The FOI helps keep it that way. It protects both us and them.
catherine parton	cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	i believe the public should know what these MPs are claiming for .. disgusting that they can claim expenses anyway since the rest of us dont get expenses for meals , clothes , housing and transport and i don't they should either they get paid far too much as it is ..
Douglas Fordyce	Boston, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We all need to know what is happening in government!
jenny Usher	West Kirby, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I am signing because we live in a democracy where transparency in Government should be the Gold standard, where we expect and vote for honesty and integrity in those who lead the country. We do not expect smut, dishonesty and double dealing. Be worthy of the standing that you were voted to.

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Melvin Maninang	biemingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Enough
Ken Oliver	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	If there's nothing to hide..... Then youhhave nothing to hide..... No problem !
Ursula Merchant	Leominster, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It is important that this law remains strong. Thanks goodness we have a few good investigative journalists.
Martin Hollington	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The more talk of transparency there is in this country the more there is hidden away from view. We demand the right to more information, not less, from the cynical, two- faced self-serving liars in parliament.Transparency these days is merely a buzz-word and its meaning is a concept that obviously be grasped by government. It shows what a pitiful country this place is that we even have to stand up for the FOI Act.
Therese Wohlfahrt	Twickenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I want to live in a democracy!
Eleanor Jarvis	Broxburn, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	The Public have a right to request information and to deny his is undemocratic and dictatorial
Doug Birmingham	Prescot, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It IS in the public's interest to have Freedom of Information. It is what a free democracy is all about, not to hide things!
Valerie Ward	Wallasey, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I have a right to know how my money is being spent.
Jon Hardy	Isleworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Let's not give the corrupt the chance to hide back in the shadows
Edwyn Steel	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	the FOI act is extremely important to helping us keep the government responsible for their actions! sign this you dips!
Hugh Fox	Matlock, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	In a democracy we need to know what those entrusted with power are doing with it.
Keith Hyde	Carnforth, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	All public bodies must be answerable to the electorate for their actions.
David Siddell	Warrington, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We are the electorate. We should have the right to find out things that concern us.
Howard Chambers	Wellingborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Government should be as open as possible. If you govern properly you have nothing to fear from FOI
Matthew Hines	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We all deserve the right to know
John Norton	Brentwood, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	This facility is vital nowadays!
Jim Sweeney	Salford, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Public bodies are paid for out of the public purse therefor the public have a right to see that these departments are transparent
Ian Speed	Isleworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	This helps to reveal corruption and bad practice
Jean Morrison	dundee, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It's important that we do not allow secrets to be kept from us. We the people who's taxes pay the government should have the right to know through the foI
iain watt	edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	im signing this because we need transparency and accountability
Robin Isbell	Weymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	We have a right to know the criminality of the people have entrusted to run "our" country on "our" behalf. After all this is still a democracy we all live in...??
Robin Bennett	Chandler's Ford, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	It's outrageous that any part of these records is restricted in any way. If politicians have nothing to hide, what harm is there in making this public?

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gerry mcsherry	Clacton, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I'm signing because FOI requests are a valuable way to hold institutions to account as we are entitled. Without that power, we cannot get any reliable insight into the workings of public bodies nor will we have any basis on which to challenge decisions, expose mismanagement and wrong-doing.
carol williams-jones	Llangefni, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	Freedom of information...is just that...!!!!!!
Philip Edwards	Treorchy, United Kingdom	2015-11-07	I don't want the hypocrites to wriggle out of scrutiny!
Dr Philip Hartley	LEEDS, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	It's an essential act. Without it anything can be hidden.
DARREN HILLS	Chatham, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Im sick of the people who arrogantly think thier the global elite can change policy to suit the own needs.
William Lock	Bangor, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	FOI is the basis for a truly open society - don't lock it up!
jan wasilewski	Ilkley, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	we need to protect our democracy. government should be managing for the public interest..
Peter Langdon	Devizes, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	To ensure that the Act continues without being watered down by Parliament for their benefit
Stephen Williams	Carnkie, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	We put our trust in MP's to represent us. About time they showed some integrity. Seems suspicious any consideration would be given to making them less transparent and thus less likely to be held to account if they act dishonesty. I'd be surprised by this if it wasn't the type of underhanded behaviour that has become the norm.
Salim Patel	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I want the to not interfere with the freedom of information act. We have the right to know every penny they spend from our tax money.
robert helm	bourne-mouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	because if the law cam in our chillden futer is i going to be a very dark place
Helen Calder	Aberdeen, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	We shouldn't need something like this to keep our politicians honest but apparently we do.
Roy Clark	Cheltenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I am fed up with the "us and them" culture that MPs seem to encourage.
Fadumo Muhammed	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Transparency is essential
Tony harvey	Exeter, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I do not trust the vast majority of politicians to manage our country with honesty and integrity!
John Baines	Rickmansworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I want our pubic servants to be accountable to the public.
Anna Harvey	Exeter, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	FOI must be protected from the Tories sinister attack on our civil liberties.
Ed Woodcock	Fulham, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Because it keeps government accountable.
Marie-Frances Cameron	Reigate, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Since I was a little girl and began to understand the hypocrisy of Communism when members of the late and unlamented Soviet government lived lives of luxury, quite at variance with Marxist principles, whilst other members of society were forced to live at a much lower level, I have despised all members of government, the so-called elite (call it what you will) who leech off those they purport to represent. So, any stifling of the FOI would further encourage such people to take advantage of their positions financially and otherwise.
Doris Brown	Peterborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Life member of the National Union of Journalists

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Annie blindell	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Im signing because powerful elites need to be kept accountable to the public
Lynne Bentham	Blackpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	The country needs to be allowed to validate or expose practices that they are concerned about.
Sarah Bond	Dronfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	How else would we find out what is truly going on if we do not have the ability to ask for the information?
Marie Carder	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I feel very strongly that this law should be strengthened not watered down.
Madeleine Litchfield	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Freedom of information is so important
George Eleftheriou	Watford, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	We need this
Colin Norton	Hampshire, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	The FOI enables us to find out facts that the government want to hide.
gary brooks	Kanchanaburi, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	FOI allows a citizen to hold public servants to scrutiny and helps offset the reduction in legal aid. Plus helps the press get info to expose corruption and incompetence
David Cage	Highworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	They are now also trying to use this change in the FOI act to stop anyone asking about the actual performance of renewable energy by wind and solar companies and the failure of the government subsidy organisations to highlight this. In comparison the claims made compared to the actual performance is huge and why given this discrepancy there has been no enquiry when a relatively tiny data adjustment by VW has resulted in enormous negative publicity and government action.
Paul Womersley	Burley in Wharfedale, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Its one rule for them and a separate rule for the public We are such a hypocritical country
Jennifer White	Kingston upon Thames, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	It's important we can be confident we are being properly informed. We need to be able to request more details as appropriate.
Steven Davis	Halesowen, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	FOI cannot be watered down, we need to ensure that the public get to know the truth
Alison Dyche	Preesall, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Because we deserve to know more
BECKY ADAMS	WORKSOP NOTTS, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	we need this freedom act, if we have a problem to fight our causes, no one knows the future or what problems they will face .
Robert Terry	Sturminster Marshall, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	The FOI act is a vital part of our democracy. Governments/Authorities need to be accountable to the people. The Government is happy to increase surveillance on us but doesn't want us to see what they are doing. Their actions should be ringing alarm bells for all of us.
Lorraine Pooley	Brinscall, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	To take this right away from our own people, indicates to me our Government have something to hide or why else would they do. We are being controlled enough by their decision to push more control and empowerment onto Patients and Communities too. There are gross errors being made and just like in Rugby, you see the evidence on a screen. Some decisions warrant this, as our Government keeps failing on all counts. Plus moving forward, the access to Social Media. Do we have no privacy and yet they want. FREEDOM of INFORMATION is our right. Purple Chick
David De St Croix	Kirkby Stephen, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	There is something slimy about politicians, the very people for whom this law is most necessary, wanting to eviscerate it. Go away and evolve some decency you worms.

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Bryan Jones	Redruth, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Any reduction or curtailment in the current scope of the Freedom of Information Act would fundamentally undermine democracy in the UK; such information should be freely available whenever its publication is in the public interest.
David Fuller	Great Shelford, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I am just an ordinary guy, with no press connections, who values open government.
Kath Becker	chorley, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Stop eroding the rights that have been fought for and built up over years!
Robert Doyle	Bexhill, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I believe in Open Government. The government is elected by the people and is therefore for the people. We should know what is being done in our name. Otherwise why bother to vote?
Graham Fletcher	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	FOI is increasingly vital to any democracy. The government disliking FOI entirely demonstrates it's value.
John Bate	Fleetwood, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	We should know where our money is going
Julie Pearson	Glossop, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	It would be a step backwards if the FOI was not available as a tool to bring people to account
john young	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	We have the right to know
Martin James	Telford, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	We, the taxpayer have the right to know what public servants & offices are doing in our name. Weakening the Act is an act of censorship.
Patricia Rennison	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	to ensure that the Act continues to allow for the release of internal discussions at local and central government level when there is a public interest in doing so
Diane Williams	Barnet, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	MP's are accountable to those who vote for them and must be held to account for their actions including their own expenditure of public money.
Alan Cummings	Sunderland, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Secret government is anti-democratic and prone to corruption.
Kevin Hogg	Worksop, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I want the truth - it is a fundamental part of democratic governance and should be safe-guarded at any cost.
sarah maclarn	Harpenden, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	This is a crucial right and must be protected
ken heathfield	Weymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	the FOI act has become a cornerstone of democracy.
Jennifer Carpenter	Carharrack, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	The UK is a democracy &, therefore, there is no legitimate reason why citizens should not have access to information free of charge when it is in the public interest for that information to be released.
Jon Maher	liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	FOI is critical to holding public authorities to account.
David Fine	Exeter, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Politicians tell us that "if you've nothing to hide you've nothing to fear".
Robert Pugh	Sutton Coldfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Only matters affecting national security should be restricted
Brian Rintoul	Carlisle, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I'm signing because the public demand to have answers from Government (good and bad) without censorship.

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Davy Mertens	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Any weakening or reversal of the FOI act, would be a step back for the freedom and transparency of British society. The citizens of Britain shouldn't be deprived from transparency nor should there be any attempt made by the government to weaken the FOI. Any attempt would mean a further alienation of the policy makers and their constituents. Further more, are terrorism and xenophobia no valid reasons to deprive the public from their rights to know where their tax money is used for, especially not when austerity measures and cuts are high up in the agenda.
Anthony Butterworth	Porthcawl, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	The people need to know what our politicians are doing and what they are getting paid to do it. To try to hide things brings in an atmosphere of possible corruption.
Phillip Aspinall	Hastings, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	We need to know what's happening behind closed doors
Kate Lamb	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	It is important that freedom of information is not restricted to keep those who might want to misuse their power under scrutiny by whoever wants to check up on them.
Lynn Hamilton	Kirkmuirhill, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	It's important that we know where our money is going. Fraudulent use of public funds cannot go on uncontested.
Paul Terry	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I'm signing because we need and deserve a transparent government. We should be allowed to see what politicians do once we have elected them.
Peter Hynes	Staines-upon-Thames, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	To withdraw this right would be the beginning of the end for our democracy, we are almost in a Police State now.
Patrick Driscall	Swansea, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Government should be open to public scrutiny unless national security is truly at risk.
constance mollison	Kirkby Stephen, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I am tired of the people - who are supposed to OUR public servants - appropriating OUR money!!
Richard Michael Spencer	Wavendon, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I'm signing this because I believe this is a crucial piece of legislation; it is there to protect democracy and to keep government honest and accountable.
Peter Connolly	Bognor Regis, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I do not want us to lose an important element in keeping our country moderately democratic.
John Mcintosh	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Do not want a police state
Jane Fangman	Aughton, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	The situation this country is in currently, is very worrying and the truth must be available through all the lies, deceit, spin, undemocratic tactics that are being used by the government.
Lynn Wood	Burntwood, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	We must have the right to information it keeps those that would abuse their role in check
Jane Routledge	Romford, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	There shouldn't be a charge for finding out the truth.
Samantha Brennan	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Democracy and freedom of information go hand in hand.
Iain Bray	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I don't want the Freedom of Information Act weakened.
Sally Lawson	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I am signing in the interests of true democracy, and heading off the risks of a police state. The price of freedom is eternal vigilance, as I am sure you agree. The public must have access to important information.
Penelope Wells	Oldmeldrum, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	If people or organisations receive public funding, the public have a right to know how this is being spent.

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Trevor Crossman	Loddon, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Because I no longer will trust ANY politician no matter what office he holds. PERIOD!
Kenneth Wilson	Fareham, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	It was and is an important piece of legislation
Chris Gatti	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Politicians need to get through their thick corrupt heads that they work for us,
Jules Wagstaff	Pentrecagal, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Strong FOI is essential for an open democracy. It should be extended. Why can't we find out what the farmers are being paid in subsidy for instance?
Christina Kettle	Beckenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I am a teacher and I am aware how those in authority use information to manipulate facts in order to get the response they want. The public must have all the information available to them so that they can make informed decisions.
Judith Hogg	Worksop, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Governments should be accountable for their actions.
Cheryl Hague	Norwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I am signing because if not corruption could become rife. The majority of us are not idiots and should not be treated as such!!
Ian Parker	Emsworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	We must always have transparency
Reece Fleming	High Harrington, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	The Conservatives will not be allowed to curb our rights and freedoms.
anna cozens	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	The public have a right to know information, politicians claim the public is apathic and don't vote, but then the government want us to know less about what is happening, curbing foo is hardly an encouragement to get involved, interested and vote is it?
Andrew Stephenson	Hartlepool, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Because this act has given some power back to the people against the faceless bureaucrats who need to feel and be held accountable for their actions. The people need to know!
Raymond Cooper	Whickham, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I believe in the FOI Act
Margretta Chambers	kilkeel, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Nothing should be hidden
Richard Johnson	Northolt, Middlesex, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	The only reason politicians want to keep information secret is to get away with inappropriate behaviour.
Robert Hughes	Burnley, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	There are too many people getting away with immorality and incompetence and they need exposing whenever possible
Colin Prosser	Newport, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I'm signing this petition because the FOI should be sacrosanct & not tampered with, weakened or done away with. It is vital that the public have the right to see what goes on behind closed doors!
Fiona Scott	Harrogate, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I believe that the spending of public money should be totally transparent. We put the money in, let us know how it is used. It's disgusting and immoral how some MPs have spent public money - no wonder the public is disillusioned.
Christopher Massie	Polmont, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	The same people that are trying to take money away from the most vulnerable in society are trying to hide their own excesses, shameless.
Nezz Dunn	Wolverton, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Let us all protect democracy. For us all, and the greater good.
ricki akhter hussein	High Wycombe, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	power to the people
Rosa Malin	Lighthorne, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	WE HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW

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jinder Sahota	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	the truth should be heard
Muhammad Osman	Croydon, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	expenses needs to be looked after very well either in Govt body or private sector.
Alan Hedges	Mires, Greece	2015-11-08	This is the only way public bodies and individuals can be held to account.
D Schoon	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Democracy needs accountability and accountability needs information.
james mcdonald	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Hands off
Ian James	Portslade, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I used to work in local government, so I know how important transparency is, and how easy it can be to abuse power and trust.
Nigel Hamilton	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Politicians and public bodies need to be accountable to the general public for their actions and how they spend our money. FOIA helps us to find out what they are up to!
Paul Madunagum	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	This is a free society and democracy we should be able to get informations without any hindrance. So it is wrong to withheld any information verse via verse.
Susan Gough	Malton, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Transparency and democracy are hugely important and are being undermined in our country.
Sean Myles	Felixstowe, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	The Foi ensures accountability.
scott paterson	thornhill, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Obviously this is the only way to keep government under control
Gordon Robb	West Linton, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	MPs should be open about what they're claiming expenses for.
Elaine Toop	Wick, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	It's vitally important that we have access to information to avoid cover-ups.
Lorraine Giles	Lakenheath, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	How dare they, they require and say it's their right to our information, we have the same rights.
Ian Wilson	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Freedom to find out what is going on is a basic right in any democracy
Nan Stubbings	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	It was for this freedom that so many men and women gave their lives to protect for us their children and their children's children in both World Wars. And we spent 2 mins in silence to remember them today!
Dr Jessica Jermain	Shoreham-by-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	The Freedom of Information Act, though a modern thing has enabled a greater level of democracy and openness, in addition it has enabled the exposure of corruption. At a personal level it has allowed greater justice.
Paul Harvey	Thorntonhall, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I truly believe that the FOI act should not be diluted in any way in order to protect certain strata's of society. The act is in place to ensure openness and hopefully integrity. Please do not allow the act to be manipulated
Jean Papworth	Sandown, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	The MP's need to be accountable to the public, who pay their wages as taxpayers.
Richard Hithersay	Chipperfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Democratic government is ultimately meaningless if important information is kept secret to protect interests opposed to the public good.
Pier Angelo Cavallina	Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Fol has to be protected not eroded if we still believe in participatory democracy
Frank Lyons	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I agree,good luck

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Steve Maguire	Shrewsbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Government is trying to avoid being accountable
stephen mathews	West Bromwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	This is one more step to a police state.
Catherine Hamilton	Stamford, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	There should be no reason for our elected representatives to hide information from us.
meg pomfret	durham, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Freedoms are hard won and all too easily lost. We, the people who elect are MP's, and pay them, must have the right to find out what they are doing and have done in our names
Emma Jinks	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	People need to be held accountable for their actions
Liz Robertshaw	Huddersfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	We need this.
omar rahman	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I'm signing because politicians have it easy enough, I do not believe in making anything easier for them while they sleep in parliament while they are supposed to be working!!!
Anghel Tchakarov	BRIGHTON, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I'm sick of MP's thinking they are above scrutiny!
janet minshull	Biddulph Moor, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I'm signing this because if it was anyone else doing what they do there would be an uproar, I think they get payed enough without all the fiddling that they do. God help them if they had to struggle on what most poorer people have to survive on.
John Grace	Wakefield, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	It would appear to me that on more than one occasion recently there would appear rules and laws that the electorate of this country have to obey but MP,s seem to think they are not applicable to them .
Natalie Abbott	Macclesfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Freedom of information is essential for a democratic and accountable society. Don't weaken the FOI!
Tony Hutchings	Berkhamsted, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I value Freedom
Kirstie t	Stoke-on-Trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Any information that shows truth is vital to proving injustice!
Stephen Dean	Surrey, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	The UK is the home of Democracy The FOI isn't broken so don't try to fix it !
Jonathanc Carter	Saint Albans, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	It's vital that those in power in any walk of life are accountable to the public for their actions. Those with the greatest power should be the most transparent hence my disappointment and scepticism with the government ministers seeking to weaken foi powers. There is so little trust now in politicians that they ought to be seeking to impress us not make us even more sceptical about their motives and agendas.
Benedict Lee	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I am increasingly concerned by the erosion of civil liberties. We seem to be regressing into a society in which only the very powerful control knowledge and we're doing this in one of the flagship democracies. How can we credibly export democracy when we are diminishing our own with such abandon.
Pamela Raven	Tavistock, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I believe signing is important
Terry Gervis	Rotherham, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	There,s a law for them & a law for us which I think is very wrong.
robert sullivan	portsmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I support equality in profit as well as povity

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Richard Barker	Newport, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Have due regard for the age we live in!
Andrew McLeod	Doncaster, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	The neoliberal elite are gradually killing off democracy, they must not be allowed to get away with this assault on our right to know what the Government is doing behind our backs. I've used FOI several times myself to get answers to questions that my local authority didn't want to talk about.
Rodney Waldeck	Hove, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	All governments need to be held accountable and undermining the Act will not only make this more difficult in the UK, but sends a really bad signal to the world that will be eagerly used by authoritarian governments every where!
Rallie lee	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Obviously the public have a right to know what's going on. Too much is happening and guess what the poor man pays for it all
Lawrence A Linehan	High Wycombe, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	The FOI makes it more difficult for government at a national and local level to deceive us about what they are doing and what is going on in the world around us.
Seb Vidler	Royal Tunbridge Wells, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Information is power but who watches the watchers
andrew sexton	truro, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	It's vital that we can call to account our elected representatives information that should be in the public domain
Duncan Glen	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	We must have freedom of information
Phil Joyce	Andover, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	FOI has been a vital tool in rebalancing our democracy. It needs to go further, not be cut back.
Bob Cheeseman	Littlehampton, West Sussex, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	it is very important for all of us to retain all rights under the Freedom of Information Act. Please do not water this Act down.
Andrew Billings	Desford, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Information of a sensitive nature is already adequately protected. It is essential to transparency of the state that freedom of information is not limited further.
Tony Holroyde	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I would like to be able to have some trust in our MPs
kay jones	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	As long as it doesn't threaten national security I believe transparency is vital. I just attended an exhibition by Ai Weiwei, persecuted by the Chinese Govt. God help us from going the same way ...
jackie Boole	Derby, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	We ,the public have to be honest when answering ,so should they . this band of people are robbing less fortunate .
Andrew Horne	Wokingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Freely available information is an absolutely essential element of any healthy democracy. The act was passed for this reason, and to change it would be contrary to the interests of the nation.
michael dean	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I believe the Freedom of Information Act needs to be strengthened and not diluted in any way
Dave lodge	Charlwood, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	because i have no trust in our government,, most if not all are only in government to help themselves,, not the people of this country, they are deceitful and could not tell the truth if there lives depended on it,
Ruth Maher	Windsor, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	This should apply to all including MPs!
David Darby	Harlow, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	Totally support this. Information held by Governing bodies can be most helpful when required.
Alison Price	Rayleigh, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	This sneaky government is trying to pass laws without us noticing and without any thought for the common people. We need to stand up and be counted.

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Nick Glover	Guildford, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	The government serve the people and we have rights.
Celia Winfield	Heanor, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I believe the MP's information should not be secret they are in their position for the good of all within our country not themselves. Why should anything be hidden if they are behaving truthfully and respectfully there should be no problem seeing.
Susan Preston	Chesham, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I believe that the public has the right to know how taxpayers money is being spent, and to be aware of what is going on in the public interest.
sheila j asson	Tamworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	I am fed up with cut backs, to finance there pleasures.
Richard Menzies	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-08	FOI assists the public in holding public bodies to account, in turn leading to (eventually!) better behaviour within our public bodies
Jacob Cohan	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	FOI Act delivers pain to bad authority, but keeps Britain alive , or else there be an uprising and an end to Britain.
Hannah Broadbent	Doncaster, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Everyone deserves the freedom of information
Kevin McKeon	Bolton, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	In a democracy it is vital that government decisions should be open to scrutiny.
jonathan booth	Over Hulton, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	To ensure the fundamental principles of democracy are not undermined, the electorate have a right to know how delegates in both local and central government conduct themselves on our behalf. Access to this information is our right... In addition, any legislation that seeks to exempt parliamentarians from the same intrusive surveillance imposed upon UK citizens is wholly unfair
Simon Banks	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Democracy is worth defending
susan wilson	Walton on the Naze, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I think they keep too much to themselves to suit there benefits they work for people of this country and should be accountable to them after all its our taxes that pay for it and if we was caught fiddling the company's or people we work for we would go to prison also I did not get expense is to get to work and turn up why should they be allowed most of them have more than enough should stop this instead of tax credit and disability we would cure some of the deficit and it should not be changed it was passed by law why should they think they are above this
Rosemary Butt	Mitcham, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	FOI is for the public good.
Amy Hufton	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	The FOI act is a vital safeguard against corruption.
Emma Griffiths	Stratton, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I am so with this one!
David Gibbons	Ruthin, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Governments must be as open as possible, and held to account.
Brian Cooley	Hoddesdon, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I believe the FOI is important for the people of Britain.
Mike Valente	Durham, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	To help those who wish to conceal their shortcomings to keep it out in the open
Bob Cushion	Bedlinog, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I'm signing because I believe it is essential for democracy for the public to be able to hold the government and other public institutions to account. Freedom of Information is an essential tool to enable this.
David Herbert	Sunderland, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	FOI is vital for our democracy

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Riki Therivel	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I'm signing because the FoI Act provides an invaluable safeguard, ensuring that government does its job well
Christine Lord	Portsmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I lost my only son Andrew 24 to human mad cow disease. FOI 's have helped me to uncover Cash cows and cover-ups that killed my son within Whitehall and Westminster. FOIs are essential to free speech vhttps://vimeo.com/131908656
Thomas Wheeler	Aberystwyth, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	"A tax on journalism"? Not only that, but it would prevent other members of the public (ie. those who are not journalists) obtaining information to check whether press releases are correct. I once saw a government-issued claim that use of a particular bus service had increased following changes. I asked for the actual patronage figures using an FOI request and discovered that the data from before the change was incomplete (I presume the bus operator at the time was not reporting passenger counts, or wasn't counting them at all), meaning no accurate comparison could be made.
Mosunmola Oladapo	Lagos, Nigeria	2015-11-09	Transparency is the engine of a credible government.
Katrina Grace	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	FOI should cover the whole of public bodies. Its the fair way to see how funds are spent within the government. They should not create their own law on hiding information as that's sounds dodgy !!. We all have to be honest and up front about our lives and business and accounts, why shouldn't they do the same.
Carla Costelloe	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	The FOI ACT is one of the most incredible things about living in a democracy, take it away and we are no better than somewhere like China.
HUGH Tessier	Stevenagh, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Freedom is not free
akeem lawal	Hyde, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I'm signing this because government must be able to give a correct amonth they spend and they must declare there asey before power
Alex Vernon	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I remember the story of the High Court Judge who told a Jury, determined to acquit on very sensible grounds a man accused of, essentially, treason in that he'd revealed sensitive information, that 'The Public Interest is what the Government says it is' - who agrees with that???
Penny Warren	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Freedom of information is vital to our democracy
Sue Laverge	Milngavie, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	It's essential to retain the Act in its entirety because it's in place and working in the public interest. There's far too much distrust anyway so don't exacerbate it.
Victoria Shaw	Ware, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	They want to know our affairs why shouldn't we know the MP's.
Jon Irwin	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	As citizens, if we aren't able to scrutinise our government, how can we or our elected representatives hold government to account?
Robert Hutchinson	Bangor, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Everyone needs to be accountable, no privileges even for the elite. They should have the same justice they give everybody else.
John Whalley	Crewe, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	FOI is vital in holding politicians to account. Allowing them to block or restrict access for their own convenience is bad for democracy.
Catherine Short	Clydebank, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I do not trust MPs or Banks or power companies any longer. The public must have the power to know exactly what's going on with people who have such a huge effect on our lives, especially when they are taking most of our money.
Scott West	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Holding our government, other public bodies and authorities to account is a vital part of democracy.
Susan Eaton	leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	It's important and very necessary!
Tim Neale	Bracknell, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	It is in the public interest that information on matters relating to serving the public interest are readily available to those who are paying for it.

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James Mohan	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	FOI is working so don't fix it !
Nigel Draper	Penarth, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I'm signing because I believe in the principle that public bodies must release information if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in it remaining secret.
David Eatock	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Fol is an essential scrutiny element in holding public servants to account.
Jenni Gardner	Inchbrook, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	The public needs to be able to ask questions of all public bodies without additional limits
Ged Seacombe	Wem, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	<p>I firmly believe , that the Freedom of Information Act is an absolutely essential tool in trying to maintain a degree of transparency and control of institutions which simply cannot be trusted to operate in an acceptable manner without public scrutiny and accountability.</p> <p>I am particularly concerned that there are proposals that Universities are to be exempt from scrutiny under the FOI act. These institutions were once regulated by external bodies who examined both standards and financial processes. It is of great concern that these institutions are now operating in an opaque manner, with no external regulation, under the control of internal Governing bodies that are in some cases just not fit for purpose in term of ensuring that these institutions operate in the interests of students and provide value for money for the general public.</p> <p>Please do not weaken the FOI Act</p>
Badria Ahmed	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	We can not afford to lose out on the tiny bit of "democracy" that we actually have.
JANE MANN	Kilcot, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	REAL Freedom of Information is vital in a democracy. Do you believe in Real Fol or just a watered down version which helps those in power?
James quail	Southend-on-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Government should be taken apart we need a new way
Paul Wotton	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	This is essential to protect our basic freedoms through ensuring transparency & accountability
Norman Christie	Lichfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	<p>If democracy is to operate properly then it's functionaries must accept that transparency is necessary.</p> <p>Freedom of Information allows for such exposure. The public has the right to know about wrongdoing within government, parliament and business practices and to be able to call them to account in a court of law.</p>
Andrew Corbett	Crowborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	It's vital that the public is kept as fully informed as possible in order to be able to hold those in authority to account.
Victor Randerson	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	There is no valid reason to alter the act. The only reason the Government would wish to alter it is to prevent the public finding out about matters that the "powerful" would find inconvenient.
Michael Gladstone	Durham, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I think freedom of information is a vital principle of democracy. Without it a democracy cannot operate properly.
marina Chacon-Dawson	Wales, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	They tell us there not enough to help the less well off and they have a right to send our money on luxury that working people struggle to afford
Ray Cortis	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	It's important to keep the purse keepers honest

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Jill Webster	Cullompton, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	My life may depend upon getting to the bottom of why funding for drugs is refused. We need to understand why these decisions are being taken. Freedom of information has become life or death for us.
Andrew Reed	Hertford, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I am signing because I am outraged by this attempt to avoid accountability to the voters.
minh alexander	Peterborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	FOI is a necessary tool for the public and press to hold government to account. There is already inequality of arms and wronged citizens will be even more disadvantaged if FOI is weakened. The answer to the administrative burden is not for FOI to be watered down but for government to be more transparent and accountable, so that fewer FOI requests are needed. Those with nothing to hide have nothing to fear.
Christopher Thornton	Audlem, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Public bodies should be accountable to citizens.
sandra gibson	greenford, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	MP's just like everyone else,must be held accountable for expenditure of public money.They are not above the law,so must declare where those funds are being spent
N Grossman	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	its just
Eric Stephani	Chester, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Common sense really: We pay the publicly elected government, we should be able to see how they are using the money.
Robert Duncan	Edinburgh, United Kingdom, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I am a private individual who believes the public has a right to access the information held by public bodies. I also believe that the principle of public interest should be interpreted liberally and only in extreme cases involving national security should information be withheld, with final decisions on what should be made public to be taken by a judicial body independent of Government.
Joanne Kirby	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I am signing because I believe the FOIA is a vital tool to ensure as far as possible openness and fairness in government.
ken bell	Kidsgrove, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	this is theft of public money
Kanada Elizabeth Gorla	totnes, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I'm signing because it is imperative that government officials are accountable to the people and transparent in their activities.
Carol Bache	Lydford, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Public servants, including politicians and all those in positions of power, need to be kept accountable. There is a strong temptation to massage statistics to support decisions, considered desirable by policy makers. The public needs to know the accurate evidence for decisions and have some way of measuring the fall out from them.
Peter Clifton	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	The Fol Act is a cornerstone of an open society, allowing us to hold public institutions to account. The act has helped produce many examples of responsible, agenda-changing journalism, and attempts to dilute it must be resisted. Peter Clifton Editor-in-Chief, Press Association
Eleanor Gray	Worcester, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	As Pharrell Williams, righteously says; we all need Freedom!
david lawrie	Bacup, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	public bodies are answerable to the public, therefore the public should have full and free access to any and all information pertaining to public bodies

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andrew mourant	Bradford on Avon, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	<p>This is one of the most chilling and cynical proposals to come out of any government. It can only be about saving the embarrassment of rogues - many of them - who wield power in the public sector and who have something to hide.</p> <p>Some bodies are already obstructive with FoI requests,citing the high costs involved as a reason for fending off complex inquiries.</p> <p>The proposal to meddle with FoI is, perhaps, the most egregious example of a new government still drunk on achieving power throwing its weight around,safe in the knowledge that the next general election is years away.</p>
Martin Wheeler	York, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	The government is rapidly turning into the new Stasi, support freedom of information!
L B	Westbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I'm signing because I want to see a healthier government, one that doesn't keep hiding things from the people it is supposed to represent.
Mel Rands	the world, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	information is vital to protect decent people and communities from te machinations of the evil, corrupt and greedy.
Christine Clavey	Luton, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Freedom of Information - for the benefit of society and democracy
James Gramosli	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Stop these slavers
Mark Lewis	Portsmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	We need to!
kerry Allen	Hollywood, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I have encountered corruption and cover ups within social services including other agencies involved and have requested and paid for information, in particular a doctors report which never I have not received despite the fact that funding stopped based upon this report. I believe that many people are denied their rights and all corruption should be uncovered and ultimately prevent trusted people from misusing their position.
Mark Stein	Bury, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I am signing because the Freedom of Information Act is a very valuable measure which enables citizens to hold national and local authorities accountable for their actions.
Julia Berg	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	This is an essential part of democracy.
Colin Walshaw	Cleckheaton, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I do not want a Stalinist state.
kimbal humpphries	Worcester, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Transparency should work both ways if our society is to be counterbalanced. Top down viewing of citizens must be complemented by bottom up viewing to hold those who represent us to account.
Vincent hUNT	Longridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Governments & politicians already erode our liberties at every opportunity they get & this would be a step too far
David Probin	Bowdon, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I think 99.9% of MP's are out to fiddle as much as they can and still they get a big fat payrise
derek morgan	Pentwyn Crumlin, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	WE NEED THE FOI
Tracy Graham	New Abbey, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Do you know why 11/11 is an important day Mr ungrateful Hancock ?
Kathy Barton	Lancaster, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	We should be free to expose scandals otherwise how will the public get to know the big secrets that should not be.

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Delphine Tsiranana	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	As a tax-paying law-abiding citizen, I think it is scandalous that my money would serve such an undemocratic purpose. As an employee of the PA, I want the FOI Act to be maintained as it enables my journalist colleagues to do their (best) work and my company to keep delivering great output which is a pleasure to promote and help sell.
Ben Collins - Jones	Woodford, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	FOI act is a necessary and viable format in which the general public can gain insight into the government they elected are doing and if its in thier best interest.
Jane Liddiard	Porton Salisbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I'm signing because if we don't keep the FOI Act as is this morally bankrupt, greedy and vicious government will try to water it down so much in order to protect their interests that they will be able to get away with almost anything.
Sally Smith	Kingsdon, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I strongly support this because being able to find out what is going on is an essential in any real democracy and should be a fundamental in an open and honest society.
Sarah Hartley	Richmond, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I feel strongly that any reduction in Fol is an attack on all citizen's right to be able to access information.
Sophie Lister	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Fol Act is an important part of our democratic society and is a fair and effective way of allowing the media and the general public to understand, scrutinise and hold national and local government to account.
KEN DOGGRELL	HITCHIN, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	A democracy must be transparent
Stephen Boocock	Harrogate, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I believe all Public Servants are accountable to the Public. Honesty Openness and Clarity are key to that end
Sarah Williams	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	We're now in the upside-down situation of the government seeking to weaken the FOI Act at the same time as proposing to enshrine in law the ability of intelligence agencies to mine our personal data. We must protect FOI to hold the government and public institutions to account.
Xavier Benz	Briggswath, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Another pretty important topic, in my opinion.
andree frieze	Kingston Upon Thames, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Government at all levels needs to be transparent otherwise it is not democratic.
Lilleith Morrison	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Knowledge is power and if its is kept from people it takes their power away.
Joost van de Loo	Amsterdam, Netherlands	2015-11-09	I'm signing because an uncrippled Freedom of Information Act benefits society and democracy, in the UK and elsewhere.
Alison Owen	Wigton, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I'm signing because I do not value myself above any other, therefore, our MP's, our systems which are in place to govern and protect human beings must be kept. We need to trust those in power, we don't any more. We need fair access to prove to ourselves all is well.
Anna Parker	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	We're only allowed to know the tip of the iceberg as it is. Information is power; whoever has it controls things. It is essential for forming views and opinions, which are essential for making judgements and decisions. It is impossible to make a decent decision about anything without the requisite information. The more information anyone can have about anything, the better, in my opinion - with very few exceptions.
Angie Joel	Norwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	The Freedom of Information Act ensures that public bodies remain accountable to the public.
Peter Almond	Esher, Surrey, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	It is vital. You really want the alternative?

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Bernard Eddleston	Hitchin, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	The current act is excellent and sometimes the only way to extract information from local authorities
Moira Jack	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I believe that we should have this in its present form. People in government are not above everyone else.
Gerard Bunt	St Austell, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Because I do not trust our political 'elite'. We need more safeguards rather than less.
charles galloway	stockport, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	We have enough thieving scumbags in this country abusing OUR money.
Mary Fletcher	Berkhamsted, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	As a retired journalist I consider it vital that the Freedom of Information act is not watered down.
Chris Peters	Stockport, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I'm signing so the dirty thieving bastards in Westminster stay accountable as they should be.
Ian Britton	Stockport, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	We should all have to obey legislation and not be allowed to sneak out of it. Freedom of information gives us half a chance to keep tracks on politicians.
amanda robb	Norwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Freedom of Information is an essential piece of kit in the functioning democracy tool box.
Antony Butcher	Warwick, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Many in local and national government still think that what they do on our behalf should still be a secret
Katherine Lack	WORCESTER, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I have used a FOI for 'ordinary' academic research, and it is absurd to make people pay vast sums for this facility.
oliver bennett	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	FOI is our only recourse against public officials and bureaucrats who like to keep things from us.
Roger Malton	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	It's important that we all have access to information so that we can make an informed view of how the Government and public bodies are performing
Hope Bullen	Bognor Regis, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I am currently studying BA (Hons) Magazine Journalism at Southampton Solent University, and of course if this were to go ahead, it would be detrimental to not only my career if I gained one within journalism, but the current position I am in as a student journalist.
Hannah Hazlehurst	Hoylake, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Democracy! Freedom! Equality!
arnie neale	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Freedom is strength!!
Samantha kavanagh	Barnstaple, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	If we are all subject to foi them all should be no matter status or wealth.
Ben Goode	Guildford, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Without accountability, you have proven to be irresponsible and morally bankrupt.
Robert Middleton	Sutton Bridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Info must be available.
Stephen Parkes	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I'm signing because all governments should be openly accountable to their citizens.
Patrick Draper	Stapleford, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	We need more transparency. Not less.
Patrick J Boyd	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Accountably of those who we have voted into power over us is an absolute part of democracy
B Ridsdale	Eastleigh, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I am signing up because I believe that government and business should be managed in an open and honest way. Only by this means can we continue to ensure that we are not overwhelmed by bad practice and corruption, as happens in so many other countries.

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Gareth Jones	Worcester, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	required in the interests of society.
Phil Caisley	Sevenoaks, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I value the openness of Government and the fact that we can hold our elected and unelected officials to account in their spending of our taxes
christopher hackett	Hull, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	In a truly democratic society all public bodies should be transparent and thus able to be accountable.
Val Chalmers	Lymm, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	No person, group, company, council or governing body should be exempt in any way from the freedom of information act. It should not be watered down and weakened to favour anyone. Quite the contrary, it should be reviewed to ensure that it is really working well and to close any loopholes in its remit, wherever that may lead us. We need to be clean and strong.
Brian Beales	Haywards Heath, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	The actions of the executive and the judiciary should be freely available to the electorate. The FOI is a means of allowing the public to scrutinise the actions of our governing classes
Gerald Battye	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	We must keep this law to bring people to account !!
Peter Thomas	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Too much secrecy is bad for democracy. When we can trust politicians they can have more secrecy.
Bill Yates	Marlborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	FOI is an essential feature of accountable government
John Gardner	Lemsford, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I'm signing because politicians need an effective press, if they are ever to regain the public's trust. No (or weakened) FOI = NO Trust
Penny Martin	Kirkwall, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	I am signing because honesty and openness are important
stephen hurst	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-09	Even governments make mistakes, it's hiding the truth that is the crime.
mica levi	LONDON, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	it's selfish to claim public money for your own use
ian flint	Hemel Hempstead, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Graying is wrong and I'm right - it not an abuse of FOI for journalists to use it - it was what it was meant for stupid.
Ann Casey	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	We have the right to know what is being `hidden`. Its our Country!
Alistair Lamb	Walton-on-Thames, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I believe in open government and politicians have an abysmal track record for self-governance.
Sarah Jean-Baptiste	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Transparency should be fundamental to a functional democracy
Stuart Rees	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Why would we want to move backwards?
Soraya Sheikh	Chesterfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	This country is a democracy. We vote you in, and you are accountable to the people. We have a right to know what you are up to.
Anthony Billington	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I believe there are MP's that have forgotten that they answer to the people that elect them!
Anthony Odusanya	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I love freedom of information act don't water it down for the selfishness of the few.
Col Stonehouse	Redcar, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Killing of craceans is cruel and a drain on the bank of biodiversity we cant afford to do !
Angela Stevens	Ramsgate, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	We have a dysfunctional district council and the public continually have to get FOIs to get the truth!

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Peter Moore	LONDON, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	We elect and pay for government officials. We should have full access to information about their discussions and actions subject to reasonable limits for privacy, diplomacy and security.
Annelene Calton	Wakefield, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	The Freedom of Information Act is vital to ensure government transparency and accountability. Without it there is no real democracy.
David Browell	Swansea, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	It is important that citizens of the U.K. have access to information that might otherwise be hidden from us by those in power. This is an important part in living in a free society.
adrian hardcastle	Ottery Saint Mary, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	your democracy is a lie/ this will open up the secrets of the elite establishment
Ann Comper	Daventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	To weaken this act is to attack the very foundations of our democracy. This must not be allowed to happen.
Victor Wainwright	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	It's important that people in authority can be held accountable.
ALI Melabie	wokingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	this is part of the basis of an open and democratic society
Lorna Dockerill	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I'm a journalist.
Peter Travis	Montrose, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Freedom of information is a boost to the democratic process, to weaken it therefore reduces democratic oversight of institutions that play important roles in all our lives.
Philip Toone	Whetstone, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	M.P.s cN not e tfusted
Andrew Higgs	North Stifford, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	In a democracy this is a vital foundation.
Martin Moody	Dunfermline, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	The Government has consistently demonstrated a lack of respect for the electorate and their rights.
Tom Coy	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Because without it there is little public accountability and the nation needs it as part of its democracy
judith Schmuhl	Chorley, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Information is power & needs to be available to all
John Owen	Shifnal, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	There are too many cheats and liars in public life, NHS, Police Service and some of OUR MPs, all must be held to account
Nigel Holloway	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Recent experience shows that FOI is working in the public interest
Ann O'Keefe	Shoreham-by-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	People over profits
Neil Vittles	Paignton, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I'm signing because we cannot make the correct electoral decisions if we are kept in the dark
Edward Baxter	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I'm signing because an MP claimed for a duck-house.
Debbie Howard	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Government and companies are there to serve us. Trust is so low that we need to be able to hold them to account. Fol act is critical to that.
Sarah Gee	Hartlepool, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	There is only one reason to attack the Freedom of Information Act - and that's if there's something to hide.
Susan Chapman	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Shady government that covers up child abuse want to keep the truth hidden. Like a lot of things country should be able to know truth.

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Jan Ann	Hampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	IM A FREE CITIZEN OF THE WORLD THE TRUTH WILL SET A WORLD FREE.
John Fryatt	Chwilog, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	If a politician is trying to stop the citizens of this country from finding out what they're doing then you can be pretty sure they're up to no good. Leave the FOI act alone, politicians must be accountable to us the electorate.
Remy Barron	Oundle, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	its called freedom for a reason
Jonathan Ashton	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Without information the public cannot make reasoned decisions when voting. FOI is a vital way of obtaining information when the fourth estate fails in it's duty.
Samantha Hall	Derby, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	The Government only want to scrap it to cover up
glen quinn	durham, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	this government cover up any thing that can cum to light that shows them for the lies and cheats and cover ups pedos in there party
Richard Daniels	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Freedom of Information is how we can know what those who supposedly govern in our names, are actually doing.
Pete K	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	They keep telling us we have nothing to fear from them looking upon our information, unless we're bad people of course! Well it's only right that we should be able to check on them then isn't it. If they've done nothing wrong then they have nothing to hide.
Robert Burrows	Chelmsford, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	MPs above all others need to demonstrate they are honest!
Rick Shan	York, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	We were promised transparency.
Julian Harty	Stockholm, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	The Freedom of Information has helped guard against numerous excesses of people who abuse trusted positions and roles. The data should be transparent and freely available, once it's routinely available, perhaps FOI will not be needed, but until then it's essential to curb abuses.
TONY REYNOLDS	Stourport-on-Severn, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	democratic to use. remove foi is undemocratic
Ann Brown	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	History had taught us that - notwithstanding supposed 'national security' - secrecy has hardly ever meant that we are safer. In fact secrecy has almost always been used to dupe us out of our rights and to decieve us into believing they have our best interests at heart...otherwise they wouldn't be so determined (desperate) to impair (reduce/reform) the human rights act and to restrict what we know about what they do 'in our name'.
Francis Giannini	Swansea, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	The publication of such information should not be restricted
Glyn Davies	Runcorn, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Information like thus should remain publically available and not covered up or protected by corrupt government officials
gaynor sharp	coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	This info should be in the public domain
Graham Pugh	Ravenshead, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	We need to be open with information that will not endanger the countries security and MPs expenses claimed should not be secret they are not above the people they represent and should not abuse the system and public funds.
Nicolas Jacobs	Bangor, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	The proposed changes seem intended to protect the malfeasances of institutions and corporations rather than the privacy of the individual.
Steve Allport	Sowerby Bridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I'm fed up with people in high places committing fraud and helping themselves to public money whilst labelling other people loafers and scroungers. It should all be on view what these thieving hypocrites steal.

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Peter Whitby	Bossington, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	As politicians themselves are always quick to point out when they demand extra powers of surveillance, 'if you've nothing to hide, you have nothing to fear'. I'd rather pay more tax (to cover the 'cost' of FOI).
Carol Bryce	Leamington Spa, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	accountability is important
David Green	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I was inspired to sign because a) I was invited by Heather Brooke - someone I believe to be a force for good in the world and b) FOI is one of the key ways to ensure transparency of government in the UK; something I believe is vital to build a fair and equal society.
William Gayler	Sling, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Clarity brings power.
Gordon Green	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Im signing because I am hoping the freedom of information will release to me what salaries and expenses are claimed by all people in high places not only MPs but bank managers,NHS managers etc etc
CHRISTINE DAVIES	flintshire, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	All government dealings should be made public, transparent and honest
alison smith	skegness, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I'm signing this because its important people are able to get the information they need
Michael Popoff	Utterby, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I despise these greedy lying pygmy polititions who fill their own knickers and back pockets with our money.
andrew linton	belfast, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I believe that we are been denied information hidden from the government that could change or help all of us
Peter Hunter	Warminster, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Corruption is rife, and this is a great antidote to it! It is the basis for public accountability in the UK!
Jack Summers	Caterham, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	The government should not be allowed to make changes to any policies in an attempt to cover up their own immoral practices. Why would they feel the need to make a change unless they knew they have more to hide and they know they will be continuing to act in such ways that they do not want the public to be aware of.
Anna Maria Brannan	Crail, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I'm signing because freedom of information is a must
Andrew Cox	Fair Oak, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Whilst FOI requests can be used by individuals to create problems for those in the Public. It is a good form to hold those who are accountable
DAVID PRATT	Canterbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	It is vital to retain trust and confidence in public affairs by complete openness and probity.
Lesley Foss	Birstall, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I agree
Michael Deign an	Bolton, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Because I like to be kept in the picture
kenneth rees	lampeter, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	We need accountability from those who handle our money.
Diana Hall	Warrington, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	every day work folk are taxedto the teath for perks at work , M P` sclaim homes they dont live in travel expensesfor a 10 yard walkable in 3 min`s reduced /subsidised meals , drinks cigars etcwhile at home when they should be in parliament,or fall asleep on the benches...the freedom of info must stay so we can watch the thieves and liers don`t get away with it
David Rossall	Drighlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	FOI is critical in a democracy, not least one where those in positions of authority have abused that privilege so often in the past
Sheila Whittam	Huddersfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Freedom of information is an important issue which requires protection
James McQuillan	Newry, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	This act has exposed more wrong doing than any mp has so leave it be.

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MURIEL BARRASS	Farsley, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	M. Barrass
Nicola Laviolette	Croydon, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	The People has the right to know. Transparency is key
John Hills	Herne Bay, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	People should be allowed to know the truth...
Robert Wightman	Swanwick, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Freedom of information is a basic. Right in any democracy
Christopher Ashby	Biggin Hill, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Cameron promised transparency! We, the people own the government! You the government will do as your employers demand!!!!!!
Pamela Westland	Braintree, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	It is important that public money is spent judiciously
Grahame Wood	Broughton, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Freedom is our most basic right
Lynda campbell	Flitwick, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I believe that no information should be covered up, we are not Russia, we are an open and free state
Greg Ironside	Folkestone, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I believe strongly in transparent and accountable government. The number of significant issues that have come to light through FOI requests which otherwise might not have become widely known has been shocking to me. To change the way it functions looks like attempting to close your electorate and press out, further damaging my trust and confidence in the state, when honesty and transparency are needed more than ever. Please act on this petition
John O'Flaherty	Hooe, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Without this law persons in positions of power or authority can cover bad or dishonest practices.
chris waugh	bishops stortford, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	FOI is absolutely necessary for a balanced government and state
Paul Turton	Hale, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	The public has a right to know what governments and people in power are doing.
Gareth Foote	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I believe that a lot of information has been put into the public domain that would never have seen the light of day without this policy. Information that has affected public opinion for the better or forced accountability.
Brian Watson	Milnrow, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	We need transparency in a democracy else the name means nothing.
Trevor Lewis	Kirkby-in-Ashfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Secrecy undermines democracy
Roberta Howard	Bloxham, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Agree with all you say. MPs get away with far too much.
Jeannine de Ville	Barnstaple, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	They are trying to keep us in the dark about many things. The government can't be trusted.
Nicholas Morrall	Pudsey, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	This money can be better spent on our NHS and helping others who need it like homeless and war veterans
Catherine Campion-Regehr	Clayworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Leave the Freedom of Information Act alone. It is the only stop-gap between the people knowing what our Government and other public authorities are up to. The FOI act is essential for a true Democratic Society. Thank you.
Chris Getheridge	Teignmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	The FOI is one of the few effective tools which keep our country democratic DONT TOUCH IT

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Sidharth Naidu	East Croydon, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I believe public bodies must be transparent in their dealings and accountable.
Karen Todd	Stenhousemuir, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I think it's a disgrace claiming expenses from public money on top of the already over-paid salary they receive yearly
Sana Satti	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I agree politicians abuse their status claiming expenses hence country suffering
David Holmes	East Ardsley, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	For decades governments hid their dirty laundry behind official secrets acts confidentiality etc. The government wants to know who I talk to, who's websites I have visited and where I drive. If transparency in my affairs is good enough for them, it must be equally as important, given their track record that I can see what they are doing.
Kevan Mitchell	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Let the truth be known how they operate.
Daniel Roythorne	Hounslow, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I believe the the Freedom of Information Act is there to hold those in public office to account, both for the manner in which public funds are used, but the processes and quality of decision making in public policy, and the ethical conduct of government.
Anne Vernon	Werrington, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	The Freedom of Information Act is important to every citizen of this country and the loss or diminution of this would impinge even further on our civil rights
Alex Hendren	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	We need to keep an eye on these no good shady MP's
Tom Lawrence	Emsworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I believe the freedom of information act is important in today's age more than ever as the British public does not trust what comes out of government officials mouths
JILL GRIMES	Kirton, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	we need to know what is going on in our name
Mike Hartley	Dukinfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	This country is getting more like the old USSR
steve Gibson	Rayleigh, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Who trusts the MP's or the Government
Kevin Hogg	Hazel Grove, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	When people can abuse things some will, we need to know who
Robert Marshall	NOTTINGHAM, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	We have very little knowledge of the way government spends the money it takes from us. The FoI Act is our single line of defence against tyranny.
Harry Mitchell	Portsmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Who the fuck do they think they are. They are voted to serve the people not deceive us and try and hide what they are doing. I hate Tories
Sharon Bilgehan	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Hands off Freedom of Information! In a true democracy you would not be able to hide where and how you spend our money! In the public interest you MUST make sure that the freedom of information act continues !
Ronald roos	Alderley Edge, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Any politician should be totally transparent... Given that no one trusts them, and their greedy lying cheating Ways
Ann Meacher	london, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	A Conservative government wants to ensure that their control of people is total.
James Moffatt	Chilton, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I believe in open honest government.

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Jeremy Reynolds	Cregrina, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	We the public occasionally would like to make a request to find out the facts not have them hidden away.
Lesley Mitchell	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Public servants are supposed to be accountable to those they serve. Therefore, all necessary information should be readily available to the public.
lesley corio	Kelty, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Transparency is essential in a democracy
Frederick Garrett	Highcliffe, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Too many things will be hushed up if this law is changed
Alan James Berry	Ramsbottom, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I firmly believe in the freedom of information, particularly with the previous antics of some devious members of parliament.
Andrew Clarkson	Todmorden, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	This government are changing the rules so they can get away with immoral behaviour
Geoff Smith	Dinton, Aylesbury, Bucks, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Freedom of Information is a fundamental requirement in a country that espouses democratic values and a belief in the rule of law.
Hilary Wright	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	What's to hide if everybody is behaving properly, ethically and honestly?
David Smith	Blairgowrie, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	We MUST keep politicians actions transparent if they is going to be any trust from the public. Even as things are there are many people, particularly young people, who are deeply cynical about politics, and frankly, are they to be blamed?
david harvey	scotland, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	It is the only way wee can avoid Corruption. we must know what they are doing
Tom Peil	Leyland, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I have used the FoI Act several times. Each time I've obtained information which had been withheld or been answered ambiguously on initial questioning of local authorities. I guess local authorities hate the FoI Act with a passion.
Roy griffiths	Birkenhead, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	They need to be accountable . Like in a office if you have money for daily use you must show what is was used for
Cormac Biggar	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	The public needs to be able to hold public bodies and individuals accountable. Public information needs to remain public.
William Brooks	High Wycombe, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	We, the public, need more transparency. Not less. I also think it is about time politicians realise that we put them in to do our bidding, not the other way round.
Elizabeth McGarrigle	Thrapston, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I'm sick off greedy MP's who sponge off the people of this country. the people they work for and are supposed to represent claiming extortionate expenses that the normal hard working people pay for and then telling US we need to work harder just so MP's and their cronies can live the high life
Robert Allaway	tewkesbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	They have to be seen to be honest
john mc aleavy	Belfast, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	keep an eye on these wasters
Terence Prospero	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	The FOI enables ordinary citizens to discover what our public servants and elected officials are doing, supposedly in our names, and to hold them to account. Perhaps that is why the Govt. wants to curtail it?
Kathleen Leslie	Sunderland, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	It should all be available free.
Ganapathiram Lakshmanan	Bournemouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	In a democratic country lack of transparency from governing establishment leads to secrecy , paranoia & scandals.
Hakil Ahmed	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I belive in the Freedom Of Information Act, it helps to expose criminal holding office and helps the average person get justice.

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William Higginbotham	Neilston, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Public servant's should be accountable
Elizabeth Smith	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I think the act is an important element to enable transparency in decision making and should not be "watered down" because sometimes uncomfortable things come out or because it is a faff digging out the information.
Jason Ryan	Gosport, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Without it MPs can do what ever they want and never get found out, we live in a FREE society NOT a police state!!
Liam Ward	leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Because it is a vital journalistic tool. More than that, it is a vital democratic tool.
Nicola deering	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	As a council employee I'm on a pay freeze and have had my allowance for using my car taken away. Why should they get expenses when they get paid far more than I do but are not being effected. They should lead by example and be the first to have pay freezes and loose perks/benefits.
George Burda	Colton, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	The FOI is a vital tool to hold Government and the wider Establishment to account.
norman nicholson	West Felton, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I believe the freedom of information act is just that,
chris lucy	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	This is absolutely essential for retaining the democratic rights of all and for halting corruption in all its guises.
helen pike	Kirkby in Ashfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	It is vital the public have access to information this government are becoming too dictatorial and dickensian they have no repsect for ordinary people anymore
John Gallagher	Poulton-le-Fylde, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Corruption at the highest level seems to be rife,they seem to not only be above the law but have no sense of moral duty
Maria Williams	Abergavenny, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	As a journalist, I'm aware how important FOI legislation is when holding public authorities to account. It is the only way some information will ever enter the public realm - and the public has the right to now how it is being governed.
Robert Grant	Frampton Cotterell, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Elected MP's need to have their actions in the position they were elected to, monitored by the people they were elected by.
Leslie Acton	Trowell, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	It is a much needed piece of legislation
Terence Lockyer	Pulloxhill, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Open government is the key to fairness and equality in society and I've seen the injustice and privilege operating at first hand when powerful elements of the establishment think they are above the rules which govern the rest of society.
Laura Brookes	Northallerton, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	How on earth can we improve public confidence in our politicians if they continue to deny us transparency in their dealings?
henry gadd	Southend-on-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	i believe it is vital that public bodies are answerable to the public, also the law should be strengthened as expensesfor a certain ex PM still seem to be secret.
James Glen	Sheringham, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Open democracy means open democracy and the FOI is central to that.
Alfred PHILIP Coulson	Cold Norton, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Secretive states can rapidly become corrupt states. Something should not be kept secret unless disclosing it is against the public interest.
Thomas Miles	LEEDS, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	We are sleep walking into corporate fascism.
peter de groot	Amersham, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	the FOI is very important in an democracy
ROBIN BRIERLEY	Mundesley, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	If information availability is reduced, how do we know you are behaving in the public interest.
reg shapland	ipswich, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	So we do not end up like the Nazi. Just look at the daily mail it used it to show how the fat cats are screwing us

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RON POWELL	Wolverton, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Freedom of information and the Press is of paramount importance. We cannot allow the spiv's and opportunists to prosper at the expense of everyone else.
Lorraine Crouch	Bournemouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I have used this method to obtain information about my local council. Without it I wouldn't know how much money has been wasted on expensive schemes.
Dave Fenwick	Seaton, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	government should operate inside glass walls
Helen Cleaver	Muir of Ord, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	i want honest working MP's for the people.
Michael Cunliffe	Horwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	We CANNOT permit the MP's to water-down the FOI act. The Daily Mail is using this power (via 6,000 FOI requests) to expose the profligacy within the public sector. We need freedom of the the Press alongside FOI.
Joan Bramall	NEWCASTLE upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I wantfair justice
Andrew Le Mesurier	Medbourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	The public will not be silenced and have a right to know where public funds are spent.
Simon Howells	Auckland, New Zealand	2015-11-10	I do not agree with changing this
sylvia rushbrooke	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Even FOI requests are limited by those in control they have enough power already to redact and withhold information that should be with the people not secrets
Jayne Rogers	Wolverhampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	There should be transparency on all decisions made, financial or otherwise.
edward rapley	loughton, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	because i do not trust mp's
Beryl Smedley	Long Ashton, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Our MPs are elected by the people and as such are answerable to the people. The expenses scandal highlighted the sheer arrogance of these people. It was theft but how many went to prison. On all sides there was greed and a total disregard for the people of this country.
jeremy jones	leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	it's is my right as a voter to be able to research my mp and other public information
Andy Hardman	Rossendale, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Think it is appalling that this government thinks it can hide behind legislation. It obviously has something to hide.
richard medhurst	Merthyr Tydfil, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	they are accountable to the people
DIANE BRACE	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	The FOA is vital to our democracy
Daniel Walsh	Royal Tunbridge Wells, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Upholding the values of my country that was supposed to be
David Tomalin	Isle of Wight, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Because I would like to think better if my elected representatives but any weakening of the Freedom of Information Act will confirm that honest members are, indeed, an isolated minority.
Sharon Boyle	Knowsley, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Today's headlines another disgrace claiming expenses for holidays they should be sacked all of them they make examples of ordinary people why not them
Craig Williamson	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I'm signing because the government should not be allowed to hide their own unacceptable behaviours just because they think they are "in charge". They must be accountable to the public for what they do with the taxes from our hard earned money.
Michael Tomkins	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	WE MUST KEEP THE FOI ACT SO WE CAN BE PROTECTED FROM UNETHICAL POLITICIANS WHO WISH TO KEEP US IN THE DARK SO THEY CAN CONTINUE THEIR CORUPT INTENTIONS.

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Sheila cartwright	thornton -cleveleys, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	They don't need the money greed
John Fletcher	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Freedom of Information is an important foundation for good democracy.
mlchael connor	Middlesbrough, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	to stop this greed and corruption by treasonous mps to stop this greed and corruption by treasonous mps
Glen Ostler	Eastbourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Keep your promises, Cameron, you lying piece of shit!
Curtis Bruce	Teddington, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Our freedoms are being striped from us at an alarming rate at present. This is just another example.
Daniel Moore	Kirkdale, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I'm anticipating the Zola release
joan bodey	Buxton, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Too much of government and Commerce remains secret even with the Act. It is vital for the ordinary person - which is why "they" wish to do away with it!
Martin Giel	gstoke, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Open government is essential in a modern democratic country, the ability to hide information denudes that concept.
mark honey	Bodmin, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	it should remain after all they work for us(the general public) and should be accountable for there actions and not hide them.We pay there wages!
Michael Mcllhatton	Chester, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	This is a simple principle of honesty, integrity and openness and our members of parliament are serving the public they have a responsibility to behave in an ethical and honest manner
Josephine Welcome	london, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Unless we stop this government from doing exactly the opposite of what they have pledged to do in their bid to stay in office we'll find ourselves living in a country we don't recognise.
MICHAEL WILSON	FORTROSE, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	We must have transpearancy
Jo Wadsworth	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	As a journalist, I regularly use the FOI act, not just to request information myself but to see what others are asking about. Far from being a lazy way of fishing for stories, it is an essential way to get more information on issues of legitimate public interest.
Harry Frith	Brampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Politicians need to remember who they are supposed to represent and who they work for.
Lucy Thomas	forres, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Transparency of information is CRUCIAL for the society we (the very large majority) want.
Paul Richards	Shanklin, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Public individuals defrauding the electorate need to be outed & made to pay.
adrian wale	Market Harborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	It's our information, it does not belong to the government. A government owns nothing, its all the property of the public.

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Peter Hart	Beckenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	It was at outrage that MP's tried to stop the public know about their expenses. We are a democracy and transparency is priority. The politicians were saying they were above the law. We are all equal but the MP's are more equal than others and tried to pretend they are special and different. We must not allow them to change the FOI Act. It is imperative to have the freedom to know what is happening in our supposed democracy. Peter Hart
Richard Howard	Enfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I believe the freedom of information act has made government of this country even greater
neil Johnston	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	MPs have built enough moats with our money, thanks very much.
Christopher Prior	Winsford, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Knowledge is essential for an effective democracy. Those who wish to restrict it give rise to the suspicion that there is something to hide. I believe that most MPs are honest and wish to serve the country. They surely must see the dangers of restricting citizens' access to information.
Kate Jacob	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	It is an essential right of a citizen to access information in a democracy.
Julie Henley	Watford, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Transparency is vital to a democracy
Sean Jenner	Exeter, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	FOI is the only way to hold our elected officials properly to account and guarantee transparency. Politicians have shown they cannot be trusted with public money where expenses are concerned.
Philip Morrison	Thames Ditton, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	The government has to be highly transparent to be accountable.
Kevin Futers	Prudhoe, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	Government should be transparent to the people it serves: namely the public.
Susan Wright	Sandy, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I don't want to live in either a police state or under a dictatorship
David Mayes	Barnsley, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	We should be able to get information about how our taxes are used.
John Goodman	Hastings, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	I am really concerned at the behaviour of the present government. To seek to be unaccountable, to show contempt for democratic parliamentary decisions that are not what the right wing of the Tory party want is worrying.
Kevin Carberry	Paignton, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	It has to be the right of any individual to challenge those in public office whom have influence or actual responsibility in spending our taxes'.
Jeff Barr	Strabane, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	The Freedom of Information Act must not be tampered with because it affords Joe Public the opportunity to press public bodies to release information that otherwise would remain a secret.
Yvonne kyte	Chichester, United Kingdom	2015-11-10	They are answerable to the people who voted them into office , so it's only right that we should what they are doing in our name !
Alec Eve	Bootle, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I like to know that my government is afraid of me finding it's secrets and lies. I want to know that the truth will be available when it is needed. Only an oppressive government would want to keep secrets from their electorate.
Robin Grigg	Gosport, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I'm signing because I need to have confidence that we can trust the government.
Scott Shaw	Newburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	FOI stature has played a key role in enabling me to expose wrongs in relation to a public interest disclosure.
Caroline Brough	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	What our parliament does with our money ought to be transparent at the least!

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Colin Boon	Salisbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	This governments aims are quite clear, to pave the way for their destructive policies and to attack certain social groups in society. Without the FOI, the lives and justice of millions of fellow citizens will be compromised.
Hilary Bidmead	Langholm, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I exist on a fifth or less of many expenses claims, I will not pay more so you can eat cake. I want to know where my money is spent even if it embarrasses you.
sue johnson	Wolverhampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I believe we have the right to this information!
Stanley Moorcroft	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Democracy without Freedom of information is an empty word
Steven McKay	East Kilbride, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Governments should be as transparent and accountable as any citizen it governs is expected to be.
Jemma Porte	Hull, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	The government works for each and every one of us it is our right to be able to see a detailed account of any transactions that happen with our money
jenny wilson	edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	we cannot blindly trust the government
Rich Kavanagh	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	This right to information should not be restricted, ever.
Sarah Lewis	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Stop hiding your dirty laundry.
Sara Smith	Doncaster, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Because we have a right to this
Mayank Gupta	Burgess Hill, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I support the cause.
Margo Duthie	Peterhead, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	It's a disgrace how these ministers are abusing public monies
Michael Taylor	Biddenden, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Freedom of information is vital for the public's protection from secrecy & cover-ups in a true democracy.
Nick Bird	Abingdon, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Freedom of information is essential for a civilised society
Fraser James	Winchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	information should be available
philip Warters	Ramsgate, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	We need the foi leave it alone
James Glen	Lochgelly, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Our organisation (Loch of Shining Waters) is a community website (Hyperlocal) that has successfully used FOI to highlight local issues of concern, for the purpose of greater transparency. By introducing charges, this will effectively hamper our organisation in the reporting of localised news as we will not have the funds available to access public information that should be made available to all by default.
Helen Lambert	Shrewsbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	This is public money and all public spending should be transparent. If there is nothing to hide then create secrecy. I'm happy for my expenses to be publicly available.
Bob Street	Netley Abbey, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	We have a right to know.
Andrew Maciejowski	Twickenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	It is in the public interest that this law is maintained.

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Frances Massey	Coxheath, Maidstone, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Our civil rights are being destroyed daily and the FOI is one last opportunity for us to obtain fairly accurate information which hasn't been distorted by the government! They frequently forbid reports being published so we need some source of information that isn't "spin"!!
robert fisher	harrogate, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I think it is important that people who work for us have to give us information when we ask for it.
Stephanie Holler	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	FOI is fundamental to a fair and transparent society
Bill Foulkes	Cheltenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	The public have a right to see how their taxes are spent. MP's were voted in by the public - they are only there because we put them there and we expect to see an honest and open government in return.
Juliet Allen	Witney, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	i believe in the truth
Stephen Evans	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Freedom of Information is a key part of scrutinising government. It helps people keep those in power accountable. It enables us at the National Secular Society to monitor and expose inappropriate religious interference with the state. We allow FOI to be weakened at our peril.
David Crowe	reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I think MP's are thieves.
Peter Brown	Hornchurch, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Science and facts should always trump superstition and religious woo
Janey Lorimer	Deal, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Corruption within the Government is just not acceptable. I want to see transparent and honest use of public funds.
Bruce Vautier	Northampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	This is essential for checking the excesses of politicians, badly performing senior civil servants and badly performing government departments. Everyone else is open to scrutiney and some kind of performance evaluation.
Antoni Sans Busby	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I am signing because it is a very obvious incremental ploy to take our rights away so that the elite can spend money on what ever they want (get away with murder). The oppression of the people will only go so far and there will be a very definite backlash if the FOI act is weakened and taken away!
Karl Meyer	Cambridge, CA	2015-11-11	A free government and democracy is built on the ability of its citizens to question what the government is doing. Secrecy allows decisions to be made without proper scrutiny.
Colin Margerison	Bradford, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I'm signing this, because MP's are well over paid.
martin jones	sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I believe in the free flow of information
Sandra Madden	Dulverton, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Its important that important information cannot be hidden from the public.
Irene Scott	Hildenborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I believe that the way Parliament behaves should be transparent and subject to public scrutiny
Stephen Railton-jones	Pontypridd, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I was wondering when our leader's would get around to "redefining" the FOI. I knew it was a matter of time. NO WAY, keep they're hands off. So much has been exposed with they're lies. Fight this all the way.
Jamie Garland	Hertford, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	This is absolutely disgusting. How much can the government take from us before people actually do something?
Jasmine Hodge-Lake	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	We have a right to know.
Boadacia Icenii	Hereford, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Many examples of atrocious crimes have been exposed through this right, so it's no surprise politicians want it suppressed!

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John Hood	Culross, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I'm signing this because this kind of information should remain available to the public when they need it. MP's have been getting away with far too much in the past, those days are gone and should remain so. if its getting too hot in the kitchen for those that have concerns then they should get out before they get caught.
Nigel West	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	We have seen the Tory Cover ups of their Paedophile and Banksters Scandals from Ted Heath, Leon Brittan, Jimmy saVILE, Dolphin Sq etc or Lord Green, HSBC etc, THEREFORE, any of their PERNICIOUS Conspiracies to further Cheat the Human Rights of the British People MUST BE RESISTED !!! Tories are a MAFIA of greedy PSYCHOPATHS !
Ray Walker	Gateshead, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I believe MPs are guilty of fraud with taxpayers money. also they should pay their tax through PAYE instead of claiming they have family working for them avoiding paying their tax due.
Andrew Lang	Tonbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	If they've nothing to hide, they've nothing to fear! If HMRC can hound us for our cash then it's only fair that we can hound public bodies to know how they spend it!
Les Herbert	Swanwick, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	If there's nothing to hide there shouldn't even be a debate on this.
Stephen Bell	Fleet, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Because its a disgrace the way the Politicians think they are above the law.
stephen oneill	Kilsyth, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Believe in the right to know. What and why they want to hide
Eddie Dealtry	Kendal, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Charges encourage delay and prevarication. Its called Freedom!
juliana ruhfus	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I am signing because I believe that there is no real democracy without information from governments being in the public domain for voters to know. Restrictions to FOI's are an assault on our democratic rights.
Ian Walker	Wakefield, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Freedom of thought, speech and information is the keystone of our democracy and must be protected at all costs.
Paul Rocks	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Because we are entitled to know!
Ingrid Player	North Farnbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Without FOI there is no real democracy.
Luke Bristow	safaf, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	FOI has become a fundamental and necessary tool for us to hold parliament to account. That is why Grayling wants it to go. That is why we need it to stay.
Michaela Schielein	Germany	2015-11-11	Freie Meinung und Information eines der Grundpfeiler der Demokratie sind.
Brian McCoy	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Freedom of speech is a integral part of this once great country
Simon Watkins	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Successive governments do their utmost to secure the right to snoop on citizens then try to prevent access to their own workings by those same citizens. It's the wrong way round.
John Moss	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I use FOI to power innovative crime fighting tools that have recovered £100,000's of stolen goods.
Susan Matheson	Edzell, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I'm signing to keep The Freedom of Information Act because without it , they will continue to use the tax taken from us and the people they have made homeless because they are not running this country for the benefit of the people they are supposed to be serving , they are in it for themselves to fill their pockets and all their cronies who have benefited enormously with tax payers footing the bill.
Chani Courtney	Portsmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Freedom of information and movement is essential in our equal opportunity society.

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Sarah Hembrough	Burford, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	This Govt is so deceitful and corrupt that FOI's are the only way to expose what is going on in scandals such as the badger cull. FOI's are the last bastions of democracy and justice. No wonder the Tories want rid of it.
Rod Stott	Clayton, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I simply do not trust this government. They need to be held to account and the FOI will facilitate them being held to account
Anthony WALKER	Louth, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	This legislation is not required in the form proposed.
Joseph Boswell	Luton, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	MP's need to be more transparent about what they do and what they spend public money on
Peter Hannam	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	FOI needs to be expanded not reduced.
Rosemary Haworth-Booth	Barnstaple, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Democracy matters
Mark Lethbridge	Faversham, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Government and corporations should be transparent in their dealings.
Shanine Buller	Barnstaple, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	They shouldn't be able to hide what they do with public money, especially when they are going out of their way to remove the safety net from so many people.... Claiming that they are making things fair, when they are doing the opposite! Wanting to know every little detail of what you spend and how whenever you apply for anything at all. They want 3 months of bank statements, because benefits are on a sliding scale dependent on your income and what you have in your bank. I wonder how they'd react to being told they can't claim any expenses over 1000 per year because they have X amount in the bank already and other assets. If only the people who needed that support to work there got the help? I'm guessing they'd be reducing that allowance pretty quickly! This is how freedoms are slowly lost, when they control the information you have access to more and more until we know nothing about what they do whilst having them know almost everything about us.
Rosemary McKee	Slough, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I agree with everything that has been said re FOI act and it should not be changed to suit Parliament!
Anne Buchanan	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I believe we have the right to protect our information
jonathan morris	Pontefract, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	you cant trust anyone in authority any more , they are all pigs with noses in the trough. the trough being taxpayers money, our hardearned money.
Dennis Parker	Hull, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I do not want my freedoms taken away it will be like living in a communist Country
Andrew Fisher	Wigan, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	the public should be able to see everything which public servants do and everything which they spend public money on (especially when it is spent on themselves!)
Mark Collings	Hedge End, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Because it's essential that power remains with the people and not governments or corporations.
Paul Braterman	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I'm part of the Great Society, sharing information. I'm a blogger with over 130,000 hits to date. I have used Fol to uncover and share information about procedures for nominating members of Local Authority committees, a matter of evident public interest. Under the proposed changes, I would not have been able to do so, because of the cost, given the number of authorities involved.
Nikki Bardwell-Dix	Wincanton, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Members of Parliament are public figures, deciding upon and using public money, therefore, this information should be public information.

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Liz Albert	Stirling, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	The FOI arrangements are central to holding public bodies to account. They can't be held to account if the information is not known, or if people or organisations cannot afford to make any payments required for getting the information.
Philip DRAPIER	Bridgnorth, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Powerful people cannot always be entrusted to distinguish between what is for the good of the UK and its citizens and what is in the interest of themselves and the institutions they represent.
Carol Beckley	Holbeach, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I'm signing because I feel that fraud and corruption are more widespread than we are aware. The public needs to be made aware of it.
anne hemming	gloucester, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	someone has to police people who are not able to know wrong from right with taxpayers (my) money.
Martin Ridgway	Wembley, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	One thing we're always told: if you've done nothing wrong then you've got nothing to fear. That should hold for everyone, including all public servants (including all MPs). If not, why not?
Marion Fenlon	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	It is important that we are able to access precisely the kind of information that they are trying to conceal. What a cheek that they would try to reduce transparency to the people they are an utter disgrace!
Nina O'Donohoe	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	We have a right to know about information that affects us. It should not be restricted or weakened because the government no longer wants to be held accountable for their actions.
william Bethell	Royal Leamington Spa, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I'm signing since this problem seems to be growing along with the extra jobs that MP.s seem to favour outside their Parliamentary duties. The previous Tory MP we had before the present one had 16/17 other so called jobs outside of Parliament and yet he was about 500th in the list of non attendancers at Parliament.The potential for sleaze in proposing and supporting the interests of the companies funding such MP.s should also be brought to light.
Mr Emmanuel	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	The TRUTH needs to out!!
Richie Perera	Barking, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	MP's are having a laugh at the peoples expense !
michael naidu	Beckenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I thought we were "all in this together".
C M Burns	Portsmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	the ability of being able to launch FOI enquiries is an essential tool to help hold teh public sector to account
claire o'sullivan	wadebridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	we live in a democracy - information must be freely available
Ian Hutson	Aby, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Government must at least try to be seen to be open and accountable. Doing away with FOI would signal that the government doesn't even care about paying lip service to fairness.
Anthony Collingbourne	Halesowen, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Freedom of information is the bedrock of true democracy.
Paul Brading	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	What's next? Weaken freedom of speech? Certainly, the freedom to keep your private life private is on the table. Chip, chip, chip... until there's precious little left of what used to define us as a free and demcratic society.
Simon Donaghy	Luton, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	This information should be in the public domain. We are paying their wages.
Nicholas Bailey-Morris	Barnsley, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Freedom of information is essential to an open democratic society.

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Alan Brown	Leatherhead, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Weakening FOI rules would allow more room for coverups - whether due to ego, corruption or incompetence, when things go wrong the public who are paying for government activities have a right to know how, why and obtain assurances ensure that repeats are avoided.
John Bland	Spalding, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	It allows access to facts & evidence so prevents cover ups.
Brian 1290959749	Deal, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I think the reason is obvious.MP'sCANNOT BE TRUSTED
Phil Chamberlain	Colerne, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I'm signing because the best disinfectant is sunlight and we should be throwing a brighter spotlight on the workings of those who serve us, not retreating into darkness
Jane Halcrow	Hamilton, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	If you have nothing to hide you have nothing to fear!!!
Don Findlay	Sawtry, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	There must be transparency from those in power
Jennifer Cook	as, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	FOI is essential in a democratic society.
Trevor Hemingway	Exmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	We need to know the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth
Doug Morrison	Inverness, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	We need oversight of what is being done in our name.
Mark Southwold	Rochester, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	To make judgements you need to know what is happening. We need to know what organisations are doing.
Freda M. Tomlinson	Lytham Saint Annes, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	My Parents generation fought to be free of meglomaniac Austrian, if we do not have the right to the Freedom of Information act those who fought, will have been dishonoured.
William Boyle	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	How else can we find out mps are up too ??.
Stefan Perkins	Bath, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Allowing any veto by MPs willonly increase the likelihood of yet another expenses scandal
Christopher Thomson	Perth, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	As representatives of the public, our MPs are expected to act on behalf of the electorate. The freedom of information is a vital tool that can be used to keep them accountable and it should not be compromised.
Rick Gwilt	Glossop, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I believe that Parliament is already lacking in credibility, especially among young people, and would be very unwise to try putting the genie back in the bottle.
David Anderson	Old Colwyn, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	The FOI act is vital in getting information to the people who should see it; this is made clear by the number of 'refusals' over ruled.
John Tate	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	In a democracy, the public is entitled to freedom of information - unless there are unusual and extremely good reasons given why not.
Barry PURKIS	Havant, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	The Truth is more important than the discomfiture of Government Ministers. Secrets in normal Government are not only unnecessary , they undermine the credibility of Government itself.
Terry Hughes	Upminster, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	This was a good piece of legislation which is doing its job - It's not acceptable to go changing it because it is inconvenient to the current government.
RICHARD NZEREM	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Not only just retaining it but also strengthening it is necessary to protect the peoples right to call MPs to account.
Douglas Christie-Scott	Aberdour, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Information is power, power corrupts....

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John Walker	Aldham, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I understand that the cost of providing FOI services can be alot. But, we live in a high-tech, digital age where quick access to information is a reality. The only cost to FOI and transparency is created when heels are dragged. 'Super transparent government' is very possible and can be good for society.
Joshua Gledhill	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	You know why!
Ted Base	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Public servants must be transparent - it is our money they are wasting.
Paul Cassell	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I believe our Government and local authorities should be transparent unless it poses a genuine risk to national security. We need the FOI Act to ensure they are held to account.
Elizabeth A Noon	Coatbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	We, who pay their MPs salaries, (and expenses) should retain our right to seek information through the Freedom of Information Act.
Anne Martin	Dawlish, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Democracy must be protected. Our precious rights must not be undermined. Our brave forebears gave their lives and wellbeing to protect our heritage.
Neil Brown	BROADSTONE, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I am signing because our democracy is precious and is one where our government exists by the will of the electorate to serve the electorate and to avoid the corruptions rife in other governments it is essential that short of national security government is subject to open scrutiny and press and/or public comment. Good honest government does not need to hide.
David Hughes	Barnsley, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	Fed up with MP's doing what they want
howard binysh	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-11	I care about the freedom of the press and freedom of information
Gerard Roddam	Harrogate, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We are a democracy, public bodies must be accountable to the people they serve. Weakening the Freedom of Information Act reduces that accountability, it the Government wants to reduce that accountability, then our government is less accountable to us, the people who it should serve.
Adam Hibberd	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency and freedom of information are important to me.
Colin Pearson	Weston-super-Mare, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Any erosion of FOI would impede our ability to hold our (so far, still democratic) government to account for its actions and for its decisions.
Stuart Benzie	Maud, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Information is the key to effective democracy.
Simon Brown	Bolton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	So the government thinks it's affairs should be kept private after being caught with their hands in the biscuit tin, while at the same time being able to spy on everyone's internet using the old "you have nothing to fear if you have nothing to hide" line? I don't think so.
Carl Holland	Beaconsfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This country is becoming a fascist state. It may be a benign form of fascism but it's still evident. We have given up so much freedom under the guise of 'defending us from terrorism' and those powers are being and will be used to oppress anyone who disagrees with the government. I used to be proud of living in a free country, one which millions of people had died for in wars. Sadly their heritage is being eroded by self-serving minority-elected dishonourable politicians.

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K Pitchforth	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	<p>Don't weaken the Freedom of Information Act</p> <p>The Freedom of Information Act established the broad principle that public bodies must release information if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in it remaining secret.</p> <p>Please do not do anything which would detract from that principle.</p>
Paul Brewer	Witney, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need access to this vital information in order to hold public and other bodies to account for the actions they take
Margaret Edwards	Cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	the public have the right to know what their elected politicians and public bodies are doing.
Diana de Kort	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I HAVE a right to know
Helene Jones	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is crucial. It's a basic right of a democratic society.
Peter Burke	Salford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We are supposed to live in a free society but more and more our rights are eroded. The right to know is very important if we are not to become like Communist country's.
Peter Smith	to be, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because this is one of the most important laws to safeguard our democracy!!!
Simon Scudder	Bicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There is already a perceived lack of transparency and accountability by local and national governments. With the proposed introduction of the Investigatory Powers Bill. The government looks like it has something to hide.
Peter Barnett	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	A true democracy operates in an open society with open, transparent governance. Do not water down the FOI act.
chris pooley	Haslemere, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we cannot trust the establishment politics & its bureaucracy
Luke Robinson	Preston, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public has a right to know how it's own democratically elected government spends their taxes. Transparency in government is a corner-stone of guarding against tyranny. Being a slave is easy, being free is difficult because the powerful are eternally trying to take it from you.
patricia harris	Wolverhampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The freedom of information act stands as a form of protection for common people, we have a right to information that could directly or indirectly affect us or our way of life. Any changes to this act would undermine the whole reason for its existence. Leave our freedom of information act alone!!!
Geraldine McGrath	Somerset, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to enable society to be more open & confident & know things are not being hidden.
Glynis Frost	Swainsthorpe, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	they will never tell us if they don't have to!
Jeanea Clark	Brechin, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It simply makes sense.
A Richardson	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to keep an eye on these dishonest thieving lowlifes.
Barbara Suzuki	Norwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is a modest means for those without power to find out what has been decided or done by the powerful.
Sarah Collins	Cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm sure I was not the only one to be shocked & disgusted by the MP expenses scandal - lets not hide from Freedom of Information in the future!
James Coston	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Snowden

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John Paddington	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information should be strengthened not weakened. Transparency is essential to an effective government
Andrew Ibrahim	Kirkcaldy, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Every Government should be transparent and open in its conduct and actions in public service.
Rob Pickering	Bromley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI has exposed many scandalous activities. Nothing to hide nothing to fear
Divena Sterling	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in the FOI.
Gavin Smith	Finchampstead, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We should not be removing Checks and Balances from our Government whilst simultaneously trusting them with more and more information.
Peter Jarrett	Milverton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	WHY SHOULD mp'S BE EXEMPT?
ian kilgallon	whitburn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Allowing this change would be like letting the fox into the henhouse. Politicians can't be trusted and as such require monitoring in the same way you would monitor a child.
Mark Wilcox	Holmfirth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is fundamental in our ability to monitor and challenge our ELECTED representatives
Damien Neadle	Walsall, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The freedom of information act allows the public the knowledge that they would otherwise be denied. It is an important act and should not be taken away lightly
Andrew Reynolds	Melton Mowbray, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We live in a pseudo democracy already. This will strengthen the opaqueness of government further.
Heidi Cannon	Colchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I hate MPs
robert woollcott	Gt Hallingbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Help all animals in china These are deflenseless creatures China is a barbaric nation Digusted by what i have seen
Roy adams	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need this.
Steve Berridge	Didcot, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe the FOI is an important tool in today's political culture
Chris Wheal	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI need strengthening, with exclusions removed. Governments should routinely publish data, making it freely available, to reduce the need for Fol requests - that would save them money.
Keith Simpson	Runcorn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Fed up of being lied to and treated like an idiot
Rajendra Ahya	Uxbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	accountability as a tax payer
Andrew Hughes	Dyserth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency in government is paramount if there is to be any kind of trust. Also to protect the public from MPS abuse of power.
Cliff newton	Rayleigh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	freedom of information is paramount and is a sound principle of what our country is about!
michael sides	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is one of the fundamental acts of law that helps maintain a balance between the public and state interests and should be protected.
Nigel Pugh	Portsmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe this should provide total transparency, not just what authority believes should be available
Catharina Hickman	Llandogo, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	my taxes pay for their extravagance and i prefer my taxes go to the needy and not the greedy
James Milner	manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Waste of our money

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Brian McNeil	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in freedom of information so that we can examine the work of our elected institutions. It is essential to good democracy.
Tracy Menday	Dodworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe that information should be in the public domain for all to access.
Francis Murphy	Fleetwood, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I value the fact that information can be accessed.
alan mcnicholas	Lymm, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is fundamental to ensuring public organisations are held accountable for their actions
n hutch	Lincoln, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	freedom to expose wrong doing should be protected. it appears undemocratic for the people who need the most scrutiny to alter the law to favour themselves and conceal wrong doing.
Boyd Hunt	Mansfield Woodhouse, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI Act encourages transparency and so enables accountability. If the government restrict this there will be no trust between them and the public
Derek Marsden	Lytham Saint Annes, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want to know what our politicians are claiming & being a tax payer I have every right to that information.
Alavari Jeevathol	Hounslow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency in government activities should be preserved in order to sustain democratic input therein.
Rob Corradi	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is important.
Kev Cockayne	York, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Oligarchy is not in the national interest.
Matt Davis	Croydon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Our government should be accountable to the public, and FOI has been crucial in delivering countless stories of value in doing so, over the last few years. Transparency is crucial for a thriving democracy.
Catherine Dearden	Kirkintilloch, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	For our democracy, this right is too important to relinquish.
Ash Joa	North Yorks, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is the right thing to do.
Andy Lippok	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because it is our right as citizens to know what is going on with our public servants.
James Langley	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm against people abusing their position for personal gain
Brooke Mills	Aberdeen, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	As a would be journalist, this could well be my livelihood being clawed away by the people in power. Not today!!
David Cooke	Bowness-on-Windermere, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe there should be accountability and due to the lack of transparency from our authorities the FOI act is our safe guard to get it. Also, on the other side of the coin, Theresa May believes that the authorities should have complete access to our personal information - so why stop us form having access to theirs?
Peter Barron	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Open government is good government.
wendybrendaveronica rehill	Birkenhead, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need this.
Adrian Watts	Bedford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I have no trust in Politicians who tell us the country has to save money, while they claim everything they can for themselves
David Stanley	Chalfont Saint Peter, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because I believe that in a free democracy we have the right to question what our government does.
Elsbeth Anderson	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Hands off The Freedom of Information Act not to introduce charges

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Roy Christie	Armoy, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	transparency kills corruption
Ian Murphy	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Open government open information funded for the benefit of all
Iftekar Hussain	Slough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want the freedom of expression to remain!
Darren Bradwell	Brightlingsea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government should have nothing to hide
Philip Waller	Sidcup, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They lie for their own ill gotten gains
brian kitchen	wakefield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Damn right, its the only way to monitor YOUR decept.
steve pillings	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Every Government needs to be accountable
John Callaghan	Claverley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Accountability requires openness
Jo Murphy	Solihull, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Without this we could see a dictatorship emerge
Sharon Smith	Middlesbrough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They are quite happy to take from working families who need support from the government and are also quite happy to pocket tax free money for themselves.
Nigel Smales	Taplow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because, in order for us to have faith in them, our elected representatives should be demonstrably open and honest in their behaviour, and especially in how they spend our money.
Dan Clatworthy	Cheltenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is a basic human which should be protected to support the individual not organisations, companies or corporations.
denise king	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we absolutely need this open approach to government !
michael duckett	Shrewsbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I will sighn any thing that will stop government screwing the people in the country i love
Tony Jackson	Bingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because I believe in it..
Anthony Kavanagh	Runcorn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I dont find it right to claim public money for doing there jobs when they are cutting benefits
jenni toomey	East Chiltonington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public have a right to know what public money is used for and what decisions are being made by those elected to represent them. Its hard enough to get FOI requests fulfilled at present anyway.
Stephanie Wheeler	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's public money being used, therefore the public should know what it is being spent on and MP's be accountable to the public regarding the money they claim.
John Hulme	Hove, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI is fundamental in our continued pursuit of a fair and just society
Graham Wordsworth	Yeadon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's vital for democracy and open government
Lynn THOMSON	Larkhall, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	IT IS TIME THAT THESE MPs REALISED THAT THEY ARE ELECTED FOR THE "PEOPLE" AND, AS A "PERSON", I HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING IN OUR NAME.
David Bromley	Widnes, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If we have to be transparent with the things we do so do they
Innes Campbell	Johnstone, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Only the guilty should fear transparency and the rest of us need to know who the cheats and liars within our systems are.
Richard Jelley	Clacton on Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This scandal has been going on for long enough. Time for honesty please?
Joe Barringham	Towcester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	People need to access this kind of information to ensure that they're not taken advantage of, something that people like Aaron Swartz died for

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Caroline Bysh	Hungerford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	My alarm increases at the continued erosion of our civil liberties. Accelerated under Blair, and now picking up renewed pace. The fewer mechanisms we have to gauge truth and integrity in public affairs, the less of a democracy we truly live in.
Anna Brand	Inverurie, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Knowledge and Transparency is our greatest defence against tyranny. The powerful must not be exempt from scrutiny.
michael coltman	Wallsend, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we deserve the truth
wesley faulkner	cleveleys lancashire, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public have a right to see were tax payers money is going too
Roger Quaintance	Ilfracombe, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We are all accountable and so should the people who govern us.
tony rock	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's my right to know what the government hold on us
Jean Fairbairn	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Freedom of Information Act is essential to democracy.
Ben Bullough	Boat of Garten, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	You should not be able to pull the wool over our eyes ... Somehow you have been elected by us to act to run our country ... In effect you work for us the uk public ... Your expenses as with all others should be transparent
Tom Caley	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am sick of reading in the paper about more scandals where people in power have abused the system and gotten away with it. Everything should be transparent and information should definitely be open to all.
Michael Lathbury	Cleckheaton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MP's expenses should be completely transparent. They are our employees and therefore we are entitled to scrutinise them as in any other business
Paul Howlett	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in transparency
Pawas Bisht	Stoke on trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI is a powerful tool in the hands of citizens to hold those in power accountable. We must have it for a healthy democracy.
John Harbour	Guisborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Information feeds knowledge and breeds empowerment.
Mike Timmins	Feckenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There are too many people lining their own pockets these days, they need exposing.
Ivor JONES	Wellingborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	it matters
William Emtage	Chelmsford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing not only because the public have a 'right to know' in a democracy, but because without public accountability there is no democracy at all beyond an empty label.
Dee Slade	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politicians must behave in an ethical manner. If they behave in criminal ways then how doe sit impact on society?
Cheryl Armitage	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe Fol is a vital tool for holding public bodies to account.
Phillip Miles	Gosport, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because you corrupt bastards deserve to be under the smae laws as the rest of us are under and are supposed to uphold. THose of you who try to hide behond your power to get away with expenses scandals disgust me to the core. There are people starving to death who need welfare help and you sit there using our money to fund lavish life styles! FOI is there to protect everyone and it should stay that way.
Irvine Gibson	Abergavenny, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public have a right to know.

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Tom we	Addlestone, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of Information is fundamental to our democracy.
Barbara milligan	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They should be held accountable for the way they use public money just like everyone else.....
Tim Neilson	Dunfermline, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is key to democratic government. The electorate must be able to find out what is really going on!
Yoseph Andemichael	Stanmore, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI act is an important instrument of transparency and trust!
Adam Alexander	Paisley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is important to the people of this country.
Maurice Chaplin	Needham Market, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we need the FOI
Philip Sheldrake	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I needed to use an FOI to get to the bottom of local decision making. Don't make things opaque again.
Gerda Loosemore-Reppen	Orpington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think transparency and accountability are fundamental to democracy
Jeff Lawrence	Crowthorne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe the FOI is a vital force in preserving the freedom of the individual against overweening authority.
arthur macgregor-whyte	huntly, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The only person who ever entered the houses of parliament with honest intentions was guido fawkes and since then those in there have more faces than big ben and are nothing but dishonest crooks
Frances Maxwell	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This government would do anything to keep certain info away from the public.
george dickson	largs, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is a valuable tool to stop covering up mistakes from the government authorities
victoria howick	wiltshire, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Just greedy people in this world government need pay cut
James Marsh	Andover, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The free movement of information leads to a stronger democracy as it acts as a check for all as well as a reminder that we can all be subject to the law
Patricia Jones	Brixham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	As a tax payer for over 56 years, I feel I have the right to know how my money is being spent.
Jatinder Singh	Wolverhampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They are not spending their money, they are spending tax payer's money. They are spending MY MONEY!!
Dave Pinniger	Battle, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because FOI underpins our fundamental democratic values.
dan tagg	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to hold government to account
Jeffrey Smirh	Dorking, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to protect our freedoms
Ray Stephen	Macduff, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I agree
louise gillespie	Colchester Essex, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need the FOI if there's nothing to hide why change it?
will chainey	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because politicians - living a financially privileged existence on the backs of taxpayers - must be held to the most transparent levels of scrutiny and accountability
Christine Tootill	Lytham Saint Annes, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is essential for the public to have access to the type of information which was not available before the FOI act was passed. Our democracy is fragile and constantly under threat, and loss of FOI would be yet another step in a very wrong direction.
Octavian C	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government is trying to pull the wool over our eyes, we cannot let this happen!

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Ian Johnston	Darlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The people need to know the truth !
nigel smith	Stourbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The mps are the biggest corrupt people going... Cutting back on normal people but never themselves
MARTIN WALL	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Two many greedy paws in the pot
Simon Taylor	Hereford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because I'm outraged that citizens cannot hold the self-serving elites to account
paul bartholomew	Yardley Hastings, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's a bloody joke we all struggle to get by every week and these fat cats waste of space money grabbing gits robbing us and the country for there own benefits they should cap all there wages to £20.000 a year like the so called average person and let's see them try and live on it
John Williams	Witton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is important for justice and democracy
Alistair Johnston	Darvel, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They work for us the tax payer and they are and Should be accountable for How they spend our taxes. Please don't let the FOI rights be taken away.
Tom Charles	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	How can they impose the Snooper's Charter on the public, whilst hiding their own misdeeds?? Hypocritical bastards.
Alan Carey	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politicians are public employees and as such everything they do and claim must be available to the tax payer - the employer.
Crawford McGugan	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Public institutions owe the public a duty of transparency. I've personal experince of an FOI being turned down. It is a very disappointing and unnerving experience when truths are concealed.
Robert Hill	Farnell, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is one of the few curbs we have on this amoral government.
Ken Wilson	Walpole, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	No special interest -- not a journalist -- but this is absolutely fundamental. Any attempt to weaken, undermine or otherwise degrade FOIA is profoundly undemocratic and not a little sinister. The government is not 'above' the people, and if it believes it is, is no longer fit to govern.
Gillian Reddick	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	it's a public right
Mark McEvoy	Margate, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The freedom of Information act is a public right and necessity. As it is, there is enough corruption, hidden agendas and cover ups. We need to hold on to our public right to transparency wherever we can.
robert stevenson	Stoke-on-Trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I care about the government being transparent and open with the truth.
Pamela Farmer	Orpington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Everything to do with the public purse should be open to scrutiny.
Sandra Tee	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This practise for politicians is wrong
Bartosz Rafalski	Worksop, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Fuck the system
Vincent Coates	Holywell, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government is corrupt and needs bringing to task
Dave Mountford	derby, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I agree with it
Daniel Mullender	Radstock, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I completely 100% agree. And completely 100% do not trust the government. This Act is imperative to our Democracy.

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Julia Pilkington	Southsea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public should have a right to obtain freedom of information.
Mike Addison	Wilmslow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is the only way the public have of knowing inportant information that politicians and others in position of authority would rather we do not know for their benfit.
James Dempster	Warrington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe that the Freedom of Information Act should not be watered down and that the power of it should remain the same.
Daniel Firth	Derby, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government should not be able to hide its abuses -- it MUST be accountable to the People.
Paul White	Hessle, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If it is in the public interest or uses public money, as all the money government spends is public money, we have a right to know.
PAUL THACKRAY	crowborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MP's need to live in the real world not live off us lot. Pay your own way, see how you like it
Adam Milford	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information exposes good and bad information, both of which the public has a right to know about. Restricting it will cause a surge is corruption, fraud and misconduct if those in charge believe they can cover it up and get away with it. Be honourable, moral and true and you have nothing to worry about.
david scott	hereford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Like you I believe in this law mp's should be held accountable because us the public elect the mps and they should not abuse the system to profit there own greed
Steve Hall	Stourbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Government is corrupt and we need transparency to see what they are doing!!!
Jonathan Brayshaw	Royal Tunbridge Wells, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Governments need to be held accountable to the people that elected them.
Andrew Swarbrick	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I find the idea that they can look at us and our data, but the scrutiny cannot be two way to be very worrying. Ministry of Love here we come. To be fair though it is only what we would expect from a Government using the country as a portfolio project (allegedly). Why did anyone vote for them? Talk about handing the jailer the keys.
Matthew Smerdon	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is a vital tool for citizens to use to hold public bodies to account.
m l	Wareham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think it's a 2 way street if they can look at what were doing then we should see what there up to. Let's stop hypocrisy.
Martin Frow	Redhill, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	All the info is owned by the public I accept that security has to have priority but nothing else matters its our property not the party in power at any given time and 30 yrs is long enough
J Bailey	Bath, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to be able to ask what public servants are doing with the powers we give them.
Paul Sharp	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing because this is an important piece of legislation that helps protect to a degree the right of individuals to challenge the legitimacy of actions of a virtually unaccountable elite.
Roger Sprosen	Rogerstone, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am a firm believer in open transparent government
Adrian Cope	Giltbrook, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government is not accountable enough as it is, even before watering down a mechanism to enable accountability
nicholas may	Mold, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	its the right thing to do

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Susan Irving	Shiremoor, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in transparency and honesty and the only people who would be against such an Act have something to hide !!
Steve Reynolds	Croydon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is key as we know from experience the abuse that can happen when greedy MP's get the opportunity to get their hands on tax payers money. More of them should have found themselves in court for fraud rather than just paying back stolen money. If had been a member of the general public you bet the full force of the law would have been applied.
jim mcmillan	glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we need good information to make better decisions
Tony Jones	Hilperton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Leave alone.
Mike Christensen	Leamington Spa, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing this because I consider that the FOI Act as it stands is the minimum required for the proper operation of a democracy, and that its current terms should not be restricted in any way.
Michael Bray	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Foi is a vital tool for the public to expose cheating polititions, death rates due to cuts and other vital information
Claire Thrush	Biggleswade, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have the right to know if they are getting extra money that they really don't need that our country could use
Donna Arrondelle	Norwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is an indicator of democracy and invokes trust in British citizens and others.
James Tucker	Chalford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	THE FREEDOM of INFORMATION Act is crucial in holding those that we appoint to act on our behalf accountable
Craig Wright	Asfordby hill, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MP's in general are in it for their own personal gain, and taking liberties like claiming for a new kitchen or for a nanny's fees are a complete mockery of the system I myself pay for as a hard working tax payer!!
Andrea Burt	Bournemouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I feel very strongly about government ministers expenses which should be transparent to everyone!
David Reed	Caerphilly, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe we should know where our money is being spent.
Heather Andrews	Littleborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politicians are not to be trusted. What they say is not what they do. They are out for what they can get. Don't think they every think of the homeless or the most Vulnerable.
Andy Barmer	East Hagbourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI helps public servants remain accountable and answerable to the people that pay their salaries. The state is not a corporation. Its workings should be more open and transparent not less. Hands off FOI!
David witney	Palgrave, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I do believe that the more information we have on them the more carefull they have to be.that can only be a good thing.
Neil Eisberg	Emsworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency of government is a democratic right
timothy Mason	Surrey, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They have all our information. We should have theirs.
Clas Wraith	Doncaster, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The only reason they want to change this is to cover thier dishonesty
PHILLIP ALLEN	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is for complete transparency of all information, there can NOT be ANY exclusions! If you've nothing to hide then you've nothing to worry about!
michael grove	harlow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	THIS IS AN IMPORTANT ISSUE!

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Benjamin Aitken	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is the most potent tool we the public have against the corrupt, the abusive or the criminal. The government plans to consider clamping down on this essential act show the fear they live in, the fear that the public will find them guilty of something. This act must be protected, no person should fear the governing body-the governing body should fear its people.
Michael Irwin	Stewkley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politicians are elected by the people and need to be accountable to the people.
Jim Mann	West Bridgford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I can't believe that we still need to be fighting the government for this.
carl lewis	Llansamlet, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	make those in positions of power and influence accountable to those they are providing a service to
David White	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing this petition because it is vital that power is held to account in our democracy, and FOI is vital for this.
Sarah Green	Sunderland, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because this government cannot be trusted. We need to know what they are doing as they clearly have no idea (see Cameron's letter to Oxfordshire council. Idiot)
Steven Salt	Swinton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's immoral that they are conning us all the time
Stevan Goode	Huddersfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I consider freedom of information about what our government and organisations are doing to be a cornerstone of a free, just and democratic society.
Garry McGinlay	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	No more dark corners for people to hide from their actions or consequences!! Keep the FOI
Julia Rowe	waltonon thames, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There has to be accountability.
greg jones	Crawley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparncey is important.
steven baker	halesowen, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We the tax payer pay their wages so I should have the right to no we're our money goes an what it is spent on.
Pascale Davies	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freelance journalist
Tony O'Brien	Worthing, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is an important part of our rights and transparent governance
Barry Hynds	Hillsborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is one of the few ways for us minions to actually make our public services and elected reps accountable
rodger quinn	Glengarnock, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Why shouldn't the information be available to the public? If there's anything to hide, that's exactly when this comes into its own.
Andrew Dettman	Hull, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is the only way to parent the birth of the present from the marriage of past and future.
Craig Barson	Luddenden, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I find the kind of payouts for incompetence in public office, golden hellos , golden parachutes, and the general lack of moral compass in our "representatives" in government and public office even more "Sick Making" than in the private sector. The extent of this abuse of the system would not have come to light without FOI.
John Horsfall	Portsmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is a basic right and freedom to know what is happening in government.
Rachel Cherry	Guildford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Too many slippery eels

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Charlotte Webb	Kendal, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of Information in the government eyes appears to be very selective....they want access to all our electronic data but are unwilling to let us know straight forward stuff, like being accountable for their expenses. Lets not water down the FOI act.
Gordon Thomson	Dundee, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If the state can conceal activities which damage the people, what are we left with but a dictatorship?
Jonathan Ludbrook	Saint Keverne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe transparency is the only way to keep people honest.
Helen Hancock	Banknock, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need more information not less!
Jason Jones	Farnborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because mps need to be monitored and not be let off for their robbing of the public purse; Its not their money it's the British taxpayers and they work for us.....
Richard Howl	Ebbw Vale, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I wish to live in a democracy and not a police state
Michael Plant	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe we need freedom of Information for a democracy to work and be open and transparent. IF the government is allowed to look at what we do we need to look at what they do otherwise we are in danger of becoming a totalitarian state.
Kev Bland	Coalville, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's becoming more and more apparent that our Government is not listening to the people that they work for. This is just another way for them to hold power and weaken democracy.
Richard Williams	Caerphilly, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Freedom of Information Act is a vital part of democracy in the UK and should not be tampered with.
Tony Griffin	Maghull, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	YET AGAIN THE GOVERNMENT THINK THEY KNOW BEST, HANDS OFF F.O.I. ONE WONDERS WHAT ELSE THEY ARE SCARED OF THE PUBLIC FINDING OUT!!!!
Chan Mcdoodle	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe strongly that we all have a right to this act.
Anthony Pearce	Bodmin, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Nothing should be totally hidden when it comes to things that affect the public
Ian Bayliss	Rhyl, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing because I have had and am in the middle of a major battle for one person with the bureacracy of NHS Wales and the wilful breaking of the Data Protection Act 1998, the uslessness of all of the regulators who are as bent as the people they are supposed to regulate. Thes include the ICO Office in Wilmslow and Cardiff, the public Services Ombudsman for Wales and the General Medical Council. All hiding much and covering for others.
Richard Irwin	Harlow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want freedom of information
Chrisoula Koumourou	Horsham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	you the government close our mental hospitals take from disabled and poor and keep yourselves comfy
Kieran Roberts	Wigan, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politicians cannot be trusted
Paula Lilburn	Gonerby Hill Foot, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Nobody paid for out of the public purse has a right to hide their financial expenses claims.
John franklin	Woodford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The freedom of information act is one of the most fundamental things to present democracy.
Allan Percival	Durham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency and truth are paramount. Do not weaken the FoIAct
ben brotherst	Saltcoats, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	alienated and protected political classes breeds feelings therewithin of impunity, thus leading to immoral and unjust actions.

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john emery	Borden, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I don't live in Russia.
Jordan Mills	Belfast, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MPs are dicks
Glen Wiggall	Cheltenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because everyone in public office should be accountable and this method of gathering information gives a greater transparency to the inner workings of our own government and how democracy truly works. To remove this ability to hold these public figures in check would erode the safeguards of our own freedom and democratic right to question those who govern us and the decisions they make.
Steve Burman	Morden, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	What more does Parliament and its privileged members have to hide that it needs to change access to FOI?
Steve Neville	Chester-le-Street, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to know what they hide from us
Matthew Wheeler	Broxburn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government have forgotten that they work for the people, not the other way round
Jake carpenter	Gosport, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is important for the public, it helps to stop the powers that be from covering up corrupt behaviours.
Chris Hay	Gosport, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politicians and public officials are not trustworthy.
Bill Wilson	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We cannot trust politicians!
David Jepson	Halifax, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The data and information of the government belongs to the people, to the democracy which empowers it. It is not for the political classes alone.
Sally Burrows	Bury Saint Edmunds, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public has a right to know this information. It is our tax money after all. Our money should not be abused.
David Anderson	Durham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because I don't trust the government and ALL MPs are fundamentally dishonest
Brett Baxter	congleton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This government is a nasty evil, deceiving criminals with a controlling agenda
Sean Lyon	York, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We are created equal but it appears some are more equal than others???
Denise Barber	North Shields, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Information needs to be freely available. Penalties should be in place for unreasonable delays.
Derrick Scholey	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government hypocrisy
David Teape	glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Without the FOI MPs could take whatever money they wanted to fund their life while others struggle.
Frank Knox	Birtley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	everyone needs to know about the extent of these political scroungers,they are a disgrace to society.
Neil Braddock	Orpington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of Information is absolutely vital to the public trust that is the foundation of a democracy.
Mark Baillie	East Kilbride, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They have nothing to worry about if they have nothing to hide #SnoopersCharter
Pauline Monteith	Strabane, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have very little say in the daily goings on in Government and this is one of our few ways to challenge and question.
Chris Clark	Crook, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Many FOI Requests to Police and Public Authorities are being met with Refusals because these Agencies desperately want to avoid the Real Truth on many issues to leak out in the public domain during our lifetime.
John Okparocha	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want a strong FOI.

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Terry McKeown	Horsforth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I don't trust any politicians to self regulate
Darren Tolhurst	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's not just about duck houses. It's our right to know how we are being governed. That those who govern do so honestly and genuinely in our interest. Not just thiers.
Brian Mcgeachie	Irvine, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because I believe there should be transparency in our governments spending of public money.
Mickie Gavin	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Sick of corruption
Colin Ivans	Tamworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If the government have nothing to hide, why change the rules. In effect FoI is the people's 'Snoopers Charter' and the government keep telling us how good that will be.
martin erskine	livingston, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Telling US we should have nothing to hide! Unbelievable!!
ken cooper	Cleeve Prior, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	1984.....
chris stratton	Bexhill, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This act to vital to keeping politicians accountable to the people. The reasons for changing the act are cynical and highly dangerous for democracy.
Billy Jones	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	As the politicians work on behalf of the public the work that they do should be able to be viewed by the public. After all we are a democracy
Kyle Lawley	Luxborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	As a democracy it's not only our right to freedom of information it's our moral duty to hold accountable those who we elect through this act
Stephen Price	Abertillery, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Information should be available to the public
lee streitberger	Pembroke, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's wrong for them to try and hide things
Steven McDevitt	Cowes, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is a vital function of democracy, to ensure those in power can be properly held to account. An attack on FOI is an attack on democracy.
Brian Smith	Slough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in true democracy and only with transparency can we achieve this
Matthew Pendrey	Welwyn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency of government is incredibly important.
Stephen Williams	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	another of our rights this government is trying to relieve us of. Is there no end to the lies? To the smoke and mirrors? You can not displace laws and rules as and when to suit your agenda it's disgraceful.
Edward Gallacher	Monk Fryston, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is important. we should have access to information All information.
Luke Rad	Cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The freedom of information act is one of the tenets of British society that makes me feel like we're not slipping into an Orwellian fascist future. We need the act unchanged to ensure that injustices aren't done that damage or threaten elements affecting the British public. By limiting or abolishing the act only serves to make the people more suspicious of a government who want to hide something to serve their own purpose. It's a question of trust and we need to feel we can trust our government to be free with any information that affects us.
bob jackson	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want a fair open society....

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Patrick Bowtle	Salford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm sick of overpaid MPs, who are, thanks to our backward, regressive and unrepresentative voting system, primarily posh privileged Tory millionaires, taking even MORE taxpayer money on unnecessary expenses they could EASILY afford themselves such as Ian Duncan Smith with his £40 breakfast, and then having the gaul to try and cover it up? Disgraceful.
Andrew Mawdsley	Crawley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Without FOI the MP expenses acandal, along with the public sector pay awards would never have been exposed. FOI is an essential implement for holding people in authority to account.
Catherine Garlick	Earley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	In our democracy the Freedom of Information Act is essential to ensuring our representatives, both elected and non-elected, are accountable to the population as a whole.
William Skinner	Warley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI has been the right to expose what otherwise would be hidden, it must be kept in. ..
Morag Waghorne	HYTHE, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	those in power need to be accountable more than ever.
william bradbury	Stoke-on-Trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There must be transparency or corruption can breed
Pedro Silva	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The people have a right to know how the government chooses to use public funds
Angie webster	Windsor, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is our Duty.. as an informed and educated Electorate to maintain Vigilance ..if it's not those of us who care, then whom!
Pamela Evison	Grimsby, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public need to know what their money is being spent on! Particularly when drastic cuts that affect the sick, poor and elderly to name but a few! How can politicians sleep at night, cutting services to the vulnerable while claiming for things that the honest hard working person has to provide for themselves, when politicians earn enough to easily afford it?
ZASMINA NEDELCEVOVA	Carterton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI can also prevent Corruption and keep us all equal in some point
clifford bradley	West Auckland, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Why should we be kept on the dark about what all the big wig get up to but they want to no our every move
Sandy Carter	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because I think freedom and democracy are important!
Ian Cooper	Shipton Bellinger, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The state must remain accountable to its citizens; and that means transparency in all its dealings.
Vic Collins	Kingston, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This act is one of the few genuinely useful things the Blair government did and it has already proved it's worth in exposing incompetence and vested interest in public office. At a time when democracy is under attack from things such as the present government's changes to union voting legislation we need this vital act as a means to ask questions that some would rather not answer.
Anne Cruden	Blackpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	You can never trust a politician.
Carole Delissen	Whitburn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because we need more honesty from MP's
peter jeffries	Caversham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	the government must be transparent and not hide or deceive the public
Jared Sanders	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have a right to know!
Patricia Shaw	Darlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Give more help to Teesside. All the people the government have made redundant. They soon won't be able to afford to stay in their one and only home never mind bu a holiday home.

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Richard Houghton	Great Missenden, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	being able to hold the Government to account is a cornerstone of modern British democracy.
Denis Benham	Oldham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We now have complete transparency when it comes to MP's expenses and the misuse of, LETS KEEP IT THAT WAY !
Colin Mullan	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I have exposed significant waste in the NHS mental health services through FOI. It's important in all sorts of ways to allow us essential information on public spending.
Eryl Hughes	Llantwit Major, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information Act. It's important! We need it!
Mahesh Vaid	Pinner, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe that all dealing should be above board. All those misusing the facilities should be barred from holding the responsible position for life.
The show Smith	Bodmin, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Very important issue.
John Halfnight	Quarrier's Village, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because public bodies and politicians need to held to account for all their actions and expenditure.
Ernie langman	Pontypridd, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because we should know!
Pete England	Runcorn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of Information act contains the critical word 'Freedom' for a reason. We do not accept the denial of freedom and should be strengthening the act not weakening it.
GF Newman	Brockweir, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need a more open society, not one where corrupt politicians can do sleazy deals behind permanently locked doors.
Claire Richards	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public needs to know
Tom Binns	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because the FOI allows for a check on government. If they know we looking at the very least they'll have to try harder to fool us.
Ian Grace	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government are accountable to us and should never be allowed to hide from that. Curtailing the FOI will simply lead to already bloated individuals getting a free reign to corrupt themselves at our expense, whether financially or otherwise.
Seb Thomas	Stony Stratford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is a must for our leader. Never happens tho
Mandy Stephens	Widnes, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I strongly believe this would not be in the best interests of the public
Robert Reid	Clydebank Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We elected these people, they are answerable to the electorate.
robert hendrie	Aberdeen, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	freedom of thought needs freedom of information
Helen Bishop	Bruton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Back tracking on the FOI act doesn't make sense if an open honest society is deemed desirable (it is by me)
Andrew Aquilina	Msida, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They shouldn't have that kind of access to our money
Chris Sinclair	South Croydon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I wish to preserve the FOI Act. What does the government want to hide?
ERNEST BRYANT	Great Gonerby, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Without a transparent method of operation nobody can be trusted. Furthermore those who do not want transparency have a reason for it.
Andrew Durham	Horsham, West Sussex, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because we are supposed to be in a democracy, where not only are the public expected to be transparent but so are the governments who govern our country.

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Helen barrett	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government need to be transparent and so do others using public money! its ridiculous that they get to apply measures to other services and targets to prove worth and efficiency when non are placed on them!
Andrew Richards	Shepton Mallet, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They are public servants and therefore accountable to the tax paying public.
Laura Davies	Swindon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The foi act is more than just away to revel government spending it is also a powerful and well needed option in this day and age
Robert Watkins	Godshill, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They cover up enough as it is
Gloria Odell	Hemel Hempstead, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	freedom needs to be protected & weakening this Act is not the way forward - public information must be available to the public - they seem to forget they are public servants
Steven Mccranor	Biggar, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Public information is exactly as it says. It belongs to and should be accessible to the public.
Paul Mitchell	Paignton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This cannot be changed just because MPs think they are above the law and that they can use parliamentary privileges to do as they wish.
Ceri Evans	East Grinstead, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe that the FOI represents a basic tool with which to hold governments to account. Any dilution of its powers is an erosion of our rights.
Felicity Good	Bedford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because freedom of information is healthy and secrets are unhealthy
Phillip Stones	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in transpary
Amanda Fee	Bath, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Access to information is important, particularly to enable transparency in the use of public funds by our local councils, and in the running of academy schools which now operate autonomously. Public services should always be transparent and have nothing to hide from the people who fund it.
John Paul Turner	Middlesbrough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	In an ideal world, transparency should be the fulcrum of public service; an obstacle to the corruption of those in positions of responsibility or power.
David Paterson	Lightwater, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is a fundamental right, excessive secrecy breeds corruption
GINA STACEY	Cuddington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Its important to have Freedom of information as it stops corruption.
Stephen James	Detling, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I expect people in public office (with a few exceptions) to be open and honest in their dealings, particularly of the public purse.
Brian Edmonds	Wreclesham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Democracy requires transparency.
Marc Goldberger	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We put them in power Well some off you So we should be entitled to see what is under the FOI after not that you would believe it but they are supposed to have the best interest of the U.K. Population NOT just their own as we've seen in recent changes
Joshua Boucher-jacobs	Loughton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think we as a nation would want our government to be as transparent as possible not including secrets to do with fighting terrorism. But anything directly related to tax payer money and spending. I wouldn't want MP's to have the ability to spend our tax payer money on personal benefits and mask that information
Rowland Stansfield	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The foi is important
Findlay Norton	Hales, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government need to stop taking our rights away from us we need to fight tooth and nail to keep what we hold so dear

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Stephen Cody	Burley, Ringwood, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is essential that the public can see real reasons for decision making across organisations that impact on individuals
Nick Pedley	Epping, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If politicians want to be trusted they need to be open and honest about how our money is spent.
Chris Ellett	Christleton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The only people that want to subdue the Freedom of Information Act, are those with something to hide
David Bower	Tonbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's critical to democracy that the public have access to what public bodies are doing and how they are spending public money. I know, having worked in the public sector most of my life.
Robert Ferguson	Beith, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Democracy requires transparency
Helen Arthur	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This law is vital to protect citizens and give visibility of the public sector and other organisations that govern our lives.
Jude Faulkner	Barnet, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to know that the MPs are doing what they are paid to do !!!
Martin Smith	Chelmsford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MPs should always be held to account for what they claim and should not try to implement Laws to hide from it. MP credibility is almost non-existent as it is and this data should always be available.
Trevor Britton	Marford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because I believe passionately in open government.
Dominic MOORE	Burgess Hill,, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Public money should never be used solely to the benefit of private individuals.
robert hunt	Smethwick, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	THE GOVERNMENT AND OTHERS NEED TO BE TRANSPARENT
Robert Ceuppens	Catford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to know how public money is spent and we need transparency from the elite.
Pauline Monteith	Strabane, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have fewer avenues to question the hidden powers in Government. FOI is essential .
Derek Moffat	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There's no trust with the government as it is, now they want to take what little trust is left and trample all over it, screw them, biggest scoundrels in the country!
asif omar	Frating, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MPs have to answer for their expenses. When the rest of the public sector are given pointless 1% uplifts yet they award themselves over 10% something stinks! You look at corruption abroad yet the UK is full of it but all nicely hidden from the public....
John Pryor	Upminster, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The need to stop trying to avoid it
Pauline Monteith	Strabane, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have fewer avenues to question the hidden powers in Government. FOI is essential .
carl siddall	Chesterfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Who's policing the police?
Dennis Leverett	Cotton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am fed up with being ripped off by the "elitist criminals" that run this country.
Maggie Tucker	Old Town, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in democracy
james kinnen	hawkinge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	in a supposed free & democratic country the people should be fully able to hold their representatives to account the FOI has become an important part of that ability & shouldn't be interfered with!
Janette Pine	Cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I totally agree

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satpal singh	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government needs to be transparent
Steve Young	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is important and no one is above scrutiny !!
adrian maxwell	Dawlish, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe the FOI act constitutes a fundamental pillar of democracy. Without it as it stands we take a giant leap away from government accountability. There may be cause to strengthen it but certainly not to weaken it.
joseph mcfarlane	tyne and wear, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Am signing because this should be public knowledge
Richard Daws	Ashburton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need not to restrict this Liberty. In an open society governments should have nothing to fear from this.
Dian Sawyer	Smallfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We should have transparency in public offices.
Sue Smith	Great Yeldham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is imperative that we can have mechanisms to access information to challenge statutory organisations like police health government and local authorities when things go wrong.
Jonathon Bishop	Crowborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think openness of government and its finances are critical
Ian Stewart	Greenisland, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is a valuable tool for public sector oversight.
Darren Green	Barnsley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The tax payer has the right to know how their money is being spent!!
Margareta Bower	Bournemouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'd very much like to see what money they actually rake in - at our expense
John Cockburn	Duns, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is only right that we are able to find out about anything that could affect us.
Wai Foong Low	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The citizens have the right to know everything albeit at a later time.
Jayne Johnson	Hebden Bridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is important to hold MP's and the likes accountable!
Ben Alexander	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	this is information we should all be able to access
theresa pagan	Ross-on-Wye, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Our government is getting away with too much
lynn hoad	Haverfordwest, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MP's expenses are our money.....
John.christophé Stanbury	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in openness and transparency as well as institutional candour
Martin Booth	Saint Austell, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They all act as if they were God, we need to bring them back to earth and start living in the real world as we have to
Robert John Smith	Saint Clears, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	lit needs to be done
adli abdullah	london, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I value freedom
Johanna John	Shenley Brook End, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	How can we be free if we cannot access our own information. This data was never theirs to keep. If you work for the people, you need to work with the people.
Geoff Cathcart	Richmond, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because there is no way to hold government to account with out detailed, comprehensive information. .

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Graham Knott	Pinner, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Sick and tired of political lies and pulling away the carpet from beneath you.
Patrick Morley	Watton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is one of the few tools the public have to hold those in power to account.
Dominic Webb	Watchet, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want to see what our tax is really spent on
Rosalind Jenkins	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Trust in politicians is at an all time low. Making themselves exempt from scrutiny is hardly likely to improve the situation. They should remember at all times that they are OUR servants, not the other way around.
Simon Hart	DAWS HEATH, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Information is key for an open and transparent society.
Martin Glenny	Bedworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to provide free information to keep MP's and others on the straight and narrow
David Rose	Linton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is just another attack on rights.
Deborah Johnston	Chelmsford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There should be transparency with public funds
Steven O'Raw	East Kilbride, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency has to be paramount to protect the interests of UK tax payers.
Les Mitchell	Stanhope, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I agree that we are entitled to know what is happening
Dave Biddles	Bridgend, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FREEDOM - DEMOCRACY - Anti-CORRUPTION - "Get-off-the-gravy-train-alliance". If you need to shelter behind an amended FoI law, then YOU have something to hide - Something that YOU are ASHAMED-OF and which renders you unfit for public office. HANDS OFF FoI
Derek stocks	Ravenfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need honesty and transparency if we are to trust those we elect to represent us
Ben Katzler	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's the right thing to do. Obviously.
Chris Edmans	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There's no democracy worth fighting for without Freedom of Information - how can you trust those in power without it?
james curry	Millbrook, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Our government do not have our best interests at heart and cannot be allowed to rule unscrutinised. They serve the special interests which put them into power. The FOI is one of the few safeguards against their free ranging abuse of their power. The expenses scandal is the least of it.
Keith Scott	Roxby, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public need to know what is happening especially regarding elected politicians, there is no place for secrecy.
david luff	Brixham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	the political system still needs to be shaken up
Walter Turnbull	Stocksfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	accountability is key to democracy
steve cunningham	Gateshead, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This country is fast becoming a dictatorship
David Williams	Walsall, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If this government have their way we will eventually end up under dictatorship rule! We need to fight back on any issues that restrict our rights.
Stan matley	Diggle, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Many abuses of power have come to light through the FOI Act. Now some MPs appear to be attempting to supress parts of the act giving them impunity once again. The reasons given for weakening the act are in the favour of lazy and corrupt politicians and not the general public.

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julian pickles	York, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Openness is important to protect democracy.
Peter Booth	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in the publics right to know how the government that we elect and pay for, are conducting their business, after all this is a supposed democracy and the erosion of acts such as the FOI will only demean our freedoms.
Paul inCleeve	cheltenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	its right.
Peter Murphy	Bromley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI act must remain intact. We have a right to know
Steve Gillions	Aylesbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI Act is a fundamental part of an open, democratic and free society. It's also the basis of a free and open press. Restricting this right would elevate politicians above the law and reduce accountability.
eddie toft	Stockport, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	No more secrets, everyone has the right to know how their money is being spent.
Edna Austin	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	it would be against public interest to increase restrictions on available information.
Alan Priestley	Warwick, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	because the faith we have in our establishment has been to such a low that we need for those that still care to at least have one tool in their box
julie bragagnini	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is important that the public know the truth about all aspects of government and nothing which affects us, the people, should be done in secret.
Ron Parry	Blackpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Mp expenses. Theft from the general public
Barbara Woodhall	Truro, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is an essential part of a democracy.
Steven Mosdell	Yeovil, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing this petition because all government departments need to be accOuntable
Sean Garford	Fritchley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We run the country collectively, we invest our hard earned money and time so we have a right to know how the country is run. We have a right to the freedom of information so we can make educated decisions.
Mark McKendrick	Carluke, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Im signing this because freedom of information is important in todays society, especially after the scandals that have been exposed within establishment in recent times
Joanne Hughes	Derby, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is another attack on democracy
Rory Milne	Cheddleton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's important for the public to keep tabs on so called members of parliament who are onlyin it to get their noses in the trough and see how much they can skim off the public purse.....This is important so we the public can police our MPs.
Robert Chubb	Ulleskelf, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need checks and balances to keep the privileged under controll.
Ned Parker	Lewes, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparent government is essential to a healthy democracy. FOI is one of the few powers British citizens have to enforce this necessity. Deliberate concealment of public records leads to corruption and erodes the public trust in our political institutions.
Claire Graham	Musselburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is extremely important in a society where civil liberties are being eroded by the week!!
Rosamund Lee-Harper	West Byfleet, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Dont think anything has changed and the MPs are still greedy and grasping and think they have a right to cheat. One rule for us and one rule for them. Shameful.

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Samuel Clitherow	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's not just about blame and accountability, it's about having a full set of data to spot mistakes and change them, a FOI act for beneficial progress not smokescreens and time wasting. Makes sense.
Sue Offland	Moreton, Wirral, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's very persons right to see what others people, especially those in power are doing with our rights/money, if some of these people where truthful then it might be a different matter-what have they got to hide? Support the FOI Act.
Joan Miller	Oakley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have repeatedly been promised transparency and open government, but it isn't happening. I believe that we are entitled to know what is being done in our name and how our hard-earned money is spent.
Gary Combe	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because politicians and public bodies have proved they can't be trusted to act responsibly and in the public interest without FOI
Sara Pupi	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	transparency for public bodies and the freedom of the media is vital
Richard Harrison	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is vital that journalists and the public are able to see information that public bodies might prefer to keep secret
David Walsh	Forfar, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The blatant lack of cooperation with FOI and now attempts to neuter the act so they can go back to ding whatever they wish, is an infringement of all our rights as citizens. The government is always auditing and setting targets for the rest of us. It even tells professionals how to do their jobs, despite their having no real knowledge or experience of such professions. Its about time they willingly responded to our demands to serve us.
Thomas Jones	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is an important principle that must be maintained.
Chris Phillips	Amersham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's the right thing
Billy Frew	Charnock Richard, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Corruption starts at the top
Brian Harris	Goodleigh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm against tyranny
Ben Cave	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The very act of attempting to change this law to hide those in power's dirty secrets should be grounds for dismissal and banishment from government. Disgusting. Corrupt. Wrong.
Will Quirk	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I don't trust MP's
Khem Thapa	Blackwater, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I have also benefited from the FOI Act
Lucy Roue	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm a journalist who believes in the freedom of information to keep the public informed and hold organisations to account.
Josh Whelan	Redditch, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They have access to information about us, why should we be denied the same about them?
Gavin Parnell	WOKINGHAM, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI has been successful in uncovering abuses of power, which is why the Government would like to see it weakened.
Daniel Dalfen	Enter your city here, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Wembley,London
Michael Moore	Buxton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MPs are in a privileged position and the only reason they would need to amend the act is to cover their own wrongdoings.
Brian Connor	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have a right to know

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Mick / April Warner	Torquay, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If there's nothing to hide why worry. Any attempt to suppress info speaks for itself
Cecilia Dearing	Castle Douglas, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	As a British citizen and taxpayer I have the right to information which allows the authorities to be held account .
Ian McCann	Denton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Do not water down the Freedom of information Act
Patrick Melarkey	Lisnaskea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I agree with this petitions view
paul colford	Clydebank, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because I can keep em accountable
Linda Brown	Shilbottle, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	M.P. s are the tip of the iceberg!!!
Charles Stewart	Thurso, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MP's Don't to know what they are up tp
Ben Fell	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This act helps the public hold organisations to account. There are fewer shadows in which they can hide their suspect practices.
Kieran Treacy	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because I believe in Freedom
Dante Llaut	Hamble, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politicians should not be shielded from any dishonesty, but subject to the same laws the public are.
Alan Fletcher	Llanaber, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I needed the FOI to prove my local council's bad administration. They took 7 years to rectify the problems this caused but it did get sorted in the end. Strengthen it so they can't use their delaying tactics so readily.
Harry Wilson	Newmilns, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's our country, it's our Parliament, it's our money, it's OUR elected members, it's our money they only serve us and are fully accountable to us.
Anthony Walker	Northampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	What is there to hide and why shouldn't we the general public who pay the bills KNOW what is going on?
Esther Bradley	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing because I have recently made a freedom for information request to North Lanarkshire Council with regard to the shortfall of funding for early years education in the voluntary and independent sector nurseries. The council have been asked for this information for years and we were always fobbed off with that not our department we don't know that information. However a local councillor informed me that I could request this information and I am hoping to hear by 1st December 2015.
TREFOR BOND	Caerphilly, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I oppose totally the Tory Governments attempts ro once again create a screen behind which they and others could hide wrongdoings in public life.
Jonathan Stökl	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think that most official data should be available to the public.
Ronald Brett	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing because I am sick to my back teeth hearing the political elite telling us that we are all in this together and must tighten our belts while they live the life of Riley on unlimited expenses claims.
malcolm finebaum	Enfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe that this has been beneficial to the masses
Brian James Cowie	Aberdeen, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We deserve to know what our money is being used for!
Terry Burns	Upper Brynamman, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI is so important in a democracy
Emmanuel Odiachi	knepworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is in the interest of the public and vital to protect the FOI Act.
Gavin Don	Chichester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	National & local government should be transparent

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Danielle King	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I totally agree with the originators comments sent to me in an email from change.org
mark wilkinson	Wigan, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Government is full of crooks
Glynn Davied	Old Windsor, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	As a lawyer its important to make a request and to have the right to request the information.
Nicola Moon	Rayleigh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MP's shouldn't be using public money for their own personal use and can't have the law changed to carry on doing it, just making it harder for us to find out.
maureen carne	cornwall, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we need the freedom this gives
Philip gallagher	Cheltenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public has a right to know information, truths, even if they are painful for some people such as MPs.
James Spain	Ashford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I refuse to pay for mps kitchens when I can't afford my own
Stuart Bunyan	Timperley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The reformation of the FOI Act is the biggest threat to transparency and accountability in many years
William Ransom	Ashford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of Information is VITAL to Freedom of the State, and the Individual, which includes freedom of association and freedom of speech, plus the Freedom to know what the State is doing as it has proven over the last 30-odd years that it cannot be trusted in the slightest.
Richard harris	Balquhider, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	From a belief that openness and accountability are the ultimate drivers of effectiveness in public institutions.
Doreen Jackson	Merseyside, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We should know what they spend OUR money on. They know what how we do and crucify us if we have 1p over especially us retired nurses.
Thomas Arbut	Romsey, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's vital the tax payer can see how it's money is used and any excesses are curbed
Ian Smith	Folkestone, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe that we need this act in order to hold our public servants, (MPs included) accountable and because the people wishing to restrict it are the people with something to hide.
Bob turner	Oakford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing this petition because I believe that a strong FOI is one of the major pillars supporting our right to hold our masters to account. To modify it to provide room to hide, would be such a retrograde step when trust is paramount.
KENNETH JOHNSON	Warboys, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Once lost it may never be retained.
tony palmer	weybridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we need the ability to freely see what's being done by our politicians and administrators
Marc Corcoran	Peterborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think the government is corrupt and not out for the little man. We have the technology to all be able to vote on changes as a nation, so why leave it to a handful of MP's when we have our own voice.
Raphael Holmes	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Surprise surprise look what the tories are trying to do!
Michael Gaskin	Kintore, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is the cornerstone of our democracy.
michael glander	Swaffham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	this bunch of spivs know no shame and should be publicly exposed for thier greed and grab habits

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Arun Vedd	stanmore, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I feel that MPs get paid well plus there role is to set an example for rest of the country. If a public person would be caught fiddling expenses than they would be prosecuted and have a criminal record. Yet MPs get away with it. Seems like there is one law for them and another for rest of the public. Where is the fairness in the law.
tom daly	Northampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	People should be allowed to know and make up their own minds about things, not just be told by agenda riddled news outlets
Mikey Jones	Lytham St. Annes, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is key to trusting our government.
Mike O'Shea	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We all need it.
Derek Wilson	Chester-le-Street, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I firmly believe that we have the right to know what our elected government is doing with our hard earned money and how it is being spent and what on. The government need to learn that they can & will be held accountable by the people. After all, they work for us!
lisa mitchell-gair	Preston, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need this act to discover corruption
Dan O'Donoghue	West Bridgford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm tired of MPs making laws to protect themselves
Tony Wake	Oldham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in freedom of information and that politicians and councils should be open and honest with the public who pay their wages and put them in the high office they now hold. No more trying to hide expenses from the public.
keith sheppard	okehampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There is a need for clarity
Edward Martin	Galashiels, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I wish to know that my 'elected' representative is in fact fulfilling his/her election promises.
Ian Williams	Nantyglo, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have the right to know
Joseph Havlin	East Kilbride, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The act should be strengthened rather than diluted. I have twice tried to use the act unsuccessfully after my local council refused to confirm or deny they held the information I needed.
Spencer Kelly	Hove, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI is a crucial tool to stop corruption happening in our state institutions.
Martin Hedges	Acton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is the air that democracy breathes
Graham Thompson	Cirencester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We simply cannot allow the improved access to information be restricted.
Elliot Taylor	Denham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's a fair human rights to be informed
Tad Piesakowski	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	almost without exception useful information has been gleaned from FOI requests and there is little to be gained from diluting it. Its worked this long, why change it?
tony jervis	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Public officials need to be accountable
Adam Bathgate	Aberdeen, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think MPs spending our money on themselves is a complete joke.
Caro Heather	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is a crucial check on the power of the government.
Norman Chambers	Kenley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Parliament should be transparent in all things.

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Christopher Williams	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency drives quality, integrity and progressive change.
Mike Dempsey	Burgess Hill, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I totally agree that the Public should always have the facility of knowing what our Elected Representatives are claiming and to exercise some degree of control over their extravagances.
Gerard Achoun	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We don't want a secret government
Philip Sayer	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I feel that the public should have information with regard to elected members
Michael Selwood	Olney, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I've made several FOI requests and passionately believe it would be a retrograde step to dilute it in any way.
Alistair Moulden	Denbigh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is a key component of a democratic society
paul mcrobbie	Belfast, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government has too much power. They're meant to work for the people not the other way round
Peter Draper	Meldreth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of Information has to be a democratic right with the exception of issues of national security. Refusal to be transparent normally means malpractice or incompetence, neither of which are acceptable
Terry Hathaway	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of Information is a necessary precondition for a democratic society (if not system) of any substance.
Helen Cameron	East Kilbride, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Strongly opposed to any restrictions in this act. It is vital for the public to have confidence in our government, whom we elect and pay for.
Karen Bell	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The spend of public money must be open, honest and accountable. There should be no spend of public monies that is not open to scrutiny and accountability.
Nina Byrne	Great Sankey, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Why should MPs who are paid by tax payers money to work be able to have no transparency in their systems.
eve avery	diggle, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	otherwise they will lie to us more than they are now
Gary Taylor	Heckington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing this petition because I think it is immoral and wrong for public bodies to hide their dealings, some past examples of which have been shown to have been illegal, behind a cover that weakening the Act would provide.
Ivan Sharrock	Kentish Town, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to hold those in public office to account as a basic principle of our democracy.
tony rowley	Shrewsbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Democracy requires transparent decisions from openly available information. Anything that curtails information availability attacks democracy and accountability. This is unacceptable
Audrey Wilson	Kinglassie, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The MPs and government are just one big scandal, trying to use tax payers money on their own lavish lifestyles which should have been used on National health, schools, pensioners, police officers, army defence
David Buchanan	Blantyre, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am unhappy at the continued and gradual erosion of hard won freedoms.
Linda Bray	Yate, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want full transparency on how my taxes are wasted.
Lisa Levine	Epsom, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because FOI keeps government honest and keeps democracy healthy.
Max von Berg	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing this because a democracy, when things go unchecked, has a habit of turning into socialism/fascism.
Ryan Beal	Hatfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Let's not let these people whom are given the power to change our country forget that they are there for us, not to line their own pockets which seems to be the only reason we have government nowadays. When did they do something you thought was fantastic? Don't worry I'll wait.

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Ryan Williams	Rayleigh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is more than a liberty. Bloody outrageous.
Ian Cowmeadow	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is vital in a democracy that those who hold positions of power know that they can be fully held to account for their actions.
Garry Hacking	Bury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Another move by the government to turn a brilliant society into the late 1930's Germany.
Paul Jackson	Havant, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom must be protected more now than EVER
Jonathan Bicknell	Bramcote, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Weakening the FOI Act would suggest that this government has things to hide. It is more important then ever to be able to hold them to account!
Fiona Hamilton	Milngavie, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Otherwise the political elite can hide information, such as how they are immorally benefitting from the systems they have helped to shape, from the public and as such makes it not a true democracy.
Glenn Corbett	Hartlepool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Leave the foi alone
Elaine Agnew	Kilmarnock, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Our tax payments pays the government wages so we have rites to know what they are wasting our cash on especially since the expense scandal.
Richard Taylor	Feltham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Government want information about us but they don't want us to have information about them!
Jayne Dore	Chesterfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Sheffield City Council are currently attempting to conceal information from the public about the felling of trees and They are using a clause in this. It is important that we have access to this information.
Derek Bridgman	East Calder, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is important to keep us in control (well as much as they let us). Stop them running all over us. What's good for the goose is good for the gander.
Bob Thomas	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Corruption is rife within the government!
Mrs Hart	Knutsford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is critical to democracy.
Mike McCahon	Crawley Down, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Acess to information helps to keep government honest.
Mark Sim	gainsborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government is trying to free the information about our browsing history on the internet while trying to close up information on themselves, they still have not been held fully accountable for their expenses and who knows what else.
David Reid	Abertridwr, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Why give power to those who use it against you.
Clyde Davies	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Governments should be accountable to their people. Not the other way around.
Matt Fincham	Bicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe it is important for all members in public service to be accountable to the people they represent.
Gary Cunningham	Oldham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	For every 100 frivolous FOI requests there will be one real nugget that will bring into line a political party or a corporate body who are doing something that they shouldn't..
Nigel Hunt	Harrogate, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I've used the FOI and it is invaluable in obtaining information fro my local authority which they are either reluctant to provide or do not see as something they should naturally be providing.
Evan Gregory	Banstead, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This gives to much power to people who have shown in the past that tehey are not responsible enough to use it wisely
rob manning	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I do not trust or believe the government

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Paul Treherne	Wales, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	These MPs need to stop stealing money and do their jobs properly.
Kymerley Baxter	King's Lynn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	More and more our freedom in Britain is being stripped away to protect the leaders and dump on the poor.
Viola Stewart	Antrim, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have a right to see how OUR money is being used by the MP's
Mick Quinn	Morpeth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public need FOI
Joanne Reid	Giffnock, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want to know what our np,s use our taxes for when claiming expenses - do they think they are above the law ?
Rob Evans	Tredegar, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I don't believe MP's should get expenses full stop
Lyn Renwick	Kirkbean, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am sick to death of rip off Britain ,I am sick of government spending money outside the UK that it has not got ,the only people tightening their belt in the UK are low paid workers trying to make ends meet and spending within our budget to get the basics - roof ,heating ,fuel and food. Time to help the working class and the mentally ill elderly who have had their homes and savings forced off them as they have unfortunately developed dementia and need 24 hour care due to lacking mental capacity.
John McKenna-Gorham	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing this as the public are the people you work for, it is our taxes that pay for the services and salaries that keep you in the jobs you do, and you should be held to account. FOI is an essential for a democracy to work.
Kevin Bowe	Cheshire, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's only fair the people we elect are acting for us
John Wood	Deptford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Democracy is weakened when hierarchies and vested interests are able to maintain covert actions without fear of their becoming public knowledge.
Sally White	Bournemouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We cannot allow this to happen. Everyone should be accountable.
Terry fitzgerald	Isle of Man, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We live in a democracy and freedom of information is the basis of democracy
Toyese Ogunleye	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is important for the public to continue to have access to these information and hold accountable the leaders we have voted into office.
D B	I.O.W., United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to have the information to hold the powerful to account.
john fox	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	if there not doing anything wrong then there is no reason to want to hide what they earn
Adrian Piska	Nailsea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because MP's and others in public office have to be open to independent scrutiny: evidence already in the public somain demonstrates that those working in the public sector are far from trustworthy and honest in many, many cases.
Reginald Hancocks	Monmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I don't trust politicians
Joanna Dawson	Grimsby, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Its sad that the more powerful people take advantage of the money they access, especially it not being their money. Things like this need to be stopped, they are just theiving immature children who dont like it when they get caught out.
Roger Cornwell	Durham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I use the Freedom of Information Act and the Environmental Information Regulations to find out more about what Durham County Council is doing. It can already be an uphill struggle, and any more barriers will make it easier for the Council to get away with poor practice, and reduce the ability for informed democratic control and debate.

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Gillian Bateman	Bridgend, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want honesty in our government. .not corruption. ..
David Marshall	Bingley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	No Trust in the government - Egocentric and Arrogant. As a Public Servant I see the impact of Cuts daily - The Public and workers are getting a raw deal -yet MP's can have 11% pay rise and claim vast amount in expenses - just - plain - wrong!!
David Alexander	Prestwick, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I would like to see the freedom of information act strengthened rather than weakened!
Chris Smailes	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Those who spend our money must be accountable.
Paul Warden	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have every right to hold our MPs to account
Stephen Jones	Dover, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government is there elected by the people for the people. As such there should be freedom to check that those elected by the people remain honest and beyond corruption.
Saddam ibrahim	Sunderland, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am
Alberto Duman	london, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because I have used FOI in the past and it taught me a lot about power and how it operates, particularly when it is about public institutions and their relationship with private sector. FOI it's a vital channel to reclaim public knowledge obscured by opaque governance.
Amy Hill	halesowen, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politics get a high wage anyway. They shouldn't feel the need to claim for a £1.40 bus ticket, which was recently in the news. What's the point in earning a high wage, when they are not going to use it? I think it's disgraceful.
james attenburrow	Trowbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MP's cannot be trusted! The fact that they are trying to stop FOI act proves this.
Sarah Hopewell	Hertford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Public bodies need to remain accountable to the public, to prevent scandals such as MP expense claims ever being repeated.
Stephen McNamara	Romford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They know every thing about us since my wife and I left school to now and all we get is my wife has to wait another 6 Odd years before she can have her pension she is 61 now and should have got it at 60!!! mis-sold pension in our opinion so its ok for them to rip us of and keep it from us but we have no way to fight this injustice so we need to keep FOI !!!!!!!
Anna Railton	Rotherham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I beleive the FOI act should not be altered for the benefit of any public body, with noo exception.
susanc cummings	Washington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm sick of fighting for what I'm entitled to,and these parasites continue to make the lives of sick & disabled people a misery.
Steve Munns	Sittingbourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am fed up of bank rolling a load of lying, cheating, arrogant scumbags
Gareth Lowson	Greenhithe, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing this because I cannot accept any action by untrustworthy politicians to protect their unscrupulous behaviours in office. Representing a constituency in parliament is a privilege, not a right and should be respected as such. Claiming public money to perpetuate an extravagant lifestyle is not admirable behaviour from those we have elected to lead.
Rob Anderson	Bedford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is the key to ensuring a democracy retains integrity, Removing or restricting Fol requests will reduce the amount of freely available information about Government, and thus risks damaging trust.

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Jason Clarke	elgin, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public have a right to information and we need to clamp down on the ruling elite.
Steven Langford	Darlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing this as it is people's private information and they are the ones that should own their information and control who or cannot see this information
Andrew Fawkes	Andover, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is very important for the general UK public to 'see' how public officials are spending their tax money.
Paul Kissack	Armathwaite, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	In an attempt to uphold the rights of an equal and democratic society.
Lyn Willison	Gelston, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to be able to see what greedy morally dishonest parasites are doing tax payers money
Tony Allen	Sherborne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe this is democracy
Alan Fletcher	Llanaber, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Well said Jacob, the most compelling argument in favour of the FOI is that the UK govt wants to end it
Khaled McGonnell	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The innocent have nothing to fear. This legislation is a hallmark of effective, accountable democracy.
Elizabeth Anne Bennet	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Its is a way for non-officials to find out what THEY want to obfuscate.
John McKenzie	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Everyone needs to answerable, especially those who are elected to represent.
Catherine GLover	Assendelft, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am absolutely disgusted with the disgraceful way the politicians abuse their positions with the public funds. One set of rules from them, another set of rules for Jo public!! Not doubt there are still many many discrepancies to be uncovered. The whole sorry mess has made me very resentful and faithless!!
Phillip orr	Hull, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	No one is above the law
Gregory Cohn	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Denial of the right to information abrogates democracy.
Michael Dixon	Stoke-on-Trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There is an absolute need for a means to find information on what our statutory bodies, LA's and politicians are doing, purportedly, on our behalf.
john frac	Raunds, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The people have a right to know what is going on so that they can keep the powerful in check.
Henrietta Bates	Lichfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	the people who run this country are dishonest
Dave Burnett	Polesworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It seems to me that the people we really need the most information about is MPs, since they seem to be the ones breaking the most rules.
Michael Darlow	Bradford-on-Avon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm am signing this because I believe that in order to protect our democracy that we have a free and open society and those who govern us must be compelled to be fully open and honest with us at all times. This includes the public having access to their financial dealings and any hidden interests that could get in the way of them making decisions in the public interest rather than in their own.
Barry Youngson	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we allegedly live in a democracy (laughable) we have should every right to access information
Veronica Molland	Saint Helens, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We must not give any further powers away from the people - too many people have fought and died in the and of freedom - how can we tell other countries to change when our government bring these changes via the backdoor !
Jan Eves-Down	Bournemouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There should be no cover ups where public trust and monies are abused...
Robert capps	london, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I have a right to know all information held about me and that that will have a bearing on my current or future well being

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DAWN Ennis	Pewsey, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's our rights to know what our government is doing behind back.
Martin Smith	Shelley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of Information has an important place to play in keeping government honest and transparent - if there is nothing to hide there is nothing to fear!
Mike Ledger	Northants, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe the Politicians should be controlled by same laws as we are & not protected by the House of Commons.
Norman Cooper	Croydon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI act is an extremely important tool that has proved itself as a successful means of bringing public bodies at all levels to account without affecting the national interest and should be retained in its present form
Daniel Hughes	Stoke-on-Trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There is fraudulent & abuse on a colossal scale & this is our only tool to help curb it. If this is removed or watered down then there truly will be a revolt by the people for the people.
Thonkla Bangura	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I care about FOI
John Bellis	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because it's essential we expose the lying duplicitous slime balls for what they are!
Louise Wilcockson	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Sheffield City Council already refuse to answer any reasonable FOIs that are roadside tree-related in connection with the PFI 2.2 billion contract called Streets Ahead that they have with contractor Amey. They say any asked are "vexatious" and "manifestly unreasonable" - no matter how short and of low volume. I've only ever asked 4 in 6months during 2015 (& never before) and received the same answer or useless partial answer that include calling them "vexatious". Since the current FOI system is already abused by some organisations receiving them, further tightening up of the process is certainly not required. Otherwise, it's just a sham of democracy isn't it?
Richard Hamilton	Bramhope, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	In the modern world it seems that this is the only way that we can hold public servants to account. Governments are seeking powers to secure complete transparency of personal communication, whilst simultaneously trying to make sure that they can keep things from the public. That is completely unacceptable.
Tony Pereira-Moleiro	Belfast, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Just what it says "FREEDOM"
Daniel Robertson	West Parley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think we have the right to know what our elected members spend our money on.
Zrinka Mendas	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing because it is our legal and democratic right to know how taxpayer money is spent
Andy Roberts	Sandbach, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in democracy
brian james	wednesbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	too many dishonest politicians
John Ryan	Stockport, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is outrageous that 'people' like Matthew Hancock have the gall to attempt to override the 'will of the people'. He, and his ilk, need to be reminded that they are supposed to serve the public rather than override their wishes. But then he and his ilk consider themselves to be superior to the common herd.
John Lee	Knaresborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because FOI brings fundamental accountability across a wide range of areas, and it should not be weakened to allow anyone to hide key information!
David Lawson	Stanmore, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI Act is/should be a basic right of every citizen of GB

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Raymond Cowey	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MPs must be held accountable especially when they are elected by the public and paid for out of the public purse. There is no room in this day and age for secrecy and coverups.
Philip Allan	Tamworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because it's the right thing to do.
Campbell Hampson	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Removal of the FOI is a big move towards a suppressive militant state where the people have little right or say in what their government do with the funds raised from the people due to lack of transparency!
Daphne Morgan	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Freedom of Information Act is a valuable and necessary means to hold public bodies and the government to account.
christine ingham	Chard, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I firmly believe that FOI is a right the public should have in a democracy.
Kaushal Acharya	Ilford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	At a time when politics has been marred by repeated scandals, why should we allow the government to further erode our means of uncovering the truth? I believe this proposal by the government reinforces their deep seated ideology to cheat, hide and lie to the general public; what a disgrace! We as members of the public should put pressure on the government to further increase transparency and reduce the restrictions already imposed on Freedom of Information.
Jim Rennie	Wallasey, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Government must remain accountable to its citizens
David Walker	Durham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need local and central government accountable for what they do. The FOI is needed for this, do not dilute its power.
Stephen Toomey	East Chilton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is important that all bodies that handle public money may be scrutinised to ensure they are not acting irresponsibly.
Maryanne McCutcheon	Lisburn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Common sense....
Michael Johnson	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is crucial for transparency and should be a given in a progressive democracy like the UK
Julie James	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing because I believe the FOI Act has had a positive impact on transparency and in encouraging and supporting openness. It enables individuals to access, investigate and review information and can build faith in the system.
Sally Heywood	Southport, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Open and honest availability of information is key to our democracy
Kevin O'Connor	Carlisle, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in open access to information not vindictively but so we can learn from our mistakes.
Ryan Brammer	Crewe, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Access to information is one of the most important assurances that the people remained informed enough to make decisions about those who wield our collective power.
David beanlands	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI is for the benefit of the countries and its populations interest and so it should remain
paul traynor	liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Joe Anderson Liverpool labour lord mayor used £89,0000 of tax payers and council tax payers to fight a court case which he lost this only came about from a foi request by a diligent citizen
PAUL TATCHELL	CANVEY ISLAND, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	IT IS OUR MONEY HEY ARE SPENDING TO WE SHOULD KNOW WHERE IT GOES
Daniel Sutton	Lancaster, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Governments should not be able to tell the electorate what they can and cannot know about

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Tony Perry	Horsham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We both share you views we have tried to get FOI on the consultants employed by the Met but have never had a reply.
Tina Harlow	Chatham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	As a member of the public ,I consider it would immoral to overturn the Freedom of Information Act .
Ivan GREENFIELD	BANGOR. CO DOWN, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Are there people in high places with something to hide?
Carole Richards	Chelyenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to ensure that public bodies are totally accountable and this must not be weakened.
john moore	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government have had it to easy for to long they look after there own as----s .
Kenneth Rice	Wallasey, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There is too much corruption within government
Eric Giles	Newquay, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I support this basic principle
Chris Smart	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Freedom of Information Act should not be weakened.
Michael Harris	Chichester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is a right of every citizen and must not be watered down to protect those that abuse power.
Barbara Doughty	Romford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I hate the underhand way that allows these people to use public monies.
Henry Jackson	Whitehaven, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is too easy for the Authorities to mis lead the Public without the availability of FOI. It must be strengthened, not weakened.
George McKenzie	Inverallochy, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I strongly believe in the right to the public for Freedom of Information in an open and just democracy.
NII OKAI TAGOE	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	F R E E D O O M F R E E D O M
Antonio Russo	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I've seen public money spending be treated as paramount to state secrets in the past. It lead to spending that brought no benefits to the people to then be covered by tax payers. It is not something I want to see again.
Linda Wilkinson	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's disgusting the amounts that MPs claim and for reasons that beggar belief. While this country is virtually on its knees and everything is facing cuts these thieving toe rags claim for the least bit thing. I'm sorry but why should they get these expenses while other people have to rely on food banks and charities which in this day and age is absolutely disgusting!!!!
Kelvin Aston	Harrow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI statue is there to protect us from abuse by those in power
Leon Squire	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Democracy and FOI go hand in glove....let's protect them.
Angus Walker	Knaresborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It the thin edge of the wedge if we allow FOI request legislation to be weakened.
Andrew Macintosh	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	DO NOT TOUCH
Two Flower	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Having a strong FOI law which holds MPs accountable may help to bridge the gulf between Parliament and the people it is supposed to represent. I recall Theresa May saying the those who have nothing to hide have nothing to fear with regards to the 'Snooper's Charter', so surely the same must be true of our government.
Richard Holmes	Wokingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Any changes will only benefit therewith something to hide.

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James Harrison	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is an essential part of a democratic society. The public have a right to know this information, and denying them this right would seriously undermine trust in the government (which is already very low). I find it particularly disturbing that the government are planning to weaken the freedom of information act, to hide away their own information, at the same time as passing new laws to make ordinary people's information less private.
najma patel	Blackburn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We should know wats going on
Suhel Miah	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We deserve the truth
Christopher Butler	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Governments should operate with transparency - this will allow voters to trust their Government, and shows that our politicians are human
peter harvey	Blaenau Ffestiniog, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Our corrupt, greedy country needs to be held to account
Gary Phoenix	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Their are people starving so why should mp get added expenses
Paul Hebditch	Otley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's our money they are spending
Keith Williams	Whitley Bay, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It makes absolute sense that those who claim to "be in it altogether" should be exposed to show they don't !
Richard Keller	Dumbarton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because I don't want the freedom of information act to be watered down
Lynn Hughes	Bolton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We carn't claim expensices on most jobs out here, and if we can its scrutinised, why should mp' s be any different?
Thomas Farmer	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is an essential part of a democracy
william cassidy	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Conservative and many MP are corrupt
James Downs	LONDON, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI should be for all, no exceptions.
Mike Smith	Hayle, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because I belief in freedom, and for that to be guaranteed means the ruled have to have access to what the elected rulers are doing.
greg allen	Beverley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Our taxes pay their wages...
Jeff Laurents	Ramsgate, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am increasingly spalled at the extent of corruption amongst elected representatives both in Parliament and at local council level.
Lawrence Keen	Chipping Norton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because I care!
John R Ogden	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's a right we can't afford to lose
Velma Livesey	Bury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need this act to help stop all forms of corruption, fraud and illegal activities by all, but especially politicians.
jade sinclair	Redcar, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is every citizens right.Not something MPs who are the people's public servants to use to their own ends.
Terry McCusker	Glagow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	As Government looks deeper into our private lives in the name of security, they seek to obscure our view of their activities. They cannot be trusted as the expenses scandal and paedophile investigations have proven only too well.
Archie McCallum	Dundee, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I object.
Allan Brame	Heswall, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Open government is a hallmark of our democracy
PeNelope skipp	Alfold, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want mps expenses from public money to be accountable

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Kevin Pearce	Saltash, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It hold faceless people to account
Rebecca McIlwrath	Ballyclare, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MPs earn more than enough to keep themselves in a very comfortable lifestyle and I think expenses should be scrapped altogether. They should be living within their means as most of us have to -or in a lot of cases below - second homes are unnecessary as they are not lived in full time - I don't see why they can't just book into hotels for all the time they are in their constituency - and pay for it out of their own salary as they earn more than enough to cover it
Tim Hayward	Rugby, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is really important legislation to close down wrong doing in public office
Patrik Floding	Kidlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is fundamental to fight corruption.
Suzanne Mollon	Livingston, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They cannot be allowed to create laws to suit themselves.
steven karabelas	Newcastle, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is paramount to a functional democracy
Andy Clegg	Accrington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Hitler wanted total control.
Justin Rowles	Winchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If anything, we should be expanding, not reducing, the scope.
david dalglish	Stockton-on-Tees, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Im signing because your right governments should not be allowed to hide behind laws that they put in place and it shouldn't just be when it comes to money they have alot to answer for
Susan Flockton	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing this because, in a democracy, we have a right to know what our public servants are doing and to be able to hold them to account if necessary.
Christian Jones	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I don't want to end up living in a totalitarian state & this current government seems intent on turning this country into just that!
Brad Sharp	Lytham Saint Annes, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Freedom of Information Act promotes transparency as well as allowing individuals access to personal data that may not have been accessible previously
Ian Grant	Wirral, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If they represent us I need to know what they are claiming for
Angela Lyman	to help people, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing because the government don't need all these expenses perks they cut the needy but not themselves we as the public who have voted them in have the right to know what they are hiding!
graham brown	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	A fair society needs transparency and accountability
luthfa khatun	oldham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because I think we all need to know about the expenditure that MPs are claiming.
stephen thompson	Chester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think it's important to have complete transparency with all financial matters especially in a position of trust. MP's should be open and honest about all public expenses they claim, if there not exploiting the system why hide them
Gloria Lazarus	Seaford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There is too much happening behind closed doors. We elect MP's to protect us and our country and this is not happening because too many done-deals are made behind the scene. This whole country appears to be corrupt; please stop the nepotism that exists in the whole of the public services. That is the reason this country is falling down people are given jobs they have no skills for and are paid far too much. I think MP's should live on a senior citizens pension for two years before they qualify to become MP's.
Irene Ridgeon	Woking, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The powerful need to be held to account for democracy and freedom to survive

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Elizabeth Farrant	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have a right to knowledge.
Daniel White	Norwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The freedom of information act is an important tool in keeping the government accountable.
THOMAS HOLLETT	SAFFRON WALDEN, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we cannot improve society were the actions of our representatives are shrouded in secrecy. We need honest open debate to make meaningful reform.
Leonard Horsburgh	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want the crooks and cheats in national and local government to be exposed for what they are that is people of no integrity and morality
Brian Pounder	Whittlesey, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Those in power believe that what we DON'T know can't harm them.
NEIL Taylor	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public have a right to this information and / or if the PM is placing his 'junk' in various animals orifices.
Terry Bilton	Stevenage, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Accountability encourages responsibility.
Roberta Kelly	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This Democracy could so easily become a dictatorship Freedom Of Information helps to protect ourselves against this happening.
Natalija Smith	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm singing because, I believe in FOI
Dean allenby	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	freedom of information
ian telford	Madley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Freedom of information Act is an essential part of a democratic country we must not loose it.
Anthony Kaye	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because heather Brookes' work will never end.
Jim crosthwaite	Dumbarton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If anything this Govefnment should be MORE open, they lost our trust, and restricting tranparancy is NOT the way to win trust back. I'm shocked to hear they have even tried this . (that puts the trust back on its own) Jim Crosthwaite
Chris Allen	Thornton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I truly believe in openness and honesty.
Andrew Bolton	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Why wouldn't you
Neil Shearer	Bedday, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing this because, frankly, too many people have too much to hide!
Tina Leonard	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is an essential element of a democratic system
Lorraine Johnson	Feltham middlesex, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	People live in poverty and need that money more than you
david attinger	bath, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is an absolutely vital element in the continuation of our genuine democracy in the UK. We must resist all efforts to cover up information , of any kind, by our elected representatives.
Carl Hindley	Preesall, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is an counter corruption law and attempts to limit it shows exactly why it shouldn't be.
Derek Mills	Hythe, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We the English people need our freedom of information on our corrupt government as we don't trust them with telling us the truth. All our politicians ever do is lie to us day after day. Shame on them. Power to the English people
david oakley	Bassingbourn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I m fed up with mp s thonking the treasury is their personal piggy bank and believing they have a right to steal tax payers hard earned money

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Richard Charles	Arundel, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We should have the right to know what the government does when we elect them
james kenny	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We are not Russia
Iain Claridge	Cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is a disgrace this right should be in jeopardy - what have they got to hide ?
Bernard Walker	Honiton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I frankly don't trust many politicians to use public taxpayers money correctly and prudently. Attempts to hide what they do from the general public by weakening the FOI tends to justify the mistrust
Jimi Ward	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Government is taking on a disturbing, Orwellian nature as of recent. Trying to enforce a doctrine of hidden agendas whilst ensuring that the masses are held under intense scrutiny in the name of 'anti-terrorism'. This needs to be stopped and the FOI kept in place, democracy is intended to be transparent and representative and current Government is becoming further removed from these ideals by the day. Not long until this country is a mindless Tory state; grey and bland just like them.
Pedro Rodrigues	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Hands off FOI!!
Darren Higgins	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is an essential part of an effective democracy. Transparency and accountability are basic principles which enable us to hold those in power to account. There are too many examples of the dangers of corruption and abuse from those who have power and influence for there to be any doubt about the importance of access to information.
Graham Tyler	Bradford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Too many of our freedoms are being taken without consultation. Free Britain, I don't think so
Karl Roebuck	Amlwch, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government are our employees and should be accountable for what they do and for this to be so transparency is essential
Martin Gower	Basingstoke, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is essential that corrupt practices can be uncovered.
Colin Richardson	Bridgend, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	No one in public office should be exempt from scrutiny by the public
didier rouillon	Ruislip, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe that everyone should be accountable especially people of higher office.
Spencer Stevens	Northallerton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe that information should be freely given when sought out.
david alexander	hatfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Corruption must be prevented
Stuart Belton	Gilling West, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Issues such as the expenses scandal has unfortunately proved that we cannot rely on information that is of prime public importance, yet uncomfortable to those in power being made available.
colin holford	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want to be in an informed society.
Vaughan Cooper	Headley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	democratically elected representatives must be accountable. When allowed to they will always do secret deals
Gavin Turnbull	Andover, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is key to ensuring that officials do not abuse their powers.
David Asquith	Pinchbeck, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This seems to be the only way the public can source information the government is intent on hiding
andrea frankham-hughes	portland, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is essential that the public and press are able to hold the government to account.

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Paul Kemp	Saltash, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI act is a fundamental tool the public in each way it is represented can hold office holders to act at every level of administration. It's current form is a minimum format, and those wishing to restrict its present form undermine democracy. The argument that it wastes and costs time and effect are no excuse. Those who do not actively support it's current form clearly have other agendas that support authoritarian autocratic attitudes.
Janet Broadway	Wellington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Unwarrented secrecy is dangerous.
Joe renda	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is a valuable public tool to expose corruption and cover ups. It is especially needed under the present government, one of the most corrupt to date!
L White	Swansea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public have a right to know where their money is spent.
Megan Redmond	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Citizens have a right to know.
Andrew Armes	Woolstone, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	All of our freedoms and social infrastructure are under attack and we must make a stand
Ed Burcher	Bishops Stortford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	signing because the state must be as transparent as possible to defend against corruption
Sarah McQuaid	Ellon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politicians do not have the right to his things from people, those that they represent!
Pieta Coleman	Chelsfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe everyone has the right to the FOI. Without it how can we make changes.
Paul Pieroni	Kilmarnock, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government acts for the people. There is scant justification in any circumstances to justify government keeping secrets from those in whose name it acts!
cheryl dunbar	kilmarnock, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	One rule for all of us mp's are not special and have no right to a life while being paid by the public or to interfere with laws that soot them.
Iain lees	Wigan, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Of course those that work for the public should be accountable to the public. You don't go into Politics to further your own personal goals!
Duncan Barnet	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is vital to democracy that the public is able to access information about how local and national government go about our business.
Paul Davison	Consett, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe nothing like this should be covered up. David Cameron and Co are always saying we have to tighten our belts while they spend our money on frivolous things.
Sheila Myron	St Helens, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in fairness and justice. This government does not know the meaning of these words
Steven Warner	Dagenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because its so unfair
Gillie Marshall	Sheerness, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is important an should be protected not reduced.
Emma tudhope	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MPs need to have the same level of accountability and transparency as other public services.
Thomas Harvey	Canterbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	it's obviously the right thing to do
Celia Fogden	Radstock, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I consider freedom of information in its undiluted form is an essential element of democracy. We are proud of our democracy in this country. Don't let the Government whittle it away until there is nothing left.

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John Lister	Highcliffe, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I support freedom of information
David Fletcher	Stockport, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government and its expenses use should all be public knowledge and transparent....
Donald Wakeham	Windsor, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is our right to request information under this act!
Alistair Hogg	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	<p>Parliamentary privilege is/has been the underlying obstacle to the FOI act. DEF: Parliamentary privilege is a legal immunity enjoyed by members of certain legislatures, in which legislators are granted protection against civil or criminal liability for actions done or statements made in the course of their legislative duties.</p> <p>The modern interpretation of this definition enabled MP's expenses to fall under the protective cloak of 'legislative duties' for 4 years before FOI managed to penetrate the truth. In some cases FOI revealed the truth but still didn't prosecute justice since no guilty minister was sentenced for theft or fraud. Indeed it could be said that the protection offered by the law from the law itself tempts those in power in such a way as to mitigate their crimes. The law is a mitigating factor ?! Yep, it mitigates ripping off the public and lying to them for 'the greater good'. By greater good of course, we mean the national interest, or to protect public confidence in our democracy etc etc. Interesting that the greater good concept leads to so many excuses for those protected by parliamentary privilege, to act in a way that requires its protection. We need to fully understand that parliamentary privilege is actually a law which is used to protect politically privileged people from the law. Then we need to change it. It must be changed. Our corrupt democracy is the real issue here.</p>
Michelle Browne	East Kilbride, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	<p>Like everyone else who works hard , the MPs are no different when it comes to it,</p> <p>No other worker in Britain has the luxury of an expense account to pay for kitchens and seconds homes with furniture paid by tax .</p> <p>They should no like no other worker .. If you want anything save up like everyone else ... We (as in working class) scrimp and scrap to have things that we won't in life</p> <p>FOI should not be scrapped or amended to suit others . If this was a tax credit fraudulent claim you could be charged , court date , fined or worse jailed .</p> <p>So what's the difference I ask my self</p>
Eva Krizova	Arbroath, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency and spending of MP's is everyone interest. It's our money after all.
Christopher Pitt	Four Elms, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Information concerning public bodies is the right of free citizens. Do not tamper with the Act; weakening the legislation because politicians wish to conceal their actions is foolhardy.
Rachael Bartter	Burton on Trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information act is there to highlight these concerns
hazel lock	Havant, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I dont trust low life politicians
James Elliot-Newman	Bath, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI act is a critical legal tool to find for better or worse what The UK Government ,local government and their subsidiary agents have done with tax payers money on our behalf!
Spencer Harrison	Sittingbourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I agree wholeheartedly
Maria Brown	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We are a democratic country and I want it to stay that way
Zoltan Ciatari	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	No one should waste taxpayers money for personal aquisitions and cut the TAXPAYERS expenses for travel and food from the next year .

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Terence Parish	Wolverhampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing because public bodies already hide information or are reticent about disclosing it to the public, be it mundane matters or not. The FOIA provides some measure of protection and a means to get to the truth about decisions.
Ben Myatt	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI is a vital part of British law, and should remain.
Jan Vining	Crewkerne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The UK government are bringing in laws to be able to see all emails and different messages of the publicado. Yet are so against the publicado being aware of what they do. We are meant to live in a democracia. Balderdash
Anita Ford	Pudsey, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Apparently, we are all in this together?
Chris Pearson	Witney, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Everyone should be equal... But it seems that some are more equal than others. MPs get too much now. The biggest pay rise when other in the public sector had 1%. Not on.
Rex Mottershead	Watchet, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This looks like the start of a slippery slope back to secrecy and cover-up of government wrongdoings.
maria peterson	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is like stealing with white gloves. It may be a way to stop the abuse.
Shaun James	Tonypandy, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is important to all and needs to be protected.
Craig Thompson	Birkenhead, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MPs seem to think they do as they like and not be answerable to the public. Public apathy adds to the problem.
Oliur Rahman	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Our democratic system portrays itself in the guise of transparency. Hence, why where possible it is worth having a dig
Derek Brierley-Downs	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	People in power need to be kept in check!
Luke Addison	Blackburn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	An open, transparent democracy is the only democracy that counts. HANDS OFF.
Angela Lewis	Caistor, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This Act will be vital, particularly if the UK finishes up leaving the EU and we lose the Human Rights Act as no doubt the UK replacement will be severely watered down
Bernie Benadretti	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They are accountable for the public funds they spend and therefore it should be transparent with nothing to hide.
Rebekah Marsh	Larkfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	All Public bodies need to be accountable. This should not be eroded.
Marie Morgan	Tunbridge wells, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	As our every move is monitored then it should work both ways.
George Ilott	Chester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	why should my tax pay for their lavish lifestyle when they earn over 5x my wage and I struggle to live day to day.
John poate	Maidenhead, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency of government is the cornerstone of freedom and democracy
stuart barker	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	transparency is moving more top down with this government, it should be both ways.
Penny Rkaina	Exeter, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This country is supposed to be a democracy...we should be able to know what's going on. We are only given what the Government wants us to know.
Paul Block	Potters Bar, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is important.
Chris Newman	Telford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I agree that our politicians and people in authority do need to be held to account, if anything things should be more transparent than they are, especially if it relates to tax payers expenditure.

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James Findlay	Frimley Green, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If there is nothing shady going on then they have nothing to fear by releasing information. The only information that might need to be protected is that relating to the defence of the country which could be compromised if made public.
Alexander Truscott	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI helps us fight corruption which is needed now more than ever.
Andrew Berryman	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Shouldn't change the laws too suit themselves
Maya Haydon	Kings Worthy, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because my family can't afford to pay rent some months, our tax should go to helping those who need it not paying for MPs expenses.
emma wood	Cranbrook, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	A commitment was made to the political system to be more transparent. That promise should not be broken just because some were made to feel uncomfortable.
Daniel Cullen	Londonderry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	You people say there is no money for The Nurses and Doctors!!! Yet you claim expenses for nothing important you don't even do your jobs properly
Elizabeth Nickerson	Boxted, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need robust checks on those with access to public funds and a free press to inform the taxpayers
Maria Sweeney	Caerphilly, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is important to keep everything in the open.
Stephen woodcock	Norwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because we need to keep control of mps
Keith West	Chorley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think that MPs should be more transparent and open. They seem to think that we don't matter.
Roger Thomas	Aberlady, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI has done significant good and (as far as I know) no harm to the public interest.
claudine Bulpitt	Frome, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is necessary. It can contribute to political honesty.
Richard Priestley	Hereford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Open transparent data is fundamental to good governance. We need Freedom of Information to ensure it.
Richard Hims	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's a scary idea that the Government is afraid of allowing its citizens access to information about those who govern. Quis custodiet ipsos custodes? Right now, it's investigate journalists: their abilities should not be curtailed.
Aaron Gregory	Waterlooville, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because if they're allowed to see our information, we should be allowed to see theirs. Not to mention we're all paying for their stuff.
Nigel Cross	Bishop Auckland, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It has taken decades to get where we are in terms of "openness" of government & we are still no where near to where we should be. Limiting the FOI Act further would be A BIG STEP BACKWARDS.
Susan Haygarth	Denton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe the public have a right to know what their taxes are being spent on
David Wilkinson	LIVERPOOL, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Most of them are just greedy hypocrites, in it for themselves. Then, they go on to that gravy train, called the Lords; £300 for picking their mail and doing no work. Scandalous!
Phillip holdsworth	Ossett, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm sign because I believe it is vital that we avoid falling into state control in a way that marginalises so many people. Also we need to avoid protecting those in public office who don't have the general populations best interest at heart and engage in fraudulent and illegal activities.
jonathon cumming	Johnstone, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I refuse to allow our government to get away with more scandlles

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Robin Hawkes	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI provides an essential mechanism for holding public officials and organisations to account. It would be a serious setback to democratic principles if the current FOI was weakened thus reducing access to matters in the public interest.
George darragh	Belfast, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government is the biggest gangsters about simple
Jim Piper	Aberlady, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI is imperfect because it isn't strong enough. Nevertheless it's better than nothing. And the Government has many better things that it should be doing with its time. So hands off the FOI !!!
Adam Ford	Eastleigh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Everyone should be open about what they do to those that they are responsible, no exceptions.
norman williams	Abercarn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Cant trust the buggers!!
richard STEVENS	Halesowen, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Info is necessary for all
Ewen Smith	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Consider the alternative ... withholding of information. How can that be consistent with democracy. Then again, maybe that's the point.
Mary Burnett	Tamworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	So much for MPs being open and honest! Military and defence is understandable, but MPs tend to be more corrupt than even the worse criminals.
Julie Cardell	Newton abbot, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We really need this act.
haward soper	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This government is trying take us back to the dark old days when exposing things like the expenses scandal would have been a criminal offence. It's tragic that they haven't the courage to tell us waht they do with our money.
Tom Roebury	worcs, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe we should delay the revolution as long as possible, wait until they really mess it up!
andrew cresswell	reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This government is getting far to fond of misleading us,and hiding things we need to know
Evan O Shea	Rochdale, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	As a taxpayer I deserve the right to know how my money is being spent.
kevin rhodes	livingston, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It stops crooks from covering up.
Peter Gilchrist	Chatham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to know what there up to surely
Paul Smith	Stockport, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There can be no democracy without freedom of all kinds
Tim RAYMOND	Hythe, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe freedom of information is vital to our democracy.
Tom Moore	Taunton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The ability to monitor accountability of those that govern is an essential part of democracy.
Chris Rees	Totnes, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I don't trust the Executive.
Douglas Brett	Ryde, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They are voted in by, and accountable to, the voters.
Gillian Richardson	Coatbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	You'd have no right to change this F.O.I x
Robert Trigg	Cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We should be able to get information from all public servants who we pay for they seem in the main to want to spy on everyone else but be able to hide their taxpayer funded pay and expenses let alone their cover ups and cockups

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kerry mcternan	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I don't believe it should be changed ...what's the point other wise
John Orr	Prestwick, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think it is of prime importance that we have clear access to information. Our rights are constantly being eroded in this so called democracy.
John Steel	Kendal, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Public bodies should be accountable to the public and any attempt to hide what they do can only be due to self interest in hiding things that are illegal or the public would not support. Public Bodies are there to serve the public and not the other way round.
Brian Williams	Bowdon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It would be a backward step. We should be proud of living in a society where citizens have a right to ask questions and have them answered.
Marilyn Harris	Bearsted, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because I do not trust politicians
JAY PATEL	Harrow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	why they use our hard earning money. they have no right
Ivan jobb	Fintona, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We are paying so we should know how they waste our money
eugenia young	Walmer, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of expression and information are our culture's guiding principles
John McDonnell	Widnes, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Oh look, parliament is against the freedom of information act. Why oh why would a bunch of corrupt, immoral child molesters ever oppose such a law?
Andrew Downes	Tring, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Freedom of Information Act is one of the most important pieces of legislation in our increasingly 'Big Brother' society. We need more honesty and transparency not less.
Rodney Smtih	Huntingdon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government as elected representatives of the people should be more open to their electorate not more closed to the elite government membership
Jade Sydenham	Coxheath, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	freedom!
Amir Chaudhary	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government & public bodies should be accountable for their operation and behaviour
Emily Cutts	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government are supposed to serve the people and we have a right to know what they're doing in our name and with our money!
John Bedford	Saint Ives, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	To many liars in the government, we need the FOI to find out who
colin moncaster	Ketton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I don't trust politicians
paul aldrige	Askern, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to trust mps but we can't
mark rawding	Weymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Are we living in a free society...???
Roger McAdam	Durham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We require open governance in our democracy.
Trevor Collyer	Sevenoaks, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing this petition because I believe it is fundamental to democracy that all government members are open with their dealings which should be open to public scrutiny.
Paul Gurrell	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is a fundamental power that the individual has over the State and must be safeguarded at all costs
Khalid Akbar	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	A system of checks and balances is essential for the effective functioning of society and maintaining a balance in our behaviour with others. Information helps facilitate this process.
stephanie watkins	Irthlingborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because MP shouldnt be spending our hard earned money on kitchens
fiona leslie	london, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	State work should be transparent

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shaun slater	Rotherham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI act is there to keep these scandalous tory MPs in line, typical that they try to get rid of it. Corrupt scumbags.
Rachel Quigley	Lancaster, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOIA is vital in bringing transparency and accountability to the public sector; to stifle it would be to take a huge step backwards!
Thomas Curtis	Southend on sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is one of the few powers we have to hold government to account via the information they provide.
Wayne Harrison	Bozeat, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Nobody is above the law!
Robin Yu	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	In a free society, the government and other institutions must be accountable to and their workings transparent to the people.
Peter Howard	Mildenhall, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have a right to know what our money is being spent on. Any MP worth his or her salt should be more than happy to have their expenses public knowledge. Particularly as they have just had a substantial pay rise.
Richard Gray	Blackfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This would be a scandalous use of power, it is time MPs were accountable to the people who pay them, THE PUBLIC!!
Adam Kurkiewicz	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in transparent government
Jeremy Tinston	East Malling, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If there's no transparency whats to stop even more corruption??
Neal Underwood	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government belongs to the people and we have a right to know what they are doing
Andrew Bayes	Mytchett, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public and the electorate have a right to know how and why decisions are taken and how any money from the public purse is spent. If the information is not made readily available then FOI is a last resort but must remain as a right.
Anna Naniewicz	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have a right to look in data concerning public services and those representing us and taking our money the same as them have a right to collect the data from us and about us.
carol evans	Colchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is important that we know what is actually going on rather than what we are told is happening.
michael glass	Burton upon Trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI does not work in its present state, request your medical notes and lots will be missing as the NHS hides behind loop holes on Doctor Confidentiality - not patient freedom
sam marsh	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This government can't be trusted. They're acting more like a dictatorship than a democracy, with cuts affecting all of us very harshly, yet Cameron was seen this week complaining about front-line cuts to public services in his area. They are selfish, and happy to pull the wool over our eyes. I will never yield to such dishonest tactics of subversion and manipulation as long as I live. Down with the Tories!
Chris coley	Langham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Just shows how this government are just con men lining their own pockets taken from the most vulnerable giving to the least vulnerable the making so we can't find out all the wrong they are doing to us.
James Sherwood	Kent, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	All politicians are only interested in their own gain so we must be able to request information on what they are up to...
Andrew King	Portadown, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This important
Paul Swets	High Peak, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The current FOI act works well. Leave it alone.

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Brian Spink	Stainforth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The reputation of parliament stinks with corruption it is only with such things as FOI. that there is any hope of cleaning it up.
Adam Godbeer	Guildford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There should be as much transparency as possible from an elected government that works for the people.
David Block	Stadhampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This increasingly dictatorial government must be how that the public has recognised the fruits of the FOI Act and that watering it down will cause long term resentment.
s drake	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	it doesn't benefit the electorate/public to restrict the act therefore should be of no interest to ministers.
Dale Griffiths	Perton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think that the public have the rights to know what the public purse is spent on. Why should they be exempt from this ruling unless they have things to hide to save them further embarrassment . They are no different to the everyday person .
John Hayes	Ashton-in-Makerfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is in the public interest to know these things, Politicians are also subject to the Law !
jim hamilton	paisley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Without full disclosure how can the public be expected to trust the mp's?
S Balzan	Bath, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because I am disillusioned and fed up of being taken for a mug. it's one rule for them and a very different rule for us.
Mike Brown	Wirral, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm sick of elitism increasing the inequality in our country.
Gwyn John	Llantwit Major, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Public need to know the full information of how MPs expenses are used.
Margaret O'Connor	Ingatestone, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is an essential component of our democracy aiding transparency
David Swift	Poole, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm totally sick of dishonest disengaged politicians
Crispin Taylor	Exmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is essential to curb power hungry MPs.
Nicholas Wright	nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because it makes a mockery of democracy to pass laws that allow governments to have more right too see what we search for online and allow themselves more access to personal data online while simultaneously attempting to reduce our rights to know what they spend public funds on.
Patricia Brindley	Loughborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Mps are spending too much time looking after their own interests rather than the interests of the electorate!
udo burian	Kesgrave, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we need to keep an eye under government they are out of control currently
Susan Coley	Oldbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The freedom of information act must not be altered .If it is it will raise doubts about whether we can trust the people governing us.
MICHAEL WELLOCK	MARKET WEIGHTON, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Secrecy is the shield of corruption, bad practice and dishonesty.
Glyn Savage	Topcliffe, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Its in the public interest to stop MPs and others within government stealing from the tax payer.
Stephen Galvin	Colchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government must be open and accountable, or we risk a slide further into tyranny.
Anthony Peters	Chatham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	All information barring national security documents should be able to be viewed by the British people.
Graeme Young	Dunblane, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of Information Act is essential to monitor and safeguard our democracy and those who exercise power on our behalf.

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Kathryn Chapman	Totton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I live in a democracy. Transparency and accountability prevent corruption by the elite.
Margaret Bourne	Epsom, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	You can't trust politician
Les Kane	Caldercruix, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We should have the right to see what they do with money Pure greed
A Lapworth	Long Lawford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to know how public money is spent. It's our money and the information should be kept accessible to the public.
Craig Doyle	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government have shown themselves untrustworthy when it comes to disclosing actions of there own. The rights of the public interest must be protected.
Mark Barnett	Wallingford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Accountability is important for democracy and trust in the government and public services. FOI requests and being able to freely see what is being spent, what is being decided and why is an important part of this.
Stuart O'Neill	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Government are public servants, they are there to represent and support the public, They have already imposed the IP Bill on the british people so a large amount of our private information is readily available why shouldn't the same level of transparency apply to Government?
Navindar Kaur Salotera	Hayes, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is public right to information. All taxpayers have a right to know where, how and on whom their hard earned money is being spent on.
David Hall	Exeter, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	People fought and died for this freedom. The Government is our servant NOT or ruler.
andy brain	Waltham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It keeps people on their toes
nic Davies	Chester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We employ so have the right to know!
Kim Waddup	Bushey, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need freedom of information to challenge all authority
Michael O'Connor	Kirriemuir, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Having the right to scrutinise the dealings of publicly funded organisations and individuals is a standing deterrent against corruption. By curbing foi access implies a desire to allow corruption for individual gain.
Robert Walters	Wolverhampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Why would they not want us to know?
thomas shaw	prescot, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MP's should be held responsible for any taxpayer's money they spend, and dismissed for misuse.
Roy Trubshaw	Wolverhampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's pure hypocrisy that the Minister that is sponsoring this bill is one who made extensive use of it when he was in opposition.
Michael McMulkin	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	To protect the publics right to see how MP's expenses are compiled and the detail of the expenses claimed.
Jim Hellier	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	For a government that promised transparency and honesty obviously were lying and came to power by deception
Henry Bird	Plumpton Green, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Successive governments have shown and continue to show complete contempt for our personal freedoms. They would do well to re-read their history books! Security should not be at the price of liberty!
Farukh Mukhamedov	Лондон, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is our everything. Otherwise we would become slaves with no memory!
Simon Collis	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Why should mp's be exempt from foi. When the general public whom they claim to represent are not exempt.
michael spiers	Aspley Guise, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we need more transparency not less MPs need to be held to account

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Wesley Eselojor	Chelmsford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing because I have used it few times to get information from Banks and some legal companies that were not prepared to disclose the information I required until I used FOI.
Deb Hawken	Glastonbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Either there is or is not a freedom of information act. As this country is a democracy the government has no choice but to be open and honest on ALL matters except national security,and their expenses etc. are not a matter of national security.
Irene Counsell	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Citizens have a right to know what is really going on.
Robert Ball	Southport, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is a vital tool to keep those in charge of public monies in check
gary stewart	londo, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we aint stupid
Crystal Dowell	Gt Linford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	<p>Unfortunately, British civil servants have a culture of secrecy, which has grown up over decades. This FOI should be kept as it is and it shouldn't be watered down, so people on the public payroll can hide behind it, to carry out fraudulent, incompetent or criminal acts.</p> <p>We, the voters, have our lives increasingly watched and monitored and we are told it's in our own interest. So, too, should public officials have their actions monitored and open to scrutiny.</p> <p>Too many of our traditional freedoms have been curtailed, in the name of security or safety. At the very least, we should have some safeguards that, if necessary, we can hold wrong-doers to account.</p> <p>The only reason for this to be amended, curtailed or removed is to protect those who are carrying out illegal, illegitimate or fraudulent acts.</p>
Zoe La Brow	Stockport, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe the FOI has done a lot of good in changing our political landscape & ensuring fairness & transparency
harry hume	Northampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	this is & should be a basic right within a free & open democratic society . Do not let them take it away from us !!!
David Wilson	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	When we have seen what has been systemically covered-up it is understandable why Government would want FOI 'curtailed'...but surely it would be easier to govern and govern wisely when you have the trust of the electorate
Keith Baldwin	Pen-twyn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	You are employed by us. We need you to do the right thing, every employer needs to monitor their staff.
Helen Vrahimedes	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	True democracy means true openness and we need to know who is cheating us the tax payers
Terry Titmus	Rendham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Simple - It's called democracy ... by the people for the people not by the government for the government.
keith white	Basingstoke, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	freedom of info is vital in a democracy
David Mitchell	Keyingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Mp's should be accountable and live in our world
Anna Smith	Shepton Mallet, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Public interest trumps politicians' secrets.
Michael Pharey	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The bastards are closing in

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Christopher holden	Heysham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in justice and that everyone is entitled to make informed choices and decisions. I believe that secrecy is dangerous, for our beliefs and the protection of all honest people.
Vivien Kinch-Jameson	Hitchin, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	All public offices should be open to absolute scrutiny
david james	Pontypridd, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in democracy
Fergal Keating	Shireoaks, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's only fair to be able to see where my tax is being spent.
John Mackenzie	Thurso, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is imperative that we know what our supposed leaders are spending our money on.
Jenny Bostock	Heanor, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I object to the MPs using public money to subsidise their already lavish lifestyles and then not being held to account. I DO NOT agree with their expense debts being written off. They should be deducted from future justifiable expense claims.
Tom Langton	Halesworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI protects the public interest
Colin Reid	Belfast, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Without FOI the disgusting expenses system previously adopted by our so called elected 'representatives' would never have been exposed and would still be in place today.
craig bown	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	it's my right to know what public servants are doing
Patrick Devlin	Downpatrick, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to protect hard fought rights. The price of freedom is eternal vigilance
Jeffrey Burrell	Northampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There is too much secrecy and that is incompatible with democracy.
Phil Geary	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Big brother tactics are going to far
Beck Wallace	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because Matthew Hancock says he supports digital government and the open government agenda. There is already a commitment to publish government data by default (Open Data Charter) - so it makes no sense to peddle back on the FOI Act. Citizens have a right to know and that should be embedded in digital government and in law. Transition costs may apply, but if digital govt is set up in the right way, this will help government be more effective - as it will be more open to scrutiny.
John Nordstrom	Streetly, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because leadership should be as transparent as it's constituents.
Brian Jones	Bridgend, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is our democratic right to know what any government body within the UK have are doing.
Dianne Best	Lostwithiel, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to know where public money is being spent
Jim Rafferty	Quakers Yard, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's essential that public servants can be held to account for their actions.
Natalie Quirk	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	How is freedom of information bad, for any one, apart from the govt?? They - should not be allowed to overrule this.
Peter Fuller	Morpeth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The principles of Open Government are a fundamental part of a true democracy.
Andrew mcgovern	Scunthorpe, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am sick of these GRAY TRAIN riders taking the pi## out of the British public they treat us like children and then steal out of our piggy banks

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Steve Selman	Weybridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is vital to our democracy. The clue is in the title
martin brown	Sittingbourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to know we can trust
Gail Rist	Chilbolton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe the foi act should be safeguarded
Jane Whitfield	New Malden, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We are a democracy - why do we dislike bureaucrats it's not as if they do anything.....I rest my case
Ian Basford	Warrington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	this information should be public knowledge - its hypocritical to try and enact laws to spy on ordinary citizens whilst hiding what public servants are getting up to
Chris Seaman	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because an equal nation is a productive nation.
keith hunter	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	While I understand the intention to deter vexatious time-wasting requests, FOI is too precious an instrument to be allowed to be emasculated in the interests of those who have unworthy reasons for concealing information, to which access is the basis for a democratic system. My extensive experience of foreign regimes lives me in no doubt of the value of FOI in holding our representatives and their servants to account.
taron Baird	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	All public services must be answerable to the public they serve, including financial information.
Adam Battson	Glasbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is about accountability, which is vital to democracy. Accountability exposes corruption and prevents the entrenchment of power.
Chris Callaghan	Southmoor, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	All data held by public bodies should be transparent and accessible. This includes all MPs and ministers. There should be no exceptions; so called national security issues should be determined by a High Court judge and not a Minister or Civil Servant.
Guy Ellis	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I hate being ripped of with false accounting, by people who have more than enough for doing diddly squat
eric kelsall	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We live in free society, where people should be held accountable for their actions. Especially public servants.
Frederick Fiennes	Norwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Our knowledge of what's happening in the government is tainted already, we need to lessen it.
John Coyle	Ballyclare, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government cover up their own mistakes!
John Ingham	St. Helens, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI is important as it helps to police things that are in the public interest
Lynne Crossland	Chedgrave, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm an interested member of the public who wants to exercise my right to know how my tax money is spent
Heather Glenn	Ryton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need it now more than we've ever needed it!
Chris Green	Lightwater, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	You cannot be trusted.
Ian Lewandowski	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we cant let this (and previous) government(s) keep robbing from the poorer off - and keeping the upper classes untouchable.

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David Semmens	Cilfrew, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There are far too many politicians for our population. Apart from political local councils we have Welsh Assembly AMs, Westminster MPs, Euro MPS. That's before we start on the House Of Lords and offices that go with all these positions etc. Everyone has had to cut their cloth, it's time for a rethink to avoid all this duplication that has to be paid for by the taxpayer and ratepayer. Hence freedom of information is even more essential.
Alan Barnard	Oundle, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government and local authority should not be allowed to hide from the proper scrutiny of the people.
Martin Ellis	Connah's Quay, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government are become a nazi style dictatorship and I'm not happy with that
Grace Maxwell	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI disclosure is the only avenue citizens have to information they are entitled to see but that would otherwise be cloaked in secrecy.
Anita Swalwell	Sunderland, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We are supposed to be a democratic nation. Only those who have something to hide will live in fear of information being released
M Cope	Greatham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Be transparent, if you are doing nothing wrong then why attempt to hide information?
Susan Thornton	Portsmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is an important safeguard for us all
Patrick Kerry	Wyke, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe we have the right to know and the right to challenge
Steve Jones	Heolgerrig, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We live in a democracy. Public servants need to be accountable to the public!
Jayne Prior	Rugby, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MP's are public servants and as such should be accountable to the people
Alastair Ross	Ayr, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The people need to know who is stealing our money.
Henri Wilford Ward	HATFIELD, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency means better serving MP's.
Ryan Gonsalves	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Privacy of information is a basic human right
Geoff Kinch	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am disgusted with the Government and the way it is curbing civil liberties. Democracy is increasingly under threat.
Rodney Cook	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think that they should be pay as much as the normal person in fact less as they only sit on their butts shouting at each other ...but it could be worse I am ashamed to be called British
Jack Brudenell	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is a fundamental freedom enjoyed by the people of this democratic country. We cannot allow our political leaders the opportunity to hide in the shadows!
Brendan McCaffery	Stalybridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to know how the MPs are stealing from us their employer.
Terry Poynton	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	All government decisions MUST be open to scrutiny about how tax payers' money is being USED & ABUSED!!
Gareth Smith	Staffs, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We are a democracy.
Claire Kirby	Norwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe the FOI Act should remain as is. Parliament and MP's in particular should be transparent in their dealings and expenses. At the end of the day we the tax payer pay their salaries.
Mark Taylor	Hove, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Democracy is at risk

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Dean O'Reilly	Horley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	<p>Information needs to be freely available for a democracy to survive.</p> <p>The importance of freedom of information as a fundamental right is beyond question. In its very first session in 1946, the UN General Assembly adopted Resolution 59(I), stating, "Freedom of information is a fundamental human right and ... the touchstone of all the freedoms to which the United Nations is consecrated."</p>
Monica Rogers	Howden, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	How to make it easier for corruption in high places!
Jonathan Derbyshire	Wolverhampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is vital to keep everyone accountable to the general public.
Scott Murray	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Honest people acting with the best intentions of the electorate at heart, should have nothing to fear from FOI.
jacqui O'Carroll	Gillingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The citizens of the United Kingdom are entitled to know what our Governments are doing, whoever is in power. The expenses scandal was an eye opener for us all!! There should be no exceptions to the Freedom of Information Act...none at all!
Ron Bowery	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They tell enough lies as it is. Justbthnk what would happen if the FOI act was removed ?
Paul Oosterlingh	Heathfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	remember the expenses scandal. Why should spending of MY money be a secret to me.
john rustidge	Greenfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Honesty and integrity are key requirements for our representatives in public office!!

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Carol Blake	Towcester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think it is important that public bodies are accountable to the public.
Ann Houssein	Cheshunt, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because we need to know what the Government does.
Mark Harris	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Mps are getting away with getting huge pay rises while public sector workers suffer
Sean Hudspeth	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	To quote a favourite novel of mine, "the truth is all we have".
Diane McColl	Bournemouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to know!!!
Stephen Cowe	Dunfermline, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	So it's OK for the Government to know what websites we're using etc., but we can't use the FOI Act to get OUR data. Can't let this happen.

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Irene Connor	Aberdeen, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	All information should be transparent to us the public. David Cameron promised his government were committed to open and transparent politics.
Harry Hayward	Cowes, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to keep FOI as it is.
della alim	Wisbech, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Nothing less than you would expect from our thieving politicians
CHRIS Paynter	Crawley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	New Zealand is deemed socially and politically the most Honest - they have public access to PM s accounts - I am from NZ -have lived here over 30 years - I find many politicians in the UK appalling and arrogant
Irene Balmer	Walsall, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	All public figures should be accountable and after the scandal with expenses why would mps etc be trusted to be honest in what they do
Imogen Lemo	Lincoln, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is against an open and democratic society. Accountability is crucial.
Jonathan Cave	Halifax, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	i believe an elected government which is transparent, we are living with austerity measures and this should apply across the board, mp's are not exempt from cost saving measures, maybe their last pay rise should contribute to their expenses
Andrew Simmons	Waterlooville, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because if the government truly believes that it is acting in the public interest then why should it need to hold secrets from the people.
guy glencross	cookstown, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The powers that be must be held accountable for the decisions they make ostensibly in our name and for our good but they have no mandate to make most of them. these are made by unaccountable civil servants and quangos. this is unacceptable
Andria Deighton	Chelmsford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency in this matter is paramount
Gillian Anderson	Groby, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think we should know how much the MPs are cheating from us.
David Strachan	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	People voted into power ARE ACCOUNTABLE to the people who elect them. Not vice versa. FOI in a democracy is not a choice.
Muhammad Butt	Watford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to protect freedom of information to retain a democratic way of life
David Ward	Swansea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public needs the freedom of information act to protect itself from self serving MPs etc;
Lesley Culley	Berkhamsted, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I consider this to be an assault on our civil liberties. Taken together with home secretary's proposals for tracking our Internet use (the so called safeguards are full of holes) it is a most alarming development in curbing citizens freedoms to scrutinise the state and to able to communicate without state surveillance.
Richard Owen	Shirley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	People need to be able to access information to judge things for themselves
Claire Turner	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe we should be able to see information at choice. It helps build confidence to enforce transparency.
Patricia Feather	Ipswich, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I care about what happens with public money and that those spending it are accountable to the public,
Paul dodd	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	People need to be responsible for what they do
Malcolm Vale	Vaasa, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	An employer knows the wages and expenses of their employee's. All government officials are effectively employed by the people of this country and we should all be entitled to that information.To those that object you have something to hide or you don't want that information public. If you don't want the information public knowledge don't take the job.
mark taylor	Langold, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom

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Karen Taylor	Belfast, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe the general public have a right to this information.
Roy Cullen	South Croydon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Government must be held accountable to the electorate.
anthea evans	rugby, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Why Take away all of our stuff For this government to make this country go back to the slum era If the 1900
David Tomlinson	Royston, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is a demonstration that we, the British, are not "only free on election day". This is how WE hold the politicians' to account.
Doug Morgan	Chester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is vital for democracy
peter read	Crossways, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of Information is fundamental to a democratic state and accountability of elected representatives
kris reilly	Ballymoney, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Why should the government get away with everything and the general public don't!!! End of the day we are all humans and should be treated the same as anyone in the government
Jolyon Larkman	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is one of the key tools for maintaining government and executive accountability.
Malcolm Mckay	Thatcham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Open government is the cornerstone of a free democracy.
Anji Aisbitt	Thornaby, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Were will they stop next I work in NHS and this can not and must not be changed we need to be transparent and open in everything we do
chris beard	Manningtree, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Government is bent and secretive enough without making changes to the FOI and becoming more secretive
Ochristine Cross	Maidstone, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to know what they are claiming, just to see why they get it and we go without because the pots empty after they have emtyed it on themselves
craig ward	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to know what they are up to
Fred Steele	Burbage, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Only via the FOA did we get to know that a certain Prime Minister accused and branded the Leader of the Miners Union as being a liar whilst knowing all the ime it was in fact SHE who was the liar. We must retain the FOI Act so that those who lie to Parliament and the Public are exposed !
John Doyle	HORLEY, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If we are all in this together there should be no secrecy except for Security reasons. A true Democracy should allow access to information
Jules McKenzie	Doncaster, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Every time the Government (an apparently democratically appointed body) decide that they want to do something in their interests, regardless of the people they are voted and pledged to protect, they stealthily change the enshrining law. I totally believe that we live under a dictatorship of wealthy elitists that are hell bent on stealing as much wealth from the poor as they can in a corrupt and immoral raid on the populations opinion. Using the press and sensationalist rhetoric, they aim to implode the common person and then try and take credit for "helping" them when it all becomes clear. They are not helping us by returning our own hard earned funds that they continually help themselves to.
Amanda Gillin	Doncaster, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	they want to know everything about so why should they get hide by changing laws
Phil blount	Belper, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The MP's need to remember who they should be working for.
Duncan Forbes	Perth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want to ensure government, public and large organisations are not able to hide their misdeeds behind a cloak of secrecy

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Paul Stephens	Ross-on-Wye, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The truth should be available. Let the corrupt fear being caught.
Luke Thorpe	Codnor, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want to know what they are not telling us through the media
richard Fox	Worcester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I value freedom of information
Cliff Bird	Torquay, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We should know what's going on !
Debbie Whitehead	Durham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It should be a human right
Pete Stephens	Trimley Saint Mary, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MP's expenses are necessary for the job. However it is sickening to see what items some mp's have claimed for and the extent of a the extravagant lifestyle that a lot of MP's deem acceptable. There are so many cuts happening, why can't the MP's do the right and moral thing of cutting back on extortionate expenses claims.
derek caffrey	Houghton Regis, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI goes to the heart of democracy.
James parker	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is crucial for democracy
Elizabeth Murray	Forfar, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I really believe in transparency in all matters to do with MPs expenses.
mike dudropt	Aberdeen, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because the law must apply to everyone without exceptions...
Anne Shepherd	Audley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politicians now have a proven record/reputation for being liars and deliberately misleading the electorate. THEY DO NOT HAVE THAT RIGHT!!
Philip Chorley	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MPs are the publics employees therefore we should be able to determine what the earn and what expense the claim
john webber	Audley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We must have the right to get information from government departments
Patricia Booth	Gedling, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Our own Government trying to cover up what they have been doing which is illegal, a Law for one and a so called Law for themselves
Matthew Barlow	Westcliff-on-sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	No moral government should have anything to hide.
colin campbell	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	To make them accountable .
Michael Hardaker	Fulwood, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There isn't enough transenough within the government at present as it is. They want more legislation to allow more access to what the public are doing on the internet yet reduce access too their activities, totally immoral, unethical & unfair.
john guthrie	forfar, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we all know mp s are crooked and therefore we must have every means to keep them in check, cameron is the biggest one as is being proved.
trevor vennard	Lossiemouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe that as the M.P.s are voted for by the public and therefore are accountable to the public we have a right to know what they are spending our money on and they should be held to account if they misuse that trust
Joanne Westwood	Stirling, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am all for transparency
alan wardle	Fareham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe this act could be abused by government.
Peter Meace	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I require parliament to be honest and open as we should always EXPECT them to be !!!
Mark PRIVATE	Faversham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in transparent government - exactly what the government doesn't want.

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Glen McCulla	South Shields, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Any attempts by government to avoid transparency and scrutiny by the people must not be allowed to occur. An attempt to dilute and / or weaken the FOI act is an attack on democracy.
Jim Oliver	Inverness, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Government are not to be trusted
Liz Lewis	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because we cannot allow MPs to hide how they spend tax payers' money. We know from experience just how devious they can be - Jo Public would be sent to prison for some of the things they get away with and we cannot allow this to continue so we must ensure the FOI law remains in place.
David mccrone	Allostock, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is essential to protect democracy.
zackino petrocelli	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in freedom of speech,six million plus cameras watching us,so it is only fair we are watching them in a small capacity thank you
Kate Fussell	St agnes, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	democracy
Aaron Berney	Wokingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is an essential component of democracy.
Richard Baggott	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Too many secrets are hidden by the rich and powerful and if the public became aware of them they know the public would be up in arms
Allen Gilbey	Stockton-on-Tees, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politicians if left to their own devices cannot be trusted so anything that exists to keep them in check must be maintained
Rohit Bhayana	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is essential to maintain transparency in governance and public bodies.
David Smith	Hook, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There is absolutely no reason why the FOI Act should not be used to expose what is going on. The only reason to try to abolish it or restrict it can be to hide just what we want and need to know!
Alexander Blair	Doncaster, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is essential in true democracy
Keith Penton	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Open information is a key element in a democratic society
Margaret Muir	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The poor are suffering and they are claiming for luxurious. It's morally wrong
Malcolm Rhodes	Nantwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because MPs should not be exempt from sensible laws which protect the rest of us from the likes of some of them.
eifion davies	Felindre, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If Teresa May and her cohorts are extending their snooping powers,they should not curtail the ability of taxpayers to access information about how the government spends our money.
alan jones	Pontypool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	you would only be against this if you have something to hide!
Daniel Perry	Edgware, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is a right
Reca Brocklebank	Guiseley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The current government is ideological has no regards for the ordinary members of our society
Scott Wigston	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Such secrecy is clandestine and regressive.
Stephen Mulloy	Shrewsbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing this because there is far too much corruption in public office including local parish an Unitary Authorities.
Paul Cawthorne	Cheam, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	THE FOI Act is a very important part of our democracy.

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Reg Nuttall	Newland, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Information should not be just for the privileged. We live in a democracy and are entitled to fully understand how our society works
Jan Parry	bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We are funding the people in government with our taxes, they should remain accountable to us!
Anthony ODriscoll	Heywood, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to strengthen the FOI and not politicians to weaken it in any way.
Catherine Anderson	Clydebank, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government has to be accountable to the public that they govern.
michael kooner	Portsmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is the foundation of democracy. Those who have something to hide will always find a way. So stop them now or lose your democracy.
Patrick Cousens	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's ludicrous for the government to tell us they need access to our private data whilst simultaneously exempting themelvs from scrutiny
Toni Jones	Sheering, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We are a democracy. We are entitled to know how our public money is being spent, and without the Freedom of Information laws we would be completely in the dark about the past abuses of the system by those who are supposed to represent out interests.
Ben Revill	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	A true democracy cannot grow and develop without public scrutiny - a healthy process that should not be curtailed.
Sid Ellis	Worksop, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Instead of the improvement we should expect the situation becomes worse and we cannot trust a government formed on the basis of only 24% support of eligible voters.
Jim Harrington	Cramlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe the FOI Act helps to encourage honesty and morality and allows for discovery of dishonesty and immorality.
Clive Petgrave	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want the government to be accountable to the public
Frank Waghorn	Bridgwater, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If the USA can handle FOI and has done for along time, what makes us different?
Danny Kenny	Corby, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because these guys are crooks and evil to the bone
Stephen Lynch	Perth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm sick the way politicians are basically turning us into slaves, we need change now
James Wormell	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	i'm signing because his government cannot be trusted to protect its citizens rights
Richard Frost	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need the truth not the usual spin and lies. This government is about as bad as we've had and they must be answerable to the people they purport to govern.
Konrad A Sulinski	Ton Pentre, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I don't trust politicians at all. The Nation needs a whip to restrain them.
Gerry Hawkey	Worthing, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Tax payers have a r4ight to know what is done with public money. Secret information can lead to corruption.
stephen strang	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Information held by our governments is the property of the people and not those who govern in our name.
Brian Haines	Abercarn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MP,s are untrustworthy,
Paul Johnson	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We all like to know the truth. Can we trust our government?
david williams	Burnham-on-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we deserve to know what is happening around us and in our names.

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Dan Hill	Andover, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The same government that says if you have nothing to fear you have nothing to hide can't weaken FOI and remain logically coherent.
Nathan Graham	Cobham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe that the ultimate power should lie with the people and not the few.
Evelyn Holden	Blackburn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I don't want foa changed.
Ingrid Mason	Loughton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There's still too much abuse of position that we are paying for through taxes that makes it paramount that FOI is protected and encouraged
Peter Davies	Cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There is hardly an MP you can trust when it comes to expenses. The people in the upper house are almost as bad. Don't they set a great example? Legalised robbers !
Debbie Lines	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Would like to know If we are getting value for our money.
Neill Fathers	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	In recent years it's been a travesty what the politician has and does get away with and I for one would like more information on the people whom think they are better than others
Charles Kenyon	Birkenhead, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's another nail in the coffin
Terry Grady	Caergeiliog, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is a vital right that helps people to defend themselves from bad government and public services.
Wendy pearson	Leyland, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Are the government trying to hide things again? I think so
Philip Johnson	Syston, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government needs to be held to account at all times.
Alain Storey	York, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	im sick to death of the mp's who rob the system all should behind bars for a very long time none of this out in six weeks of a 12 month sentence
Linda Derrick	Bucks, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I use the foi Act frequently to expose problems locally. Without it I and others would lose a vital tool in fighting for justice.
alexander shand	dundee, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politicians and civil servants should not be able to operate without public scrutiny.
Ian Fewster	Hartlepool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Keep freedom of information
Anne Mackrell	Whatstandwell, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is an important issue
Shana Bee	Bolton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in a transparent government. They shouldn't hide things from the public.
Jean Nelson	Morecambe, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The funding of expenses should be totally transparent.
Maureen Keates	Barton on Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is vital for a healthy and trustworthy democracy
Mark Dillon	Lytham st annes, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of Information = Accountability
Jane Lord	Belmont, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe that the Government should not change this act to suit themselves in order to try and hide information that should be in the public domain
Norah Lynam	Lytham Saint Annes, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe that freedom of information protects the public interest.
Anthony Noll	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It would be a corrupt scandal to limit this act.
lucy kelvin	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There should be nothing to hide

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ROBERT MCKELLAR	Inverbervie, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The system is corrupt and those in power continue to abuse it for their own benefit
emily doe	Dunstable, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government are crooks
Alan Thomas	Baldock, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is in the national interest for the electorate to have the means of obtaining information & data needed to question the governance of the country & whether those elected to spend taxpayers money are doing so properly.
David Cole	Worthing, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They are there for us, because of us, and should be accountable to us
Alan Jackson	Greenleys, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI is an essential mechanism in preventing widespread corruption and unnecessary secrecy.
Maureen Newall	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is important we are allowed information about where our money is being spent
Jim Barry	Stanford-le-Hope, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is essential
Susan Kulik	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Government should not be able to hide, normal people are struggling each month and they have been using our money for their luxury lifestyles
Peter Obeng-Adu	MORDEN, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is an important right that we the people can use to hold organisations and the state to account.
Anthony Visram	Addlestone, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Information is power. Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. So let's share the information around a bit.
Jonathan Elms	West Molesey, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Information in the public domain helps to expose corruption and malpractice
Graham Clark	Watford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think much would be hidden by officials trying to hide scandals in government and businesses. If you have nothing to hide you have nothing to lose. Keep the FOI act as it is.
Gary Franks	Buckland, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think public servants should be completely open with what they spend our money on. I want full accountability and transparency over what "perks" are being claimed.
Martin Goodgroves	North Ferriby, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Public servants should be accountable and have no right to misuse and sbuse the public purse
Patrick Cusack	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	<p>Most of the people in Palace of Westminster seem to have forgotten to whom they serve. It is not themselves but the people who bestow the privilege upon them.</p> <p>Whilst this piece of legislation is important in many other areas and disclosing many other abuse of power and clandestine behaviour that might otherwise be concealed.</p> <p>It does not serve the publics interest to reduce the power of this legislation.</p>
Patrick O'Shea	Kilmarnock, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It might just keep the political classes noses out of the trough.bb
Paul McClure	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Basic Freedom should not be adjusted or changed to prevent people from knowing the truth.
David barella	Sunderland, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They need a reality check
William Smith	Carlisle, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Anything but openness will encourage

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Philip Ayerst	Horsham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	its essential to keep FOI free and easy, or else government and other bodies will get away with hiding truths. far from restricting it, the government should extend FOI to all authorities, and private companies in monopolies or sole suppliers.
David Bucknell	Kingsdown, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think the freedom of information law is very important is a democracy which is under attack
Frank Neale	Hempton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Makes one wonder what these guys have to hide if they want to reform such an important piece of legislation.
Ana cavill	Weymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is vital for politicians and business men etc to be kept accountable. Also for the general public to be able to find out what information is being held on them.
Belle Lampard	Hullbridge Essex, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There should not be an open purse of public money for the trivialities of the chosen few.
Matt Davies	Hartley Wintney, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Accountability through shared information and balance of power between people/gov are essential to maintain a healthy system.
franz evert	Loughborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	transparency is important to gain trust
Philip Dales	Camberley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MPs and government officials are not to be trusted. Anything that restricts their ability to abuse power has to be a good thing. I am not aware of any negative consequences for the public causes by the FOI act.
Shannon May	Prestonpans, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We are entitled to information!!!!
Robert S	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Sunlight is the best disinfectant. Our democracy is strong with FOI. That government agencies find it inconvenient is a feature, not a bug.
Marcus Hall	Evesham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Why should they be able to hide what there taking just shows something untoward is going on
Jacqueline McShane	Bishopbriggs, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need transparency.
Elsa Dechaux	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	it is a very important tool to minimise government corruption, which is high enough!
ANTHONY AINGER	Burton upon Trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is our rite to know information as it forms the decisions we all make.
joyce brown	Monifieth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Firstly, 100pounds a week to buy food, some people have less than that for a fortnight. Secondly the expenses they get on top of that when cancer patients don't get the drugs they need because they are too expensive, the mp, s should be ashamed. The flats that were built for the olympic athletes shoild have been used for them to stay in. Whereas they are able to purchase more houses znd make profits off of that. It is an absolute disgrace to every hard working person in this country. Feathering their own nests, they get well enough paid without expenses.
Brian Ford	Brixham devon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We can't trust politicians to tell the truth let alone stealing our money!
Robin Slatter	Hickling, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Proper accountability depends on freedom of information. Secrecy is its enemy.
Alex Cummins	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The people vote politicians in and finance them to make the right decisions for the country so what right should they have to hide what they do??

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Johnny Walsh	Guildford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because we need transparency in all Government dealings. and prevent the cover ups experienced by us all by previous parlimentry parties over many years !!
Lenka Muir	Paisley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	PEOPLE vote them in, PEOPLE deserve to know what PEOPLE's money is spend on
Steve gray	Tillicoultry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I don't trust the rich and powerful
jill sanders	Hampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Knowledge is power - which is why government wants to deprive us of knowing!
Ian Grant	Sunderland, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have a right to know.
GEORGE CLARK	AYLESBURY, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If there's nothing to hide then there should be no problem releasing the information to interested parties. The usual restrictions to apply re National Security issues etc.
Naomi Jowett	nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government has overlooked the poorer classes for too long and simply hiding what they're doing will change nothing. We have a right to know when we are being pushed aside for the minority of rich mps
peter nightingale	Breakish, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Information is needed for justice to be upheld. It is clear politicians can NOT be trusted, so we need the FOI act.
Christine brett	Redditch, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I object to the general public being scrutinized but MP's can do what they like and not be accountable
wayne lockwood	Brightlingsea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am sick of the government changing laws to give them more powers. This country belongs to the people, not the government.
David Pugh	Dartford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is a necessity for a free thinking country. How can we elect a government without all the information to make an informed decision!!!!
Mikey Hetherington	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I don't want to live in a dictatorship, and that's what this government is becoming day by day.
robert taylor	Gayton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Why should the wealthy be able to use this to hide behind
Bill Power	Kilkeel, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want to live in a free land not a Stalinist secret state
Celia Bishop	Flimwell, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	WHAT PRICE DEMOCRACY WITHOUT THE FULL FOI ACT?
Jake Dye	Mirfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We the British people deserve to know what is going on, and we should be allowed to everything that would not cause a national crisi
Sam Wright	Shirley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government gets to see everything we do so why should we not have the same right
Sir Darren dangerous Casey	Royal Tunbridge Wells, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We should all be equal and accountable for our actions Transparency is vital and rules should not be twisted and hidden for the chosen few
Susan Johnson	Hucknall, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Without FOI there would be a lot of bad things that we hadn't found out about.
Sue Bailey	Wroxall, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I have used this myself and it must remain in place - how dare they !
michael kennedy	Ashton-in-Makerfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because the public have a right to information about anything that we are paying for to public figures.
Ron Godfrey	York, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Everything government does, whether sat local or national level, is technically on behalf of the people and transparency must be in the public interest. Nothing should be done to obscure actions taken only in the interest of those who regard government as their own fiefdom. Therein lies a paternalistic or even fascist state.

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Robert D'Cruze	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Other than for genuine issues of national security, there should never be a case for anything other than absolute transparency from government, as a means to account to the people that government serves. Government - if you have nothing to hide, then you have no reason to alter FOI one iota.
Iwan Brown	Swansea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The need for transparency
Lewis Schaffer	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	My local community group is using FOI requests to expose council mismanagement in its burial provision. It needs to be stronger, not weaker.
Ali Bell	Witham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	All MPS of all parties have been elected into office by the general public and they need to remain fully accountable to the same.
Peter Yallouros	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is vital to a healthy democracy. Without it there is secrecy and mistrust.
Rhiannon Ranger	Kingsbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They will take all your rights away if you let them. Stand & Fight
Kristal Martin	Chelmsford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I wish to know how you are spending MY MONEY
Graham Monkman	Menai Bridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is one of the central pillars of a modern democracy.
dawn woodhams	Ventnor, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need transparency
Janet Tonks	Dudley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public should be allowed to know just what politicians are claiming. Their basic wage is far greater than most other people so if they're getting more by claiming expenses, while the government is cutting the working classes to the bone, yes we should know.
Pia Harold	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing because Fol is part of true democracy. I am a journalist who works for the BBC, but i sign on my own behalf, as a citizen of this country I support the Fol in its current form.
Thomas Croy	Belfast, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's in the publics interest that the FOI remains robust.
Philip Jefferies	Stroud, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	To make people more honest
Leila Hodgkins	Shepton Mallet, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government is not above the law and must understand that it is accountable to the public.
Leiv Bornecrantz	Hastings, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Democracy requires that all citizens are informed and that those representing the Citizens are held to account for their actions so that they always work in the interest of those they represent rather than some lofty ideals such as personal wealth and the repression of others!
Ammy Tilley	northwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Its for the public good
Kolawole Abiola	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	very important for the preservation of our rights to know, and without effective and constructive monitoring by the public those we put in power would continue to misbehave
Pamela Evans	Stourbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public are entitled to know what is going on behind closed doors..
John Pelley	watford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I do not want any further control of the press
Roy Thompson	Suffolk, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Information should be free
Nick Wadsworth	croydon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This act is there for a reason and to be written unless for the greater good.
Arianna Steigman	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	it is a vital component of any democracy

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Karis BISHOP	Lincoln, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to know that are representatives are being honest.
Lyn Shew	Wheatley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in transparency for everyone
matt morgan	Allesley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm not happy
Ernest Walker	Pntefract, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MPs clamp down on the expenses of the poor and hard working while filling their pockets with public cash.
Lee Dowell	Fleet, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MP's just cannot be trusted. Many of them, if not most, lie and conceal the truth almost every time they open their mouths in public. They line their own pockets at every opportunity and don't understand the meaning of integrity and honesty. I always know when an MP is lying. Their lips move.
Alan Fearnley	Martin, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing this petition because there needs to be more transparency in what our government is up to especially when it infringes on our lives as citizens of the UK
Mark Jaffe	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Of course you want to rationalise your reasoning BUT you want ever increasing rights to dig into our private details and I see no significant argument for that to not be balanced.
Linda Derrick	Bucks, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I ask for information from public bodies all the time knowing I have a right to be answered. Losing this valuable tool will be a severe blow to any campaign hoping to expose injustices and problems.
Marion Warriner	Seafield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	In a society where we are constantly told that the government should have the right to monitor citizens, then the citizens should have an equal right to monitor the government. The FOI enables this don't dilute it.
Michael dickins	Onehouse, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Corruption in the UK is becoming a Major issue.
john jackson	Chorley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe that it is imperative to keep the FOI Act to promote open governance in all matters.
Morena turnbull	Stowmarket, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's our right to have assess to this information
Andrew Whitesmith	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They work as our representatives and should be open to see any monatory transactions.
Richard Mobius	Thornton Heath, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The freedom of information act is an essential act which gives the public their right to access information on themselves, compnies and of course on public agencies which get their wages from our taxes. How else are we able to access information if we have no mechanism to get information to which we are entitled to?
Dave Walker	Bromley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because MP's have a proven track record of being corrupt pigs, all they want to do is further hide their shady actions!
Kate Stewart	Barnet, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We are entitled to know what the Government is doing with our money and what they are taken in expenses
Alistair Donaldson	Falkirk, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because I do not believe politicians can be trusted to self regulate.
david windle	Ashford in the Water, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	it should be one of our basic civil rights to know what is being on our behalf by those in positions of influence and power
Ray Polaine	East Markham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The people of this country have a right to know what the millionaires in government positions are spending from the public coffers on themselves.
Richard Stamp	Dunsford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	In a true democracy Freedom of information should be available to the public.

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Neil Thomas	New Mills, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Information is power
Les Higginbotham	Llandysul, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Clarity and transparency in government is essential
peter wilson	Sale, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	What are they doing that they want to keep secret?
Chris Bearne	Exeter, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need the right keep a level of transparency on what mp's claim in expenses, especially now, whilst the current government are plotting to make millions of the poorest people poorer through the stripping of tax credits - for example.
Bernie Verblow	Horsham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I do not trust the government's motives for trying to push this through.
Freddie Dawkins	Southend-on-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's a basic freedom of democracy to have real transparency in all matters concerning the public purse.
Chris Gethin	Buckland in the Moor, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is a key part of democracy, and openness and honesty our best defence against fascism
Linda Forbes	Kingston upon Thames, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	government actions should be known and overseen by the nation.
Ben Daniel	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing because the FOI Act has enabled many shameful areas of public life to be exposed to the light. This government promised transparency, and appears to be lying to the electorate.
dave major	Hasland, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I feel our government needs to be watched and held accountable for wrong and corrupt deals.
Hugh Pinnock	Twyford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing this because the past 20 years have seen an unacceptable increase in the state's desire and capability to restrict civil liberties. This is largely because of perceived terrorism threats (when in fact by far the greatest threat to the world is climate change) which are used as an excuse to clamp down on democratic rights, of which freedom of information is one the most important.
Atif Rahman	Ickenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is imperative the public have access to this information as otherwise our trust in public officials will be further eroded
Michael Murphy	York, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe that the act goes a long way to reassure the electorate that those they elect are accountable for the way they govern us.
FRANCIS HOY	Enfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is fundamental in a democracy.
graham spence	Shipleigh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is what we need to ensure those who wield great power do so in the knowledge that they can and will be challenged in the future. With great power comes great responsibility.
David Conway	Southport, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI is essential, the only reason to weaken it is if there is something to hide from the public
D Hunter	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's part of being a democracy!
Alec Templeman	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	the electorate requires a clear and unambiguous accounting on what is happening in the Westminster bubble.
Andy McGregor	Ashington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is important that citizens can get access to information about government and public bodies
Tony LEGON	Kingswood, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because press freedom is fundamental to our type of democracy. The only acceptable restrictions to press freedom should be ones based on simple decency.
doug mitchell	gosport, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Its right

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Ian Jackson	Burnley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politicians cannot be trusted in any way shape or form.
Gabriel Mccoll	Falkirk, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Ridiculous to hide public spend. Imagine if you tried to hide your expenses from your boss who pays for them
Michelle Taylor	Donaghadee, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in transparency, truth and genuineness as a way forward. What's done is done!
Keith Quinney	Newport, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They are trying to hide things from us yet again.
Linda Bramwell	Bryncoch, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It allows ordinary people to know what is being covered up and should not be secret as all levels governments are answerable to the people of this country
Peter Hopkins	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government need to be kept in check.
Peter Stevens	Wetheringsett, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Just because the questions asked are not always close to everyone's political opinion is no reason to restrict our right to ask those questions; it is a fundamental freedom that we be allowed to question the actions of institutions and government.
Mike Wharry	Angelbank, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because MPs should be above suspicion and have nothing to hide
Ian Barr	Irvine, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	What are they so scared of I've said all along austerity stop once you get through the front door at Westminster
Freddie Moran	Largs, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to keep our government under our control.
Donna Walton	Wroxall, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politicians have a right to show exactly where the taxes go on their expenses . No one trusts a politician that's is why a massive percent of people don't vote !
Stuart Capstick	Heckmondwike, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is unacceptable not to have at least the laws that we have at present. We need the FOI act as it is to ensure that we can access those documents that MP's etc try to hide from the public that they serve.
Simon Baird	Whetstone, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Public servants need scrutiny not secrecy.
JOHN ROBINSON	Preesall, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's our money. They ask us to cut back and then they Rob us
Darron Ludlow	Bridgend, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MP's tried to cover up so much over the last few years! It's my right as a tax payer to know if our ministers are acting outside the law. So! There should be no amendment to the FOI act that will make it more costly and / or difficult for members of the public to attain information on government activities.
Colin Dewing	Sarisbury Green, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If we didn't have FOI so many things would be covered up especially from this present lot
Stuart Anderson	Hamilton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe that the public should, have access to all infor
Ian Ogden	Cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Taxpayers have a right to know exactly what their elected representatives are doing, and whether they are working on our behalf with integrity - or not!
Rhiannon Davies	Ludlow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The only reason I got anywhere near the truth about my daughter's avoidable death was via FOI...
Paul Crosbee	Epsom, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	These changes will only weaken access to information & further allow individuals & organisations to hide in a veil of secrecy
Lisa Wilkes	Dudley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe they should tell the truth not keep lying its a disgrace
VALERIE SOUTAR	Forfar, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Providing national security is not compromised we, the public, need transparency on issues that affect us.
JOSEPHINE BOLT	Bedford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Our current government disgusts me.

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George Lawton	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is important...in every situation. Without it we're all enemies of knowledge and trust
C M	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The m.ps are nothing but thieves. Anybody else caught stealing would go to prison. They mustn't be allowed to get away with anymore of our money. But of course they will.
Kimberley Sherwood	Grantham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	You can't take away our right to know. It's the government covering their backs again. We can't let them get away with it.
Linda Shacklady	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	all public and government except official secrets should be open to the request of us all
Robert MANSON	Cardigan, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	because without it we'd all be living in a full-blown fascist dictatorship instead of just the half-arsed one at present.
Stephen Richards	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This country is becoming more and more like a back door dictatorship with the entire media ship being controlled or censored by them the public need to know what,where and when things are being done. Proud to sign this petition
rob hawkins	oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	the government is robbing the public and laughing at us
colin roe	Eastleigh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I don't think MP's are any more trustworthy than the general population and we need to be protected from their ravaging expenses. And there trying to worm out of being accountable.
helen yearley	Waltham Abbey, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I thought Heather did a brilliant job exposing I wish there were more people like her about we should know the majority of people who work have to pay their own way getting to and from work and feeding themselves whilst on the job.
Oliver Lane	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is one of the great tools for maintaining healthy democracy and government accountability.
Roger Colkett	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Democracy depends on our ability to throw the rascals out and we need FOI to find out who's behaving in a rascally manner.
LISA CARNDUFF	Newtownabbey, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Public sector information should be open and transparent to all!
Keith Birt	Nefyn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in true democracy and transparency for all citizens.
Peter Maskell	Thorngumbald, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have an absolute democratic right to know what our elected MPs are doing, and in particular, how they are spending taxpayer's money
James May	Merstham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This an important facility for accountability that should be strengthened and not weakened
Fraser Hair	Gargrave, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing because it is vital that the powers that be ar accountable for there actions
sharon forrest	Scunthorpe, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The tories promised complete transparency when they came to power but use all the tricks in the book to avoid us finding out the truth (including lying)
Julia Tester	Lincolnshire, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think it's disgusting the extent of how much MPs and parliament use and abuse the publics money
Andrew Stafford-Jones	Kirton in Lindsey, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We do not trust politician act in the public interest.
John Swinburn	Epsom, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The British government has a history of corrupt politicians, hidden agendas, incompetence, nepotism, racism, perversion of justice, and oppression of the vulnerable. It is time they are made accountable - which is supposed to be the point of FOI.
Kaz Evans	Shrewsbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we need to see what these people are doing , and if they are abusing our trust and money they need to be put into the publics eye so we all know

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judy clayton	brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Freedom of Information Act is necessary so the public can access information on all levels and to prevent the Government with their cover-ups.
Andrew Stone	Stone, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Accountability must extend through all layers of government - there should be no hiding information, hiding behind bureaucracy, or cover ups. The FOI is vitally important to in ensuring accountability.
Bernard Dixon	Woodlesford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is essential that we the general public have access to information used by public decision makers to ensure transparency and enable us to hold decision makers to account.
Brian Whyer	Bourne End, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in an open society and knowing what I am paying for.
Susan Carvell	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	You only want to change the rules so that the public can't see how corrupt you are.
graham ellis	Wallasey, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Extortionate claims on top of extortionate wages, how greedy can some people Get!
James Jackson	Durham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is part of the fabric of freedom in this country, our freedoms are being taken away one by one, please leave this one alone.
Andrew heavyside	wirral, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politics and politician's over time have become more and more corrupted, we all know and understand this (well many of us do) this sort of dirty tactic is just wrong. Our so called elected officials have to be accountable to the people and any use of public money for the own ends is again wrong. Many MPS already get a pretty penny when the rest of us struggle to pay the bills and maintain any sort of life for ourselves. All we seem to do is get up go to work come home go to bed get up go to work come home go to bed all of this to pay bills. We have no time for family, no time for holidays, no time for friends and loved ones as the money is king and if we do not pay we lose our homes, kids and our lives are destroyed. This is the world we live in. But it can change for the better.
John Roake	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They need to be policed, because they are all well paid liars
Vincent whitty	corby, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	From local councils to government it appears there could be abuse of financial control. Leaving the public not trusting people in power
Linda Maycroft	Shenley Lodge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing as I believe that all public bodies work for the citizens of the country that they serve and it is right and proper that the citizens are able to understand how their money is spent and on what.
Andrew playfoot	Hemel Hempstead, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in honesty and fairness.
Malcolm Torrance	Bexhill, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If MP's spend or claim public money (which is what taxes are) they should be help accountable to how and whatitis used for.
Lisa Bates	Crewe, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI law proved that my son died at the hands of the hospital involved. Had this not been in place then his death would have remained covered up. We must protect the FOI act. It is there to protect people and it is up to the people to protect it by signing this petition.
Kevin Nolan	Totton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI is fine as it is
Roy Grant	Rednal, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Too many people have their noses in the trough and need to be exposed
LAWRENCE HIGHTON	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Totally Agree
Ed Galloway	Jarrow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Why should expenses be secret?
Daniel Hooper	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because I believe FOI should exist to expose wrong-doing and poor public spending. The press should be allowed to unveil dubious practices that are not for the public good.

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Carmel O'Toole	Rotherham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is helpful in holding our public bodies accountable. We pay for them,we should have the right to know!
David Heath	Bridge of Earn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because honesty and transparency is important by keeping the full freedom of information act.
Ken Mills	Nuneaton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	F of I should be international minimum,not watered down.
Matthew Pearce	Melksham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Political transparency is essential, especially in these times.
Denise Booth	Hartlepool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we are becoming too much like a police state, the govt. wants to know everything we do and we are not allowed to know what they are up to
Josh McDougall	Clydebank, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government have already done enough damage to the country without consequence, this would only allow more
Fred Evans	Hemel Hempstead, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I had to produce a receipt for every penny spent in my working life, so should mp's. Then we all know where our money goes
Robert Barker	Bexhill, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to keep an eye on the wages because some MP's are not completely honest ,all the scandal last time proves that
Ian Innes	Aberdeen, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because it is vital for matters of public interest.
Diane Trescher	Newquay, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because it getting more like everyone want to know all your life inside out .
Jenny Carpenter	Bromley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I strongly support this campaign, as I may be looking at asking questions in relation to MPs pension reforms, business interests, time spent in parliament etc. some of which seems to have been kicked into the long grass. Perhaps that might be embarrassing reading too. I couldn't do this without FOI.
Maria Little	Braintree, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI Act works to prevent big corporations and individuals in positions of power from meeting their own agenda (and lining their own pockets) at the expense of the rest of society.
Angela Rogers	Luton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Integrity - The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles. Public Bodies need to adhere, and be seen to adhere, to this notion.
gareth binding	ilford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	because the time is long over due to make MPs and their like accountable
Robert Street	Bromsberrow Heath, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If the FOI is weakened, then it must be the case that MPs have something to hide. The man sponsoring the change had been in the past a main user of the FOI Act. Unbelievable hypocrisy!
Julie Perea	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's common sense
Nick Burns	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think transparent government is a more accountable one. Let's not forget their attempts to increase their ability to spy on us at the same time as trying to curb freedom of information!
kenneth laverick	fife. Scotland, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	To much dishonesty example is Mp LIBERAL AND LABOUR CARMICHAEL AND BECKET PLUS THE ONES THAT HAS STILL TO BE FOUND OUT
David Thewlis	Scunthorpe, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is important in a democracy
Pamela Gall	Trefechan, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We are paying their wages and we have a right to know what they claim for.
Stuart Mackay	Innerleithen, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Government, Police and other public sector organisations are accountable to the tax payer. The FOI Act is the way ordinary people can have reasonable questions answered through a legal process without the spin.

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linda packer	glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	the public as electors have a right to information being made available to them on how this Country is being governed and where and how their taxes are being spent. The Government are theoretically employees of the tax paying public
Neil Sanderson	Ickwell, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MP's are not to be exempted from this act. they are our servants and we need to keep a check on them
John Alan Graham	Huddersfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	As politicians and people have shown time and time again, not to be trusted not just with fiddling expenses but with children placed into state care, they think they are above the law and not to be held accountable for their actions, but I say they are, not all, but more than enough are liars and cheats and even now this government are trying to cover up transgressions from previous governments concerning child abuse, enough! I say you will be held accountable for your actions.
Matthew Collier	Braunston, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If you want to be perceived as a beacon of democracy and the rights of the people, the accountability afforded by the FoIA is vital. The government works for the people, and the people should be able to review it's performance.
Stephen Palmer	Port Talbot, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's a fundamental right for the public to know exactly what is going on in government and for any wrong doing to be exposed and those responsible held accountable. Politicians should not be afraid to let the public know what goes on, if they're trying to make it more difficult to gain access to information then they have something to hide.
Richard Allen	Londonderry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	What is there to hide?
Neil Wright	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If there was ever a sign of corruption, this is it.
Graham Rowe	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to have the right to know about the decisions made by elected officials and public servants.
Dennis bresland	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am fed up with no good thieving scum robbing the country legally
Michael Lowrey	Wakefield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Goverments dont like what the great unwashed think so they change laws to protect themselves from numerous scandals
Lesley Bignell	Beare Green, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We are supposed to be a democracy and restrictions on public information would bring us closer to the style of government practised in authoritarian countries like Russia and Saudi Arabia.
Chris Davies	Canterbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MPs have no idea what it means to be the little man. They make policies based on crude or little logic without understanding what the deep impact is. The FOI act is the only policy the public can use to show the corruption within our political system. Try living on minimum wage for 6 months and then complain that your money laundering scandal has been exposed. This country is run by a bunch of delusional jokers.
Kevin Keehan	Borough Green, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI act protects our democracy from the Power State and vested interests
David Chamberlain	Newton Aycliffe, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I don't trust politicians at all.
Paul Davies	Minehead, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is a core principle in a democratic society, and essential for any Government that claims to espouse the causes of honesty, integrity and openness.

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hugh mcmurray	belfast, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have the right to hold are mp,s to account.
james robert-poulain	london, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It has always been the way of the corrupt to hide from the public their cheating and lying and greed in self righteous promotion of secrecy
Naish Henderson	Hoxton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in transparency of government in a democracy. Government accountability to its citizens.
William Cook	Blackpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe no body, especially a public body, should be able to hide behind a veil of secrecy, more so if they are trying to hide corruption and illegal practices. Our government should be full open to public scrutiny.
Leo Patmore	Swanage, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I agree! How about one in Europe too? I shudder to think what the MEPs (most of them chancers) are up to!
Eric Adams	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have a right to know how our money is being spent.
Ian Craig	Bingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I don't trust the people who govern the way I live.
Alex Turlough	Weston super mare, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	People in power need to be held to account
Steve Brown	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If it's OK for the govt to keep all our data, surely you can have no issue with public employees and departments pair for by us all. Can you???
Joanna Le Metais	Ascot, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing because those who provide the funding (tax council tax etc payers) should have the right to see how their money is spent. Secondly, those who place politicians in positions of power through elections, should have the right to see how this power is used.
steven aitchison	edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I don't think freedom of information should be in the hands of paedophilia or practising paedophilia that happens so much with the so called powers that be that call themselves a Government leaping lords who are scroungers and drug addicts and the Queens family full of disgusting paedophiles and child abuse of such horror that dwath has been done hundreds if times to so many innocent kids a warrant for the queen was issued at Hollyrood palace along with the Nazi pope paedophile child murderer for disgusting crimes against kids closing of Freedom if Information will only cause to further dumb down this nation of sheeple who obey the biggest crooks in the whole of the Comon wealth
milly mckenzie	Ratlinghope, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We do not live in a police state. We do not trust you. Everyone is accountable and everyone should be able to get information. What else are you hiding?
Mark Kasozimusoke	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Some MPs seem intent on establishing a kleptocracy whilst removing public scrutiny and suppressing dissenting voices.
Valerie Wood	Thorne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is our publis right to have transparency within the Houses of Parliament on the representatives within. The current freedom of information allows this so why try and 'gag' it by changing it because it has caused the House of Parliament some embarrassment!
Kevin Morgan	Fareham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Fed up with corruption and lying within our society.
peter ballam	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I no longer trust our government with its corrupt self serving MPs
Geoff Miller	North Molton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We should know how they are wasting our money.
John Robertson	Chorley, Lancashire, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is important for our individual freedom to know the behaviour of all public bodies
Peter Bibby	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	To expose our corrupt government's secret agenda

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Patricia Jackson	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I hate the idea that we are not allowed to know things and I loathe politicians enforcing austerity programmes on us whilst often abusing the use of public money.
Sam Allsopp	Welwyn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government should be accountable, and also our existing government are a bunch of ruthless arseholes who would blind their own grandma if it meant they could profit from it.
Zac Curtis	Bletchley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	democracy cannot work successfully if the people do not know what is going on with our country
Dr Richard House	Winchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is a fundamental part of a truly democratic country.
Thomas Wilson	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have a right to know how all public money is spent
Sheila Cawrey	Derby, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information should be available for all Public Finances... It is OUR money ! We want a say in how it is spent !
joshua manners	bordon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I do not trust our political class and they should not be allowed to take advantage of public expenses... Again
Patrick Brown	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing this petition because no one is above the Law and this should be seen to be without details being kept secret
Clive Carter	Pontnewynydd, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I pay enough tax and have done through 40 years of work. I DO NOT LIKE money grabbing wasters like those SO called public servants getting any more than their salary.
John Burgess	Cottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Democracy. What does it mean? It means very little today, but we must fight to preserve our right to hold those who control it - and control it and manipulate it they do - to account.
Kate McGregor	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is nothing short of (another) scandal. What is there to hide? We deserve open government, and if you're transparent, this issue need not effect you
Basil Johns	Hertford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They steal our money
Andy Thorne	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The rights of the people are paramount and deserve transparency into corrupt behaviour.
Pete Brown	Southport, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is hard not to think that every mp is corrupt in some way. To change this perception we need to know everything about these people and must stop them hiding behind their status of self importance.
Roger dyball	dunstable, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Hiding the truth only means you fear the outcome.. keep freedom of information strong.. :)
Stuart Chalmers	Polmont, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	No more hiding expenses, this seems to be going backwards instead of forwards and hiding everything again.
Angela Fowler	Fladbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because the public need to be able to hold elected powers, corporate business and other public organisations to account. without the F.O.I the public interest is not served.
Anthony Casson	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government is accountable and should act with honesty, transparency and integrity. FOI provides a lever to ensure that this happens.
danny white	blackpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I use this all the time to complete my university work and I'm sure many others use it for different reasons. Do not take this away!
Graham McKean	Colchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Without the FOI, there is no democracy or equality of any kind.
Steve Farrington	Cheadle Hulme, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	By the people for the people

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Alex McLARDY	Bo'ness, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	In light of previous exposures there should be complete openness and honesty to ensure the public are not misled again
martin jacobi	Stanwell, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in the freedom of information.
Shaun Gibbins	Dawlish, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I dont trust the government
Stuart Nix	College Town, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I wholeheartedly agree that without this in place, the public will continue to lose what little trust they have in Government, and other establishments for that matter. If you have nothing to hide, you have nothing to be guilty of. Simple. When we the public elect to have these people in place we feel that there should be no hidden agendas, but as experience has shown us that is often not the case. This is the only way we can keep things justified.
Amanda Randall	Chesterfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If they are trying to change it they are up to no good!!
nicola crew	Sandhurst, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because there are too many scandals exposed that should never have happened or been allowed and we shouldn't have to live in a country full of lies and deceit by the people in charge
Rob Clohesy	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MP's have done the opposite of earn our trust.
Shelley Evans	Maesteg, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They are a bunch of c****!!!
Joyce aydiner	Bromley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Nothing should be hidden/covered up.
John Rix	Biggleswade, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Information should not be hidden, unless it is a matter of National Security. Too easy to hide embarrassing facts. The cost should also be reasonable.
Barrie Thomas	Leominster, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is important that we maintain this freedom
Dave Webster	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	A big step in the wrong direction and will just encourage more whistle blowing.
JOHN GIBSON	Loughborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing this petition because I live in a free country and freedom of information is part of our basic right
Jennifer Dance	West Yorkshire, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Mrs Jennifer Dance
Mark Lomas	Leek, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government needs to be transparent with everything and not change the law to suit them.
Nigel Hibberd	Warrington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because FOI is for everyone not the privileged few
william taylor	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency in government is a prerequisite of democracy.
Peter Cook	Ospringe, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is essential to transparency about the way Government works. Of course it is used by journalists. At their best they are the guardians of democracy.
Lynette Boast	Chertsey, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in been able to get hold of the information been held on me
Rob McElwee	Amersham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	People who use the line "nothing to hide, nothing to fear" should think again when trying to limit freedom of information, especially in the use of public money

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Sylvia wileman	Doncaster, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	In a democracy we must have trust. X faith in our government Government is meant to be wise in its use of scarce resources Devient selfish gain whist in public office should be an offence. It is stealing from the public purse. For too long MPs e lenses have been abused it must stop It needs overhauling with a public consumer group partaking in what is and is t allowed on a claim. Particularly in such times of austerity the expenses scandal needs total overhaul Why should they have subsidised canteens. Pensioners don't eat out with a subsidy nor do any other public sector personnel who have to visit London for their work get reduced meals. Expose it all
Stephen Kerswell	Newport, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's been proven beyond all doubt that without this act being in existence, massively corrupt activities by governments and other organisations would have gone unnoticed, unchallenged and would have continued to undermine the integrity of our society. I would urge government to consider the future implications to limiting these powers as we move into a new era of eroding civil liberty, the death of privacy and deepening mistrust of those who are in power. Transparency strengthens oversight, it does not diminish it.
Maureen Lyon	Newton Mearns, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's one rule for us it's another world to them.
Jonathan Pritchard	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is the best tool we have to keep our government accountable. A strong democracy requires strong FOI.
Michael Cutting	Caister-on-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we must not be stopped from knowing
Brian Beesley	Portballintrae, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The mechanism of FOI is essential for the Government to be held to account.
Richard Eaton	Westbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I see a dictatorship coming.....
Stefan Rozanski	Kelty, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I have the right to know
Maria Cubitt	Lowestoft, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	National and local Government organisations should be held accountable to the people.
David Kiernan	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	How often do we champion democracy and the right to freedom as a country for our leaders to (yet again) find ways to slowly and,more importantly, quietly erode our rights to meet their own ends.
Keith Corbett	TAURANGA, New Zealand	2015-11-12	This is the only way to extract facts from our local, regional, and national government, ie. our obstructive bureaucrats, you know those elected,appointed, etc., to serve us and maintain a semblance of democracy !
James Greaves	Helensburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government is elected by us and should be fully answerable to us.
Martin Poppitt	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm sick of an elitist government that, if it doesn't like the collective will of the people, will consistently move the goalposts until it get what it wants for itself and its cronies
James Motherwell	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	You need to be able to keep an eye on the government
Clive Meredith	Inverness, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need more transparency than ever before in central and local government.

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Russell Hohol	Burgess Hill, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I hate the government and anything that makes it awkward for them is good
Fergus Wilde	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This essential civil liberty must on no account be prejudiced or weakened in any way whatsoever
Pat Cottrel	Warley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Pat cottrell
Robert WRIGHT	BIRMINGHAM., United Kingdom	2015-11-12	WHAT ARE TRYING HIDE ?£
Ben Wright	Barrowden, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government must be transparent.
Dick Cliffe	Penzance, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Access to official information is essential for a functional democracy. It protects peoples rights and it protects their lives. It protects Government from improper influence and corruption.
June Powell	Haslemere, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is essential for trust.
Alexandru Andrian	london, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Information is to be free. Transparency is needed especially when it comes to regulating those who get to shape our future and whom we entrust to have our best interests at heart. They're supposed to set an example -- yet are hardly doing so.
Geoffrey Cousins	Horley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We are entitled to see where the public's money has been spent
Duncan Grant	Stirling, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government works for us.
Dennis Jordan	Capel le Ferne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	IFreedom of Information is important, we will enter the area of cover ups again.
Kevin Wickremesinghe	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Everyone has a right to privacy.
David Stewart	Shrewsbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There should be more freedom of information not less
Pete Green	Scunthorpe, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MPs need to be held accountable
Rab Thomson	Kidlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have the rite to see this information
ian mcmahon	Duffryn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There is far to much secrecy and cover ups of wrong doing by our elected officials
Julie howe	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm sick of the parasitic politicians greed whilst screwing over the very poor, elderly and disabled of this country. For sure "we are NOT in it together"
Alan McMurray	Westoning, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in transparency of government and accountability of our elected representatives
Craig Steptoe	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	A government that is publicly accountable, should be open & honest to scrutiny over misuse of public funds. At a time of self imposed austerity on it's population the Government needs to be transparent in all aspects of it's financial affairs. This is another attack on the rights of individuals to research & publish cases of public interest. What are they trying to hide?
Leon Walker	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	i believe in this act. the only people that would want to stop it are those who have something to hide
Gordon Fleming	Hamilton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I also used it but failed to get the info. Denied because they had so much to hide.
BM Wilson	Black Notley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The tax payer funded gravy train is running out of control.

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Gary Helyer	Great Yarmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government must be held accountable to the public
Lyn Germaney	Halling, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	information should be made available - not doing so suggests poor government practices/actions are hidden without any need for justification. Curbing the current FOI Act would be a retrograde step.
viv Pepper	Hornchurch Essex, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I agree we should know
william warbrick	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Any attempt to weaken Freedom of Information runs counter to democracy and sets a terrible example to other countries.
David Rogers	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I do not wish to see the country descend further into becoming a dictatorship.
Tracy Fearn	Bratton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Im signing because we have the right to know how bent they are
Danny Mcallister	Thorpe Langton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am in favour of open scrutiny of those in positions of power.
Albert Burton	Bordon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am a private citizen without any professional axe to grind. I am appalled by the way MPs have too much self governing power! The only way to protect the country from potential misuse is to ensure full disclosure of their decisions.
Bruce Scott	Suffolk, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Absolutely imperative there is transparency to engender faith in the public
Anne McCrory	Tranent, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's our tax that pays their wages so of course we should know where our hard earned money goes.....
Peter McCulloch	Methil, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Governments are accountable to the people they govern over. And the people have the right to know what their government is doing
Tim Burgoyne	Walton-on-Thames, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I agree with the Act remaining as it is!
Wendy Morgan	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It should be for all to see.
William Bradley	Exmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe that we have to be protected form Politicians' own " good intentions"
Geoff arnold	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is only right that the electorate has the right to know what the so called ruling elite is doing and costing us all
Ian Eyles	Sutton Coldfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I don't trust MP S
John McAllister	Ramsey, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Crooks need monitoring and MPs have been found out thieving. I have no intention of allowing them to continue to abuse their office
Marcus Austin	Bedford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They (politicians in Government) work for us. Full, operational freedom of information is what is keeping them accountable to us and the current regime should not be diminished but strengthened further!
Chris Grimshaw	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of Information is a necessary condition for accountability. Accountability of governmebt is aa necessary condition for democracy. Having used the Fol Act myself, I believe that it should be extended and many of it's current exemptions should be reduced. It must not be weakened in any way. Chris Grimshaw

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Denise Mollard	East Taphouse, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's only right to have openness and transparency from the government we keep them in power, we employ them, they do not dip their muddy paws in the pot.
Brian Fairlamb	Newcastle Upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	BECAUSE ITS THE RIGHT THING TO DO AND YOU CANT TRUST POLITICIANS
Margaret Jury	Chulmleigh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I don't get expenses and I've worked hard all my life paying my own way. Some expenses are inevitable for those who represent us in Parliament but let's have some sensible expense claims not over-imaginative ones when we the people have to foot the bill!
Christopher standley	Fordham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MPs cannot be trusted in my opinion
steven rhodes	Pontefract, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Its about time the truth came out to the public.
Elizabeth Mackie	Yelverton, Devon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We should be able to decide what information we read and not told half truths that hide peoples mistakes.
Matthew Davis	Welwyn Garden City, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is an essential in a healthy functioning democracy.
Julian Beirne	Rawtenstall, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because the FOI Act is important to stop people in power from abusing their position for their own greed.
william herbert	Heolgerrig, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I feel that any one stealing should be sacked from their job. mp's should be whiter than white.
John Randell	HORSHAM, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Cameron needs watching and bringing to book
Kevin Nosworthy	Newton Abbot, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I've had a 4 year pay freeze !!
Sue Whittaker	Whitstable, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The freedom of information act is a fundamental part of our democracy
Nick Wilson	Whitby, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	You are all paid from tax payers money and therefore you should be transparent and accountable. You have no right to hide claims from the public eye. That type of behaviour is immoral and criminal (my opinion).
Hanif Akuji	Bolton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government can't be taking away everything that exposes there shortcomings and crimes.
David McNicol	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is a part of being accountable for actions, particularly with regards to members of the public who pay the taxes that go towards expenses. Like any organisation the government must be shown to provide value for money and that they're operating in the best interests.
Tom Bald	Broseley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	this is vital to a democracy, reducing it will be a slippery slope towards authoritarianism
Paul Johnson	Frome, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We wouldn't, and shouldn't, get away with it. Neither should they!!!
HOWARD MARRIOTT	Strontian, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They want to know everything about us, consequently we should know everything about them, that's democracy!
Abdul Mohammed	Bradley Stoke, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe FOI is very vital tool that is aligned with the very ethos ,values and attributes of a Democratic country else it is not democracy but autocracy.
Marianna Benkova	Newquay, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in FOI
adrian grundy	Stoke-on-Trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politicans need to realise they work for the public and not the other way around.

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jane dugdale	Crowborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	the government have plenty to hide. No wonder they want to stop us finding out what they are up to.
Trevor Smart	Dagenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Who watches the watchmen
Deborah Porter	Lisburn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have a right to know where our money is going and what it's being used for
Trev Nowlan	Bridlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politicians can not be trusted to safeguard a fair society for all
Frances Davies	Knaphill, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have a right to know when our people are paying and for what as a democratically elected government uses those funds.
Jim Lawrence	Cusgarne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politicians often say that they are accountable ultimately at the ballot box. But only every 5 years?? Seems to most of us that we are held accountable on a daily basis when politicians of every political persuasion use their very well developed skills to avoid genuine scrutiny. People who live in this country and who are all affected by the decisions made in Government have a legitimate right to hold these people to account. Moreover, what evidence do we the voters have as to the qualifications that a newly appointed minister has with regard to making sound decisions on our behalf. The desire for influence and power should not qualify people who we depend on to run Government responsibly. With regard to the NHS as an example, surely cross party agreement should be the overriding priority in order to prevent short term political ideology holding sway.
Tony Dean	Helston, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government is a disgrace for this.
Ian Cooper	Bourton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe on the foi
alice thompson	nantwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's important to hold the government To account
Andy Jenrick	Redruth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is in everyone's interest (outside of national security) for information to be available to those who wish to see it. It can only reduce corruption and the like, and without it, the MP's who are elected to serve us and were stealing or being flexible with the rules, would still be doing it.
martin orr	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	With the government determined to snoop into all our private affairs, their determination to keep all of their dodgy dealings from public eye smacks of utter hypocrisy.
Alan Clasper	Carmel, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Parliament needs to remember they SERVE the people.
Roger Potter	Thatcham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	These people think of themselves first and the rest of us second, if we're lucky. A few deserve their Rt Honourable title but more deserve to be addressed as Rt Disgraceful.
Guy Thompson	Guiseley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Fol is a tool that allows the people of this nation to hold individuals, organisations and our government to account. This is a fundamental right and should not be interfered with.
Edward Howley	PORTHCAWL, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Disclosure is a fundamental of democracy...
Louise Farr	Gomersal, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in the accountability of MP's to the people who elected them.
Andy Smith	Birstall, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am constantly dismayed by the efforts to dismantle our basic rights, hard fought for over centuries.
Paul Gillings	Dewsbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because honest hard working people need to watch what the thieving politicians and their cronies are up to.

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mark jennings	Bournemouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	keep on rockin in the free world !!
Mark Harmer	Charlton Kings, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to be able to hold people to account and people need to know their actions are under scrutiny.
Ben Morgan	Castle Douglas, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MP's are elected by the people and for the people. The expenses scandal is a clear indicator for the need of FOI. Trust has not been restored in our political system or our politicians, so why would 'the people' of this democracy want FOI's ability to be reduced or altered!?
Andrea Ttofa	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Public sector transparency is hugely important
Sylvia Verrecchia	Motherwell, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	all MP's should be accountable for their actions secrecy means fraud in this matter.How much more do we need to take of MP's double standards
David Crompton	Sittingbourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because it is another example of state control being exerted to stop people finding out what the people we should be able to trust are actually doing - mainly helping themselves to the trough
Joe McCausland	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Most MPs are as bent as a nine bob note.
chris spendiff	Swindon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Why should these elected people be allowed to squander the peoples purse. Would my company allow me to send their money cleaning my moat. God know I would be terminated, and so should these lazy good for nothings sat on their backsides polishing wood in the house of commons
Joe Turner	Eastbourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	"You've got nothing to worry about if you've got nothing to hide"? Isn't that the excuse you're using for new privacy laws? Why is our parliament so dogged with fascism?
Brian Elderfield	Skelton-in-Cleveland, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because people on low wages are struggling and these guys get more in allowances than people I know who are struggling on wage
alan mckenzie	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government is a public body and the public have a right to know how it is governed
Lee Winterbottom	Hollingworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we have a right to see where the taxpayers money is going,
Jean Stewart	Thetford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	my taxes go towards paying MPs etc and we should know how it is spent
Andy Bowen	Handforth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Accountability is key to trust and democracy.
Sylvia Cambridge	Coulsdon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public need to know what these people who run the country are trying to hide from us i e the M P expenses.
Lynn BROWN	Kilsyth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	That is just a way of the government covering up what they are stealing. if that was you or I Police and fraud. they are lying sceeming b.....
Darren Filkins	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Government is meant to be working for the people. The government is paid for by the people. Therefore the government should be transparent about it's operations in running the country we share.
Andrew Woolley	Waterlooville, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If you show me a politician I'll show you a self seeking obfuscating, procrastinating, person whose grip on truth is tenuous
david giddins	Shortstown, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	At least to maintain the irrational belief that we live in a democracy although I know we do not!
Smallman Robert	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We are obviously NOT all in this together
Will Miles	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Of course.

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Anthony Hessler	Middle Wallop, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MPs have proved themselves again and again to be incapable of self regulation. The FOI Act is an important tool for preventing abuse of their powers. It must not be watered down.
Matt Peace	Billingborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is paramount to ensure that MP's are not able to ignore their constituents all the time.
Kris barnett	Peebles, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government and Parliament cannot be trusted, their needs to be appropriate scrutiny applied.
Matthew Pease-Bower	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of speech is a right for all and it is not your right to modify, mutilate nor manipulate that.
Geoff Burnes	Basingstoke, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This hard-won piece of legislation is a cornerstone of our ability, as citizens, to hold to account those we entrust with power on our behalf. Too much of what we like to think of as a 'democracy' is now run by and for the benefit of an unaccountable few. Any dilution of the Act is a further betrayal of trust, and yet another attempt to create a smokescreen behind which further self-serving malpractice can be hidden. If anything, the Act needs to be strengthened to add more stringent PERSONAL penalties for individual deeds, rather than letting taxpayers pay the fines on behalf of corrupt, lazy and self-serving civil servants and elected representatives.
Ren Withnell	Bolton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If you ain't done anything wrong - what you got to hide?
Daniel Fletcher	Barnsley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is a public right not a privilege
Rosalind Roberts	Benllech, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Honest people have nothing to fear from disclosure. Recent FOI disclosures re. senior police officers and managers are particularly upsetting but sadly not surprising. Thanks.
Anne Lyons	Bangor, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This Act helps prevent the misuse of public funds.
Deborah Bennett	Droitwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	everyone and everything needs to be transparent
jamie allaway	torquay, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If any government tries to remove an act such as this, this shows its true colours. Freedom of information is synonymous with real democracy.
Keith Haddock	Worthing, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politicians need to be honest and transparent
Stephen Blanchard	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to know what powerful people are getting up to!
Terry Hogan	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MPs promised to change their practices and be more open about their expenses. But this seems far from the truth. They also expect everyone else to take cuts to their incomes, but MPS, especially the ones that support the government, are not doing this themselves.
William Shepherd	Ferryhill, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The information that is normally hidden from the public should be open to scrutiny.
Donald Rines	Woodbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because as a retired journalist I fully understand the importance of access to information
ANDREW CLARKE	Northwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The rest of us are accountable so as elected leaders MP's are even more so.
Darren Smallwood	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want my taxes being put to good use and not wasted on fatcats lifestyles.
David Perry	Weybridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We are living in a 1984 state.

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pete bennison	aylesbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	it's important that we have a right to know what's being done for us and to us for the good of the country and not for some sectional interest or out of personal benefit
Peter Medwell	Broadstairs, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is precious
Kevin Nee	Stafford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If they can do what they did with the current FOI in force, what will they do if it's watered down?
paul smith	Eastbourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I don't think when the government is concerned it should be cloak an dagger.
Willi Schaefer	Cannock, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think we have a right to know
Derek Long	Canterbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We live in a world where governments serve the public not the other way around
steve ayton	Great Ayton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	These corrupt greedy parasites need to be shown for what they are
John Ford	Grantham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I
Jennifer Furness	Sprotbrough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	To weaken it would be anti democratic and open to abuse
Richard Bates	Felthorpe, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Any action undertaken by public bodies should be transparent and in the public domain. Anybody who works for a public body and that includes everyone in central or local government or who is funded by the tax payer is accountable to the tax payer.
Paul Georghiadis	Stourbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We fulfill FOI requests at work, and I see it as democracy in action. But may I just add, I didn't vote for the neo-liberal agenda, and keeping them at bay requires more than piecemeal battles to hold together bits and pieces of freedom.
robert patterson	Harlow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There needs to some method of control over this band of thieves!
Samantha Osborne	Bognor Regis, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I too have used the FOI act when I have drawn a blank asking for information directly.
Colin Walton	Port Talbot, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI act is vital in a free society.
Jill Dunley	Peacehaven, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in freedom of information.
Bryan Tanner	Fareham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politicians constantly try and hide the information that they don't want us to know.
caroline brownbill	Staffordshire, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe that the people of this country have a right to know how their money is being used.
Jonathan Coram	St Davids, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	without open --Government it is not a Democracy
Jeff walker	Blackpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe if there is nothing to hide information should be freely available unless, releasing the information would directly threaten lives.
Duncan McEachran	Dumfries, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Secrecy denies democracy. Only when we know what is really happening can we make an informed choice in elections.
Lee Tunstall	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government should be for the people and by the people, transparency helps maintain these ideals.

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Stephen Sherlock	HEATHFIELD East Sussex, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is vital for a democratic society to have this information
Graham French	Burmington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	without journos would struggle to unearth facts the govt would prefer we didn't have eg the amount in salary, bonus, pay offs and exes some some fat cats in public service are receiving
Pauline Jones	Out Rawcliffe, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	In a democracy Freedom of Information should be the right of all citizens and shouldn't be weakened. What have you to hide?
June Mathers	Halford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need transparency to root out any corruption and expenses wrong doing from people who are entrusted in public office.
Ben mayers davies	Resolven, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Mp's on the whole take the piss and abuse the system.
Tony Green	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	On the one hand the government wants increased access to information relating to the private lives of its citizens, and on the other it wants to restrict our access to information on what it is doing in our name. Pure hypocrisy.
Deryck Prosser	Llanddewi Velfrey, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is important that the public have access to information concerning things that are happening in this country
Blanche Young	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Trying to ban the FOI act shows that they have something to hide. MP's are supposed to work for us not against us.
Ann Thewliss	Carluke, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Governments and other organisations must be held to account for the good of democracy.If McCrone had been public Scotland could have been independent for years now. One cannot trust the BBC either.
terry sharpe	tamworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	they should not get away with it !!
Elmena Skeete	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I hate the MP'S hypocritical attitude to governing the less affluent in Britain today. They seems to lead by their word and not by their example. The law of the land is for us mortals but not for them.
Jack love	upper Bucklebury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I strongly agree that we as the masses have the right to find out about anything that is ours to know
Tonia maggs	Sale, cheshire, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in equality and freedom
Phil Whiting	Kendal, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we need openness honesty and transparency
Paul Sutton	Droitwich Spa, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Clearly MPs and members of the House of Lords are not to be trusted unless there is full public disclosure of their claims for financial expenditure where they make a personal claim.
Peter Risley	Wheathampstead, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Other than state security every detail of what goes on in the organisations that run this country needs to be visible to scrutiny by the public.
William Heggie	perth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Public bodies must be accountable
Thomas Jackson	Atherton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Im signing because all expenses and money claimed by any MP should be published and not hidden from the public.
James Campbell	Perth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government and Public bodies need to be accountable to the electorate, the freedom of information act helps to ensure that this will remain the case, thanks to this act the MP's expenses scandal was thankfully exposed.

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Patrick McQueenie	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	How much more freedoms are you thick fuckirs prepared to let this Government take from us I can't do much physically now but I try and print some facts. As most people will notice I was never highly educated being a child of the 50s from working class stock but I try my best. Let's get together and get this Orwellian Government out once and for All.
Thomas Perks	Blofield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Public money, that is the taxes that working people and business have to pay to the government. This money must not be allowed to be used by the political elite for their own expenditure with out full disclosure and justification
Adam Wilson	Ashgill, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This basic right to know on what our money is being spent should not be removed or weakened in any way whatsoever.
Alan Trussell	Christchurch, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We are entigtled to know what our elected MPs up to!
DAVID TANNER	Cirencester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe it helps limit corruption in governement
Alan Hart	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I do not trust the majority of POLITICIANS
Steve Kenzie	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is essential to accountability.
Lex Hooper	Worcester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	With out this we could not keep in touch with public expenditure and statistics. Which recently has become more important than ever
John McIrvine	Dundee, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There should not be anything that is done in the name of the people MPs represent that they should feel it necessary obstruct the information that the electorate wish to know about.
Ruth King	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in civil liberties and transparency and accountability
Esther Papamichael	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in freedom of information.
Denise Gregory	Portskewett, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public should be able to see how the hard working tax payers money is being spent. The only reason this review is happening is because parliament was caught red handed & they don't like it. They are NOT above the law. The money is NOT theirs to flitter away on personal property/ taxi fairs, an evening out or anything else that may have been claimed. Because of the 'expenses' that had been claimed, I think, more than EVER, the FOI act should NOT be altered in ANY way. As the saying goes 'once bitten, twice shy'. If it is altered & this information becomes unavailable to the public, it would look very, very suspicious.
Jane Mars	Southborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Public bodies should be transparent and accountable. This actsake that possible. Its removal is outrageous. Jane Mars, Tunbridge Wells. We are still outraged.
William Daniel	Chichester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MPs should not be exempt from scrutiny of their use of public money.
James Rae	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Weneed to know the truth
Ian Warburton	St. Neots, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we need to know the truth!
Richard Earle	Stockton-on-Tees, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	they are trying to change it for their protection, not mine
Terence Cullum	Chafford Hundred, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	People should know just what these "Career Scumbag Politicians" are up to, & that we the public are funding, not to mention those in The House of Lords & all the MEP's...

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dil Green	london, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI has been an important tool for transparency and accountability
JOHN EVANS	OLDBURY, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I don't trust those in MP's
james lennon	Crosby, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I need to,a basic right for all !
Jeremy Smith	Cumwhinton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in open and honest government
Roderick Buchan	Harrogate, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe that FOI is a fundamental prerequisite for open and transparent government.
Ray Houldsworth	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This type of thing has to be open to the public as freedom of information suggests.
stuart champion	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	In a time where the government are actively attacking all public sector workers, the freedom of information act is one of the few ways that we can hold politicians to account (lest they forget that they are public sector workers too).
Tony Sparrowhawk	Cowfold, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Our own freedoms are being undermined all the time and this is something that we have a right to know. It is public money and MP's have to be accountable as other public servants.
paul halloran	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I beleive in a free and oped society when those in authority can be held to account. FOI is a vital tool in this and the access should be expanded and not reduced.
Richard Williams	Aylesbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's the only hope those who cannot afford private detectives or court cases have to uncover what is really happening in national and local government organisations
Peter Whittingham	Birkenhead, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am sick and tired of the MP's attitude of "Do as I say not as I do". WE pay their wages, not the other way round...
Charles Shaw	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	As a taxpayer I have a right to know how tax is spent.
Glenn Finlay	Randalstown, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	As politics gets shadier, less transparent and more Orwellian, the FOI is one of the last bastions of institutional accountability...we must not allow this to happen
ann hoad	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is a pity that FOI has to exist but it must and it should not be limited, restricted, changed by any means that escapes public bodies from having to declare questionable practises or lack of practises and policies that bespeak of a lack of transparency. Too many occasions arise where it is vital that the public know exactly where their money goes and who to and how. The principle of honesty and transparency must remain and public bodies declare what they are doing with the public's money.
John Watson	Devauden, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is essential that this freedom is maintained to prevent a breakdown in a democratic society and subsequent issues that can be avoided
John Abbott	Kelty, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have been ripped off over many years by our servants!! Its now time it stopped. If its not them direct they are also responsible for massive payments to others I.e. The Scottish Police Force who cannot find a car that went off the road in a 200mtr stretch of road.
Tim Lewes Gibbon	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	How can we have an informed opinion or support any government policy without information?
Maria Paredes	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's the Peoples Right to Know!
Gillian Harrow	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	As a child rights activist, I'm outraged what this government is doing

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Joy Bowden	Minster on Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Im one of the people whos vote did not count
Mani Virk	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We live in a democratic country, and FOI is our right.
Ali McDonald	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because some things need to remain private.
Pedr Jarvis	DEGANWY, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I write and sometimes I need information not otherwise available.
Keith Jones	Hartlepool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The people simply cannot trust politicians to resist the temptation to steal public money if there is no taxpayer oversight on what they are using our money for. FOI must NOT be tampered with by those who stand to gain most by changing it.
Adam Barker	Warton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Ethics in Journalism.
john wilkin	Halifax, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Those we vote onto office should have nothing to hide from the people they are employed by to represent their best interests
Mike White	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Many wrong doings have been exposed because of information obtained using this act. Authorities can't hide information.
nazam ali	Oldham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because people in parliament don't know what reality is. They live in a cuckoo land. With the heads up there own arses dictating how we should live
Leo Redpath	Longridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI is there to protect Public Interests and expose wrongdoings who are elected to serve us and also those in local and national government. Why change it?
Thomas Byrne	Leyland, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There should be transparency in what our MPs do and what they claim for,
Gary Scholes	Batley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The freedom of information act is a vital tool in keeping people informed what the lying cheating scum of government do to keep their noses in the trough
John Poerscout-Edgerton	Sandown, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public have a right to know how about things that affect them. It also gives a level of independent accountability.
Jason Harper	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing because there is already little to no transparency in Government - the public is subjected to spin, smoke and mirrors and our "democracy" has already failed. Blocking FOI in any way will only continue to head our country down the road of totalitarianism. Our leadership and the public must wake up and in order to do this we need the truth and access to that truth.
Keith Barkby	Worksop, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Pure greed & diset
michael henderson	rhyl, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The best reason for signing this petition is that this government wants to weaken it, our elected representatives MUST remain accountable to their electorate.
Sylvia Cross	Chatham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	AS it's our money that they are using then they should ask us first if they can use our money, as they have not done that, then to me they have stolen our money.
Phil simons	Milton Keynes, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Common sense to keep fol
Sue Hazell	Llanwrtyd Wells, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We are entitled t know how our mon y is b lng spent.
Mark A Todd	East Sussex, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is essential for transparency. The fact that government is seeking to close this access to information is all you need to know
Colin Stewart	Kilmarnock, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The people elect the government so the people need to know what's going on.

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Dale Cox	Rotherham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If the argument if you've got nothing to hide, you have nothing to fear is used as an argument for more surveillance etc for the working man, surely that same argument can be applied to the powers that be
Iain Smart	Radcliffe on Trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Freedom of Information act is a fundamental tool of a democratic society and an essential one in the exposure of corruption and abuse in what should be government in the interests of the people. Any attempt to restrict its scope or availability can only be interpreted as an attempt to conceal corruption and waste.
Keith Bradley	Bideford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government must be transparent in its spending .
Rebecca Huyton	Dumfriesshire, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We would like to know what money is spent on MPs. Pensioners get 25p per week at age 80 it seems just greed on MPs & Lords to claim These extra expenses.
IRENE MOORE	New Malden, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because I don't trust any other than
David Betts	Lowestoft, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We the voting British public have the lawful right to have access to any information that concerns the use of our monies and by whom it is being used
Susan Rawlings	Gosport, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government has to seem to be above board in all things. We must have the right and the means to check this.
Andrew Collins	Bexley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Those in power must be able to be held accountable. The FOI allows the public to do so. If there is nothing to hide, then why change it.
Peter Robertson	Auchtermuchty, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because I believe FOI is one of the most useful pieces of legislation in recent decades.
colin taylor	new mills, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This government is a disgrace.MPs ought to try singing on!
Jane McArthur	Bothwell, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is one of the few tools the public have to make public servants accountable
Martin Gibbons	Bathgate, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because Westminster has demonstrated it cannot be trusted.
Ian Bentley	Farsley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public has a right to know what their leaders are spending. They need to be accountable.
Stewart Love	Falkirk, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	THE FOI act is there to ensure that government, both local and national, are held accountable for their actions They cannot be allowed to hide information away, that we, the taxpayer, fund
Diana Collins	Richmond, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I have used the FOI Act to get information on a local issue as it was the only way to get the information after being "fobbed" off too many times
Joe Carr chandler	Loughton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Mps are not workers they are criminals
David Metcalfe	Clydey, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public have the right to information from a service that is paid for by them. If the MP's have nothing to hide then clearly the showing of the records will confirm this. If on the other hand there are discrepancies with their expenses, then clearly this needs to be addressed as so many other systems are being made accountable for. The country cannot afford to 'keep paying for extras'. Those that run the country should lead by example, it should not be down to the pensioners etc., to be penalised and live hand to hand day by day. Pensioners yearly income from the state £6032, MP's income £60,000+, why therefore do they require expenses?

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Barry Maud	West Buckland, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing because there are many areas that are controversial and we need to see exactly what is happening. It will force more correct behaviour if it is known that we have access to their records.
Rose McFee	surrey, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There should be transparency
Anne Butters	Urmston, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need more transparency, not less!
Andrew Riley	Thurcroft, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is vital
Matthew Cromwell	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Lead by example
stephen frank william hogg	Hale, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I like many in the uk am sick and tired of politicians of all persuasions changing rules just to protect and suit themselves
stephen black	Cambuslang, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Its my right to know how were governed
phil birch	Hereford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is a vital tool and the only tool that balances up the power of citizen and the state and at least contributes to some level of transparency from those in power.
Anthony Wilkinson	Ruddington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There are those who obviously cannot be trusted.
Colin Rea	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Im signing because im sick of greedy, sleezy pms stealing money from people who genuinely need it. They should be instantly removed from office & fined £50000.
Anna Leslie	Hale, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency in government is essential
Clive Farmer	C, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want to know what public bodies are doing
Richard Thacker	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is everything.
Ron Gardiner	Sturton by Stow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's high time all information on public expenses was freely available to the public in general.
Andrew Woodgate	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in an open, free and transparent democracy
Mike Gerard	Bembridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's not just that politicians think we should be kept in the dark, but that they see it as their inalienable right to milk a corrupt system for as much as they can, even though they are being paid a small fortune and amassing huge pension pots.
Adrian Christie	Basingstoke, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Governments should be open and transparent, Other than nice surprises most secrets are nasty
Ian Sear	Bournemouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Corruption seems rife in government. They must be held accountable for their outlandish claims whilst trampling on the taxpayer.
Stephen Schneider	Bordeaux, France	2015-11-12	As a UK citizen, and furthermore with long humanitarian NGO experience, much of it involving state power and secrecy, I consider that the FOI act needs strengthening, NOT dilution. Government is not often a lucid judge of the importance of its own convenience. 'Let there be light.'
john thorne	Skewen, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Changes to the FOI are driven by self interest NOT the public interest.
Dorothy Merriman	Ramsgate, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing this because I live in a democracy and cannot make good decisions without truthful information on which to base them. Also, to keep our politicians honest (as much as possible).
Patricia hearn	Rhuddlan, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We the public have as much rights to see what wages what legislation these criminal mp get up to ... Transparency at all times

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Darren Hunter	Shap, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government watch us so we should watch them
Robert Layton Layton	Hillside, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MP's must be held to account
John Kilburn	Easingwold, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because I can't think of any democratic reason for secrecy
Lily Lambart	Romford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I have a right to know what and how public money is spent
Robert McCrorie	Uxbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Without FOI, many of the public financial shenanigans would not have emerged, and the general public would have continued to be duped by shysters.
David Simpson	Clunderwen, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe the system is served better with FOI.
Philippa Morgan	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It seems to me more essential than ever that people have access to information, so much goes on behind closed doors and that is only going to get worse. How can you a democracy when people are prevented from knowing what's going on?
Elsie Kelly	Pontefract, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because it's wrong the way our so called MPs our using our money for their own ends
Ljiljana Holmes	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Leave the Press well alone.
Phil Tong	Eastbourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This Act has become a cornerstone for transparency in government, and I am suspicious of any government wishing to curtail this.
Nick Ricketts	Exmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Without the necessary information, it is not possible to hold the executive accountable, which can lead to the loss of other freedoms
Dave Graham	Gateshead, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	As we know our peers aren't whiter than white and need to face the music if they behave in an illegal and unethical manor.
I'm David Burt	Bournemouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to know information which would otherwise be with held
Martin Teefy	Rick, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because the MPs should not be able to hide their activities by changing laws to suit themselves
Ernest Bradley	Nether Haugh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This type of information needs to be in the public domain as we as tax payers are paying for these expenses and they should therefore be accountable.
Antony Steventon	Tipton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's unfair all this secrecy
Brian Mackie	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Accountability for the waste of taxpayers money and freedom from secret deals.
Jeff Cane	Piccotts End, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Due to bad apples in all ways of life , especially civil servants they should be made visible to ALL!! Also they should lose their jobs AND have no severance settlement this should be written into their contracts and WATER TIGHT in law .. People such as "shosmith" .. Can't bring myself to even spell right, should never be rewarded ,,a national shame !!
Bertram Coleman	Chelmsford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	information is essential in a democracy
John Allsopp	Nannerch, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because I don't want the authorities behind some thinly veiled protection that FOI penetrates
Alasdair Corrigan	Johnshaven, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	You guys are trying to hide things!
Anthony Bragg	Reigate, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Hubris gets to every government

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Neil Spence	Littleover, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If we are funding it, we should be able to know about what is going on in it
Dave Neale	Darwen, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If there is no freedom of information then we enter into a dictatorship, where the leader of the country decides what we can or can not have knowledge of. This means that without the FOI the government have the power to do what they want without the risk of anyone finding out.
neil wilson	Shoreham-by-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is vital that citizens are informed about how our employees (politicians) are making decisions, so that we can still claim to be democratic.
Yan Ellis	Devizes, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI is the last remaining vestige and tool left not only to the 'truth seeking journalist' but the very last meaningful weapon left in the armoury of the individual citizen seeking justice. Please safeguard it for ever.
Paul Law	Chorleywood, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If they want to make it harder to access information, it means they've got a hell of a lot to hide.
Graham Martin	Denton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	that's what's happened to the money paid in by tax and national insurance,
clive bibby	ross on wye, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Don't like unaccountable state employees
Sandra Jacob	Guisborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	if the politicians were honest, there would be more money used for much needed resources instead of unnecessary perks by the greedy you know who's.
Brian Hewitt	Gateshead, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI act should be able to be used by everyone. If they have nothing to hide they should not be afraid.
Sharon Mckay	Sedlescombe, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	3 Years ago i had an accident at work caused by a customers child running into me resulting in a fractured neck of right femur & a compact distal fracture of my right radius it was all caught on CCTV but i could not get the mothers name as nectar Would not give it to me no body at work thought to get the mothers name the union told me it was my responsibility but i could hardly jump up & get the mothers details consequently i received no compensation & no one i have spoken to can understand why a big company did not treat me better i have since left as the pain in my hip is constant & they were not at all sympathetic
John Milliken	Randalstown, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	All public representatives must be accountable to the public about spending
Heidi Edgely-Beraud	Basingstoke, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I don't want our rights trampled on
Alan Hughes	Brixham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because the FOI Act has repeatedly revealed improper behaviour that needs to be exposed to public scrutiny.
Claude Daniel	Clifford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is stealing from the public purse when MPs misuse public money
Barbara Spencer	Bedford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We should all want to keep the FOI because accessing it to highlight problems in any area is commonsense. The only people running scared are the grabbers who have abused their positions. Shame on them.
Andrew Monks	Fleetwood, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Information should be open to all, keep the Freedom of Information Act.
Darren Cooper	Woking, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom is power. ...
Nati Yanguas Ramos	Woking, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is the way to go
Alan Woods	Blackburn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe very strongly about freedom of information, especially as the lying dishonest politicians cannot be trusted!
Duncan Green	Southport, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	im signing because I can, will it stop them, no. but at least we tried

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Gordon Yates	Wolston, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is the cornerstone of democracy. The electorate must have confidence that their representatives are scrupulous in their dealings. Only those with fingers in the till need to fear FOI.
Marcus Andrews	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is a vital tool to keep many companies and politicians honest, as well as allow investigation into other public services and areas of interest. Please protect it and do not water it down in any way!
Paula Houschild	Clayton-le-Woods, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	People spending public money must be accountable jto the public
Kerry Walker	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It seems all politicians are crooks, guilty until proven innocent!
Jamie Mcmillan	Banbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is an attempt at a further erosion of our freedom's
Peter Hall	Nelson, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is an essential check on all organisations and government departments
Anne Harvey	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Freedom of Information Act must remain just that - MP's should NOT be exempt. They should also keep their hands off public money and should be subject to work ethics to which every UK citizen is subject.
wendy adams	whitley bay, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is fundamental to ensuring accountability by both those we elect & those employed to run our vital services.
Katy Wallis	Walkford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Information is important to the people as we don't have the luxury of trusting our elected leaders.
Barry Franklin	Basingstoke, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency in government is vital to a good democracy.
Phil Jones	Aberdulais, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	As a supposed "free" society we cannot let the public school boys who laughingly run this country cover their tracks when they do wrongs by the public they are supposed to be working for. History has taught us to be constantly suspicious of our MP's, the only reasoning they can have to stop FOI is they have more to hide.
Miguel Hutchison	Dundee, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FoI makes public bodies funded by public money accountable. Without it, things like the MP expense scandal happen - and Lord only knows what else.
Richard Rogers	Martham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Public servants should do nothing of which they are ashamed for the public to know about. If it doesn't pass that test then they probably shouldn't be doing it.
gillian harrison	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing because I am a freelance journalist and freedom of information is a basic need.
David Storey	York, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Time to stop this erosion of our freedoms. What on earth did our countrymen die on the battlefields for? Stop the rot you scheming charlatans.
Jonathan Wallace	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Open government is an essential cornerstone of democracy but in the past governments of all political persuasions have been able to hide behind secrecy to prevent the electorate knowing what was really being done. The FOI was a great step forward to more transparent and open government and it has on numerous occasions proven its worth as a means for journalists and ordinary citizens to obtain information that would otherwise have been hidden and which has allowed us to hold our representatives to account more effectively at all levels of government. It would be a huge retrograde and anti-democratic step to implement any measures that weaken the access to information currently afforded by the Act.
Des Jackson	Redmarley D'Abitot, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think information should be available except where National security is involved.

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Chris Anderson	Burgess Hill, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Our MPs, by their own actions, have proved that the Freedom of Information act is necessary if the public are to have any trust in what is being decided in their name.
Elizabeth Watkins	York, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We deserve a government that is open and honest which I feel a large amount are not. We deserve the know the truth if they have nothing to hude
Antony Crowder	Darley Dale, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I don't trust politicians
Gary Southall	Wolverhampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Press freedom is a pillar of a true democracy.
Michael Kelly	Sittingbourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The law must not be weakened
Patrick Methold	Cowes, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have the right to know what our money is being spent on!
STEPHEN HODGE	Gobowen, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Most politicians do not live in the real world. They haven't got a clue how ordinary people live. It's about time their pay was linked to the average wage, twice, three, or whatever times that. But NO expenses, NO subsidised meals, NO travel expenses, absolutely NO extras whatsoever.
Philip Hellawell	Bacup, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The good guys have nothing to hide.
Ray Murphy	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Ever vigilance
Rod McKenzie	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is an important freedom in a democracy where elected and public servants need to be accountable and held to be so!
Valerie Newman	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I do not agree that this should be undermined in any way, shape or firm!
SP OLIVER	Charlton Kings, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Those with nothing to hide have nothing to fear from public scrutiny of information generated at public expense in the name of the public good. No governing should confuse or conflate their self-determined political interests with their obligation to serve the public good on behalf of all. The government which seeks to limit their public accountability, whether by structural means or by legislative instrument, is not only well on the way to becoming a self-serving autocracy but they also forsake any claim they may have had to be working towards enhancing and extending the public good ahead of their party and personal interests. The lessons of history teaches us this.
Neil Smith	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MPS are (or should be) accountable to the people who pay their salaries
Brendan Staples	Sandown, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We should be able to see what are government spends OUR monies on
Zuza Mobius	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is a flagship of British Values - it empowers ordinary people to actively engage in good citizenship. Compare and contrast to the 'snoopers charter' this government is trying to implement.
Ian Craig	Gourdon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I know people using FOI
GAVIN REES	Glynneath, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I BELIEVE 100%
Merv Rogers	Howden, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Sound like a 'get out of jail card' for greedy MPs.
John Owens	Weybridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public should have access to details of the government's practices.
Karen Kelly	Brierley Hill, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think as a democracy transparency in public life is essential.

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Lisa Payne	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI is a really important tool to ensure fair democracy. Clearly there are some borderline cases but in general public organisations should not want/need to fear disclosure
Shaun Oliver	Helmdon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing this because of corruption in the old boy network
Philip Spicksley	Barton-upon-Humber, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	To change it would be immoral
john maguire	East Ayrshire, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	to have the rite to free speech and to b able to express my views without prosecution
Cissy Casson	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Government should be open to scrutiny at ALL TIMES. NOTHING WHATSOEVER SHOULD BE HIDDEN.
Islam Khan	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	H
George Purshouse	Poole, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The state want to gide embarrassing information from the general public, information we have a right to know as their paymasters, something that they prefer to forget ir ignore.
Alan Watkins	Burgess Hill, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think the public have the right to know.
Edward Rowe	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's disgusting to stop Freedom of information, information should be free
Richard Collins	Staines-upon-Thames, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe the Freedom of Information Act has brought a great deal, which those unwilling to reveal,of information that would be hidden from those who are entitled to see it.
Alan Mcghee	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This act is vital in keeping the public purse free from money grabbing MPs it also helps keep complete transparency with the government and the public
Joanne Marsden	Hexham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in freedom of all information
John Collins	West Bridgford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The expenses scandal says it all - we should have an elected body that wants to be transparent, that wants to demonstrate they are holding themselves accountable to basic honourable and ethical principles - without this we have the European Parliament!!
Kieran Judge	Dolanog, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Big Brother much?
Stuart Dunn	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	All public servants must be held to account for their actions and the spending of our money. Where they are found to have transgressed they should face prosecution.
Saul Fowler	Lewes, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I value the transparency on public affairs that FOI gives to British citizens.
Derek Gardham	SIDMOUTH, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	As a nation we have fought and died for freedom. It should not be taken away because a few individuals want their slime trail to be covered up.
Barry Clinch	Kirk Ella, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Secrecy breeds corruption.Those in power need to be under constant scrutiny by the people.
david Fulford	Cleobury Mortimer, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It will be an abuse of power and a threat to transparency if the FOI is weakened. Shame on you.
John Carpenter	Wokingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need protection from crooks
Andrew Menikides	Wales, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Clarity is always the best way forward...and I wouldn't trust this government to engage in clarity, in fact for clarity they read 'spin.'

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Philip Burbidge	Thornton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I do not wish to see the FOI act eroded or diluted in any way.
cllr steve selby	Wakefield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	because public figures are using the information at there leisure .but matters of national defense should have its own act
Mark Gillette	Aberdare, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	What are they trying to hide? The truth obviously! I don't want to live in a fascist state.
Mark Anderson	Walsall, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency in the way the country is run is essential to keep people in certain positions honest
Fitto Alamsyah	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's the right and just thing to do in a supposedly democratic country like the UK.
Mary Rawitzer	London N6 5SF, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because there can be no good reason for interfering with the process that exists and has proved it's value. It could be made more open, but it certainly doesn't need any extra restrictions on using it, except by people who do not want their electorate to actually know what they are doing
Martin Wester	Burton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need this information because what is being spent is our money
Dr Robert	Skelmersdale, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I do not agree with unlightened, non-realised individuals controlling society at any level.
john vyse	Lewes, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	<p>In a democracy, the truth has to be paramount...and the people have a paramount right to be able to access the truth rather than only being allowed to see what higher authorities deem they should see.</p> <p>Obviously areas such as confidential military secrets etc will (and should be exempt) from this.</p> <p>But where the general ,day-to-day facts are concerned, a healthily informed public is far preferable to a public kept mysteriously in the dark.</p> <p>Therefore the Freedom of Information is a key plank in a democracy's foundations and should never be weakened.</p> <p>If state officials have nothing to hide they equally have nothing to fear from being accountable and that is why I am signing this petition to ensure that Britain's policy decision makers do not feel tempted to regress to a point where keeping the public well informed is seen as bad whereas keeping the public in the dark is seen as preferable.</p> <p>If I wanted to live in a State where secrecy and duplicity were regarded as acceptable I would more to North Korea.</p> <p>I just hope British officials continue to act as morally upright as possible. The alternative would be deplorable.</p> <p>Signed...John Vyse.</p>
Sharon Munro	Aberdeen, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because transparency supports integrity and anti oppressive practice
Robert Dagg	Huddersfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Without this we would never have known about MP's fiddling their expenses.
Douglas Redman	Runcorn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing this because I believe that Freedom of Information is a human right.

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Andrew Stevens	Northampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We pay for them - we should have a right to know what is going on
Robert Jarvis	Crawley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The publics right to know shows openness by our elected members. If they want hide something that should be in the public domain then I won't vote for them, it really is that simple.
Patricia Hirst	Farnborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The misuse of public money goes on. The FOI needs to be strengthened and continued to expose corruption and misappropriation of funds.
John Wood	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It should be public Knowledge and accountable
John Wyatt	York, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is vital to our democracy to have access to information.
Fiona Letherby	Bridgend, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public have a right to this information and to know how outer taxes are spent.
Marion Thomson	Maldon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I have used this service in my role as chairman of our local residents association
Marlene Blower	Penkridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I totally agree
david ackerman	weymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Everyone should be accountable for their actions.
Liz Holmes	Carsphairn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think everyone is aware things go on within the government that the public are totally unaware of. Bearing in mind the government and all members of the house of Commons are our public servants ie we elected them and it is our money that pays them, it seems they are unaware of this. The FOI is vital for transparency and to be answerable to the public who put them in their positions of responsibility.
john allen	st albans, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	every one should be held accountable and not be exempt from public scrutiny,particularly if they have been voted into a position of trust and acting in the name of the people
Ewan MacDonald	Aberdeen, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have a right to know what public money is being used by MPs for
ted Harley	Castle Gresley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I hate it that people we elect think they are a law to themselves
christopher storey	Barnsley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	because we should what others know about us
Mike Douglass	Coddington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing because it is the public's right to know what is going on, what has gone on.
Patricia Kupelian	Normanton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If we loose freedom of information this 'democratic country' will gradually become a dictatorship
David Gould	Aspull, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's a right for the public to know,what goes on with the money,and what it goes on with it,cause some of the expenses the politicians spend it on,is a complete joke,and the public deserve to know.
Jen Edwards	West Kirby, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Mps are theiving sods. The poor can't even have full benefits without declaring everything down to their underwear size. Bedroom tax. Reduced tax credits to families and public money funds 2nd homes etc we have to commute and pay our way to work and not have a 2nd residence paid for by taxes. This system should be policed and audited so much more than it is. Joke!! FOR nreds to stay.

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Jeff Wilton	Wimborne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is vital that the public has a way to extract information from corporations and individuals who are reluctant to give it. It is the only way we can bring people to book when they do something wrong.
Stephen Waring	Halifax, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	In a democracy the people need to know what's going on.
James arnott	Chapelhall, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Justice needs to prevail
sean hamilton	Londonderry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	its our right, you work for us the public,
Paul Timms	Stratford-upon-Avon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is needed by the public to check on their employees
Charlie Burns	Weymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Just as everyone else is liable to requests under the FOI act does not exempt MP's. By their unwillingness to cooperate shows that there may very well be some skeletons in their cupboards.
Malcolm Bishop	Bransgore, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This information is key to discovering underhand and dishonest aspects of our government and local authorities. It must be kept.
Tony Cox	Fair Oak, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is the only way to have the facts to hold the government and public bodies to account. It will help root out incompetence and malpractice.
Ann Marnoch	Forfar, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I agree with the sentiments expressed. I feel that the government needs to be held to account on this matter.
Barbara Scott	Cwmbran, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe as a citizen of this country that I have a right to know things that affect our society. An ever secretive system is sinister.
Derek George	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because we are all humans and we will make mistakes. We need to ensure that everyone is aware that they will be independently checked and analysed. Our taxes are hard earned and must not be wasted.
Michael Rittig	Long Eaton, Derbyshire, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because the FOI is an essential tool of democracy against secretive governments
Peter Minting	Helensburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Without FOI the state can get away with anything!
John Steer	Southend-on-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public have every right to know how their money is used, whether it's income tax, VED from their motor vehicle or anything else they buy. We know that it all goes into one big pot for good/needs of the country, it is not for MP's to spend on their personal whims.
Victor Rogerson	Horseman's Green, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because I agree with it
John Brown	Auchinleck, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Truth is the best answer.
Patricia Groom	Walsall, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	our politicians need to be seen as honest, the workings transparent, we need more integrity
Anthony Best	New Inn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because the FOI Act is the most effective way that the public and the press can ensure that corruption, nepotism and fraud are not being performed by the 'elite' who think they are above the law and are not bound by the rules which bind the rest of us. I do not belong to any group.
Iris Jamieson	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because we are supposed to be living in the age of transparency. There will be no transparency without the Freedom of Information Act.
Mark Deveney	Steeton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information remains in the public interest as a means of keeping our elected and non-elected officials accountable.

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Anjana Radhakrishnan	Broughton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in FOI
steve geary	Kettering, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is the bleach of honesty.
Andre Rose	Todmorden, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is important to our democracy!
James bending	Lincoln, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think it is a key power to retain so that we can continue to hold the elected and unelected to account
Gary Connor	North Tyneside, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The foi is essential in maintaining accountability and transparency in government.
Saima Kanwal	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Disgraceful n disgusting behaviour, n to top it off thy dont even work hard, half are asleep in house parliaments, the money should b spent on public services, of course they dont want us to know. Demand full disclosure always
Paul Stray	Chesterfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Public should be kept fully informed of what our MPs are doing/or not for us
John cleaver	Tipton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I like transparent politics
Salim Bawa	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI must stay on .
Daniel Hewson	Hastings, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in Freedom.
Michael Hall	Coulsdon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The only reason that changes are being proposed is to cover up the greed of politicians and many of the public sector bosses who otherwise escape scrutiny.
John Gallagher	Coulsdon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There are too may public institutions abusing using data protection and FOI to avoid public accountability. We see scandal after scandal all the time.
John Winter	Isleworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government should be open with any information that doesn't affect national security. Whatdo they need to hide?
Peter Topping	Chatham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If there is nothing wrong why hide it? However, as it seems they want to hide the truth, that tells me they are pursuing illegal acts & deeds.
Jamie George	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The 'cover up' coterie of politics needs to end
David olner	Northampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to know when abuses are taking place .. even poor pig heads
Jon Davies	Ynysddu, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government work for the people, and we deserve to know what they're doing. They should lead by example
Tom Duff	Gravesend, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is a conscience for those who use public money and for those who make decisions in our name. It is the means by which we, the public, can challenge and hold to account those who hold public office. Any changes to it will result in suspicion that those people have something to hide and such changes to the legislation would afford them the method by which to succeed. If the public can't hold public servants to account, who will?
Rosemary Bennett	Brixham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I can't trust politicians to speak the truth - let alone spend our money.
Paul Cannon	Bracknell, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	All information should accessible to all. Public figures should be accountable to its citizens.
Helen Naylor	Chadderton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Government are taking advantage of us, the working public.
Kevin Randall	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We all need to take an interest in revealing sharp practices by public servants

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james tower	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	i agree with the proposition
Danielle Jerrom	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want to and I agree
Charlotte Frimpong	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's our right to know the truth!
Catherine Brett	Hazel Grove, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public have a right to question where our money is spent and more than that that it is spent wisely.
Peter Brown	Farnborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to know where our money is spent
richard lewis	erith, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It takes the Piss
keith stanley	Burntisland, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This information should be in the public domain to stop the MP's from doing wrong
Grahame Bellamy	Boston, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Bit by bit they are eroding our freedoms
John Mercer	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is vital to a democratic society
Denise Savage	Seaford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing this petition because the FOI Act helps to prevent the suppression of democracy by those in power.
Peter Kitchin	Ulverston, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe it's the major factor in the public getting to know what the establishment are trying to hide and bury.
John Leonard	Falkirk, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is an important issue in a free society.
sean Patterson	Dundee, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Don't let them hide their dirty laundry, the very fact that they want to weaken our right to know all information surely implies hidden agendas?
Michael harley	glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Mps cut cut cut, then award themselves huge pay increases. Why cant they do the job for 12000 per year with no expenses, that would bring them back down to earth
Jude Potts	Portsmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is an essential tool of honest, fair governance
Lyndon Westwood	Kingswinford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They spy on us enough. What are they trying to hide?
David Domingos	Corby, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	why not? something to protect ourselves with MORE INFORMATION.
alan green	whitby, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The rich and powerful tend to cling to what they have by any means, including the withholding of the truth. Diluting the FOI act would be in their interests but protecting it is definitely in ours.
Feargus Cooney	Falmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Tampering with this act would be a clear sign of a lack of trustworthiness in our politicians. If you've nothing to hide, you've nothing to worry about!
Rebecca Latham	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because it's important that nothing is kept hidden from the general population. I feel I have a right to know regarding any decisions made by MPs and parliament. Please do not forget that you are there to represent the people. Thank you
Brian Richards	Huntly, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	there are three groups of people i do not trust ,POLITICIANS BANKERS, AND SOLICITORS, you could not trust any of them
Ian Walton	Sedgefield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government should be open to scrutiny if it has nothing to hide.
Vivienne Ling	Rochdale, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Having seen examples of wasting public money by paying off failing managers in NHS, police and education I expect to be informed how MY money is spent - these people have more than most any way and are rewarded for failure. If public bodies have nothing to hide then they should support this. NO MORE "THEY WERE WITHIN THE RULES" - let us start being a moral nation again.

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dame hyndman	Southend-on-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Two reasons: 1.Heather Brookes 2.MP's expenses. Parliament fought tooth and nail NOT to let us see what they were claiming. They do not want us to know what they are up to but are perfectly happy snooping in to our business. This is why we need the FOI.
Jennie Waugh	Berwick upon Tweed, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is essential to get facts.
Stephanie Valentine	Prestonpans, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want to make a difference
Stephen Peaty	Ilford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Why should we not see it we pay them to work for us we should be able to see what they are up to
Paul hogan	Deal, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We the people us humans are frightened that we are being ruled by greedy bullies who do not think of others but themselves. Slavery and inhumain Acts of torture of our minds.
Jonathan Lee	Stafford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government will use this to try and cover up their various dodgy dealings. These should be brought to light, not hidden from the electorate.
Melvyn Thorn	Sturton by Stow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Freedom of Information Act is the only means the general public has of holding government and private organisations accountable for their actions, as without it there would be very little chance of any necessary information coming to light. The Act already holds sufficient safeguards and limitations to prevent much information coming into the public domain. Sensative information such as that for national security is also protected. There is therefore no need to amend or weaken the Act.
Lucas Charylo	Fulbourn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I thought its a different Heather but oh well...! ;-)
John White	Maldon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Getting fed up with them taking everything,and they don't won't you to know.
James Boakes	Horley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Everyone should be accountable for their actions and the public have a right to know.
Charles Green	Wellingborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government is necessary but not to be trusted.
Michael Stokoe	Kirn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Only greedy money grabbers who are exploiting the system have anything to fear from the FOI Act. Its in their best interests to change it to enable them to avoid scrutiny.
Daniel London	Leatherhead, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is an important issue, it helps keep government more open. We need an open government not secret government making decisions for themselves and not for the people
Thomas Norris	LEIGH, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I feel this is an important act to protect. It can be used to reign in excesses by Local Authorities especially over high wages and management overstaffing
Allan Bland	Ellon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is in the public interest to have the FOI Act the way it is at present.
mohammed arif	bradford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government are not beyond approach and at times of austerity tax payers live within their means, why should politicians live beyond theirs on our hard earned tax

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Ute Cooper	Comberbach Nr Northwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	without the freedom of the public checking on their representatives there is no democracy.
Philip Timms	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	All power corrupts - lack of transparency corrupts absolutely
Per oszadlik	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency in public life is vital in order to foster accountability.
Simon Carney	Southend-on-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	As a long-standing public servant I have often moaned about the work that such requests can generate. However, its value to society is huge and I'd rather the extra work than the alternative!
Lisa Wood	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is important to me
Alan Hancock	maldon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Democracy needs a free flow of information to work
Simon Lawrence	Lancing, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Snoopers charter and now this? Seriously? No thanks.
Colin Dow	Birkenhead, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politicians and government are servants of the people. It is ludicrous to have the 'employer' to be kept unaware of the mis/conduct of their 'employees', the non/actions or information and certainly honest and full replies to direct inquiries.
Malcolm Pemble	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	A true democracy must allow all simple and easy access to how public bodies arrive at their decisions they take. The great thing about FOI is that anyone can request that information.
Adam Fairris	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We are a democracy. Our government shouldn't be Us and Them. Our government shouldn't be a secretive organisation unaccountable to its citizens. Nor should citizens entire lives be open books for the government to snoop through at its leisure.
mike doherty	hampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I agree. We need freedom of information in order to stay free.
Serena Cowles	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have little confidence in MPs as it is, without them hiding even more from us!
Alex McLeish	Dreghorn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Right thing to do
james elliot	ryde, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I agree with every citizens fundamental right, for our "elected" leaders to show what they do with the authority given to them, and to be accountable.
Nick Goy	Beckenham, Kent, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I have been active in local government planning and other issues. Both locally and nationally the public need to know what decisions, actions and expenditure are going on in their names.
Ross Gallacher	East Kilbride, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	People have a right to information that is in the publics interest to be common knowledge
David Foster	Purley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe the government should be open about its action and expenses. I only reason to hide the information would be because they cannot justify the expenditure. The pulpit must be allowed to call it representatives to answer for their actions. Otherwise we do not live in a democracy.
Bill Tinsley	Rufford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Personal Reasons
james stott	Mintlaw, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Thief 's,Shame on them.
Catherine Livett	Dagenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Hands off
Julie Peel	South Shields, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. We now live in the 21st century.

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johanna mc guinness	Londonderry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I have the right as has everyone to know where our money is going and what its being used for we are now still paying for the mistakes in banking that this government has allowed.so i as a tax payer beleive that through this act everyone has to answer to the tax payer
Greg Whitfield	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is essential for holding our elected representatives to account.
Sheila Hunt	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I feel FOI is an essential part of any democracy.
Martin Carroll	Rotherham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They get away with enough,any normal working man/woman normally have to pay for there own expenses.we have one of the most corrupt political systems in the world,and it needs to stop.
Michael Mead	Welling, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Crooked politicians still on the fiddle
Karis Dowsell	Cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is an important guarantor of our democracy.
gregg Murray	Carlton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We should not be separate from Government in a democracy.
William Pimlett	Ford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MP"s should be as transparent in their expenses claims as we are required to be in business and with our tax relief with HM Revenue.
Robert Glenn	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because I believe we are entitled to know what is going on with our money and what it is being spent on
Daniel Fieldsend	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They're becoming totalitarian.
Mark Martin	Ashleworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI was a step forward, this change will be a step backwards. The FOI protects the weak from the strong.
Paul Hibbert	Sutton-in-Ashfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because the Government want to know everything we do,why shouldn't we know what there upto
Rebekah Henriques	Barnet, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Everyone deserves to know the truth if we are to sustain our status as a democratic country.
Phillip Richards	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we need to keep things open
David Davies	Canvey Island, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in open government.
John Clarke	Durham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I feel that transparency is vital in a true democracy
Darren Holmes	Exeter, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We are supposed to be a democracy freedom of information is an essential component in holding our elected representatives to proper account
Stacey davis	Lowestoft, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	s.davis
Helen Walker	Shrewsbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We must do everything we can to keep what governments are doing transparent and fair. They are doggedly pursuing so called "cheats". So must we.
Dean Cornwall	Cheadle, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	All government should be accountable for there actions. Information should be free to the public if requested. They work for us
Charles Francis	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	As soon as parliament trys to sheild information from the public I begin to wonder why. We need to be reassured by information being freely available that all is well with the government, MPs, Whitehall etc etc
Mark Rutherford	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I agree with this cause
Sue barton	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have the right to know.
Warren Speak	Sudbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If the state can spy on us, we should at least have the ability to see what they are doing!

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Debra Moore	Sunderland, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If we pay for anything we have a right to know what we are paying for especially money from the public purse.
Keith Greenhalgh	Paignton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we the taxpayers are entitled to know how our taxes are being spent especially when it comes to MP's fleecing the public purse
Daniel Callaghan	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	No one is above the law especially politicians. They give themselves a pay rise every year but expect the rest of us to struggle on zero hours contracts or seasonal work. This is both undemocratic & also unacceptable.
colin cooper	rochester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	freedom of information act is an important act that reveals when politicians are being or have been corrupt, and or are abusing their positions of power.
Richard Ensor	Hull, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	To protect against cover ups
sonia hansford	Westergate, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Why should well paid people be able to claim expenses when low paid people can't and weirdly enough, low paid people need more help than well paid people. Go figure that one out.
David Gay	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because in a democratic state we need to have openness and honesty. Most of all we need it in those with power, including those who we elect to represent us.
dermot curley	derry city, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The freedom of information Act should not be interfered with.....its the only act the people have to keep an eye on what the government and other departments are doing.....
Stephen Francis	Skipton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because too much in this country is done in secrecy to protect vested interests rather than the public interest
Eliot Ross	Lowestoft, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The freedom of information act is in place to protect all of us and so we can see how our leaders are 'representing' us.
D,J, Ramsbottom	Rochdale, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	How do you know when a politician is lying??? ;-)
Dan Mills	gloucester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	What else are the government hiding if they now want to weaken after they get caught out.
Garry Stafford	Canterbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I signing this petition because I believe freedom of information is central and fundamental to the whole idea and actuality of democracy.
Sheena hind	Dewsbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This country would be richer and better off if the top nob lived a normal life instead of wasting our money.
Bradley Elliott	Pytchley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public deserve the right to obtain knowledge on what the sneaky government are doing with OUR money.
Eric Sutherland	Dingwall, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I don't want those politicians being able to hide any more of their secrets than they already do.
Iain Duncombe	Richmond, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need transparency
Sheila Wilson	Bourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am sick of the culture of MPs and other public services jumping on the gravy train of public finances if this did not happen the health service etc would be in a better state
Kay jones	Torrington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is in the public interest to keep this exactly as it is
Fiona Flowerdew	Worthing, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Public spending should be transparent
Jasmine Menezes	40a hill street, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is an essential feature of a healthy democracy

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Ken Jones	Cleethorpes, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	this government is eroding citizen rights and prefers to keep its activities secret; a democratic society has to be an open society
Dorcas Haslam	Crowle, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Good governance requires transparency and accountability to the electorate.
Azizur Rahman	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's in the NAME freedom of information
David Caley	Ramsgate, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Far too much corruption, theft and abuse dished out by those in power. They must be kept accountable
chris moles	romney marsh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	continued transparency and openness in all public matters is paramount
Lawrence Dunbar	Wrexham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	its in the public interest
Gordon Coale	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	A foi request is a critical tool that allows the public to trust the government and other state bodies.
Brett Haskell	wimborne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Its the right thing for humanity.
Charlotte Hocking	Westbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's important the government we elect can be truly held accountable and not hide from us.
Angus Girvan	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	As tax payers we have a right to know what MPs are claiming. They are very good at wasting our money on themselves. Under no circumstances should the FOI be tampered with.
Michael Smith	Horsley Woodhouse, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	to ensure that the Act continues to allow for the release of internal discussions at local and central government level when there is a public interest in doing so not to seek to create any new veto powers over the release of information not to introduce charges for Freedom of Information Act requests or appeals.
Manuel Ruiz-Adame	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing this because, to put it simple, ANY public employee is paid thanks to all taxes and contributions to ational insurance we all pay. Therefore, we have the absolute righ to know how much ANY public employee is being paid towards ANY expenses, includig their salaries and bonuses & pensions, if any.
Ellie Heath	Birkenhead, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want t to know where my money goes ,this government is an absolute disgrace how date they think they can get away with stopping us from knowing what our money is used for ,get real you fat cats "
David Coombes	Newcastle-upon-Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is an essential part of democracy.
Helen Hopps	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Why should there be secrets if there's nothing wrong happening?
lee ramsey	Newton Aycliffe, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing this petition cos as I believe all MP,s should be accountable for their activity. Its just a shame hardly any got prosecuted for fraud as most of us would have been
Pippa Hartwell	Teddington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I have a foi pending with info commissioner and I hope to get to the truth!!
Ken Duerdin	Worcester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MPs should not need to hide information from the public if they do need to hide information the should not be MPs
John Cryer	Littleborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	As a tax payer I feel the government and other authorities should be Totally transparent

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Jessamine Ainsworth	Old Tupton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing this petition because the Government has no right to stop the British Public from seeing what they are doing with OUR money. Our democracy is continually being undermined these days and I am sick of the type of politicians we have today. They are undemocratic, dangerous and self serving.
Kathleen Stewart	Bathgate, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe honesty and transparency is the hallmark of good governance.
Durham Bubb	Clevedon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we need to know !
Michelle Barber	Barrow upon Humber, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is a fair law and fairness no longer seems to be part of this country.
Susan Gould	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing because, sadly, we cannot trust our MPs to tell the truth unless they are required to by law.
Martin Toseland	LONDON, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Information is a right in a democracy and accountability is non-negotiable
Bob Shand	Alexandria, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to keep all levels of government and public bodies transparent and accountable.
Owen McCarney	Penrith, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Information is key
melvin Thomas	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	it is a basic human right.
Andrew Fielding	Winsford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing this because I believe in open government.
Garry taylor	Dormansland, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It needs to be signed
Jan Linnett	Berkeley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because I have paid tax all my life - surely this buys me the right to know how it is spent!
Nicola Howarth	Wimborne Minster, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want to know where my money is being spent and what on.
Diana Sims	Chipping Sodbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Public servants need to be accountable.
Derek Moore	Southport, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI doesn't go far enough with some government departments hiding behind so called data protection laws
Suzanne Exley	Sandhurst, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If the FOI rights are restricted further than there existing legislation many of the scandals of public and private entities would not have been exposed. The recent government has made significant changes in legislation to prevent reasonable enquiry, investigation and accountability. As supposedly the representatives of the general public, and not the puppets of public or private entities, it should be inconceivable they would support reduced freedom to information. Rather they should be champions of positive practice and facilitating accountability which will not be aided by the proposed changes.
john foulds	Swinton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI is a tool which (hopefully) keeps in line those who may stray if it did not exist.
Michael Rollison	Cockermouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Whatever else may be used as an excuse, surely the only real reason for weakening the FOI act, or imposing high charges, is to allow embarrassing information to be hidden from public scrutiny.
Waheed Suleman	Middlesbrough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is upmost important for upholding our democracy and being able to have access to information and all information ensures we are able to question people we hold Assalam alikom brother, I got the exemption letter from the Uni. If you are free, we go this afternoon together responsible for making decisions that affect us as individuals.

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Sherry Dickinson	Ashford Kent, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Such information must not be hidden from interested parties. Organisations acting honestly have nothing to fear from the truth coming out.
R MURRAY	Wombourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Agree
Tim McCarthy	Broughty Ferry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because we should be able to control wayward MPs and their prolific use of taxpayers' money.
Craig Robertson	Inverness, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government should be held accountable for their actions and not be allowed to bury facts from us.
john vallas	Addlestone, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Quite simply, weakening the act is undemocratic and a backward step.
Richard Riddell	Burton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Secrecy hides abuses of power.
Bob Cowell	Woking, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The act is most important in enabling the tax payers to find out what is really being done with their money.
Robert Burns	Bridgend, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am a politician and agree that FOI requests are part of a democratic process to involve local people.
Joseph Robinson	Bexhill on sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is a vital element In ensuring that those outside the parliamentary elite can demand to know what those inside the Wesminster bubble are getting up to. This has been shown time and again. We shouldn't need Ed Snowdens and Chelsea Mannings and Julian Asanges. But we do. FOI keeps open a vital democratic lifeline to the facts. Don't dare touch it.
MICHAEL WILSON	Escomb, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	to stop the theft of public funds
stuart pma	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing this petition because the government has got away with scandal after scandal and we the people have to make a stand against these people who are supposed to work for us (the people).
Peter Murtha	Margate, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe that all Government decisions and policies should be subject to public scrutiny and approval.
William Morrison	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government has no right to retract this, short of wanting to turn us into a federal police state.
Adrienne Simpkin	Londonderry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is time the electorate knew what the MPs are getting by way of expenses. Everyone else has to pay for travel to and from work, lunch etc. Why should they be any different. It is a scandal the amount of cash they claim over and above their salaries at the same time charging the elderly for their care and cutting payments to th disabled. It was their decision to stand for parliament so they should pay for their second homes etc.
Maureen Godard-Key	Lower Moor, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They have got away with it for far too long
Duncan Russell	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MP's are already over paid, over rewarded and overly selfish (awarding themselves monster payrises and blaming the rest of the civil service for their problems forcing us to live without payrises for years) Now they want to hide away their truly scum nature behind laws which are being manipulated for their own benefit. It's a disgrace and one where any decent MP would stand up in parliament and decry this sort of behaviour. I'd expect it from a petty dictatorship but not from what is meant to be a democracy
Stuart Allan	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	these people are squandering my hard earned money

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JUDITH MORGAN	Doncaster, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I In a democracy the people are entitled to know what's being done in their name. I accept that some things need to be kept secret but it seems to me that this is being used as a way to hide information that should be in the public domain.
lawrence thomas	Telford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm fed up of being told what I can't do. My freedom is being eroded every day
Carole Kirk	Washington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	No more snouts in the trough please! If you've nothing to hide its not a problem is it.
Michael Hunter	Clydebank, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	What are they hiding
Pauline Colenso-Gyde	Fisherton de la Mere, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If I behaved in that fashion I would be arrested for fraud and face a prison sentence. Also I take issue with these pompous thieves spending my Tax Paid money their arrogance beggars belief!!
Victor Henriquez	Belfast, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Strong, accountable FoI legislation makes this society's democracy stronger. The opposite is also true; power will be ridiculously out of balance once again if allowed to do so.
Richard Summerfield	Barrow upon Humber, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Removal of FOI will further reduce electorates trust of public servants. What are they trying to hide?
Carol Mitchell	Ashford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	all dealings by government should be open to public scrutiny it is after all our hard earned money that these people are spending.
Peter Bainbridge	Monifieth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Public opinion needs to be considered if democracy is to operate in a healthy environment
Robert Langtry	LONDON, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	In our area - Lambeth, South London - Residents have been free of Fees surrogate Management Consultants to the Council by using FOI to obtain the Hard Data on Expenditure, Income, Procurment, Consultant costs, and Management decisions etc. Although Councillors and Executive Officers have continued to waffle and attempted to cover themselves, the Public exposure by Residents with skills and knowledge have forced the Council to up their Management game. Although I think the physical bonding of people in a Protest March is important, FOI used with the necessary skills to get at the data and interpret it has been a 'game changer' over the traditional practice of dressing up, making banners, ringing bells, banging drums, and chanting slogans.
Ann Hall	Stalybridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe that access to key information is a corner stone of a civilised society
Bev Mansbridge	Bournemouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I totally agree with freedom of information
Harold Wyld	Deal, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	What sort of message does it send out for a Government that wishes to place obstacles in the ability of the public and the media to discover what it is doing or has done?
Joseph Robinson	Bexhill on sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We should 'n need the Ed Snowdons, but we do. Governments have a long, long tradition of lying and obfuscating. Let's not make it easier for them.
Lee Medicott	Worcester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The rights of the many are being denied by the powerful, unaccountable few.
Michael Walker	Withernsea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government is my servant, not my master.

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S Karim	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	because it's my right
David Wood	Chichester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing because government should be transparent with information apart from that which is truly a threat to national security if released. In my opinion this government is becoming draconian in almost every respect. In fact it is currently almost totalitarian in its approach to many issues. Shielding information is one of the traits of totalitarian regimes and should be a 'red line ' for everyone.
Barry Rees	Skegness, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The citizens of this country have a lawful and moral right to know what and how decisions affecting their lives are made by an elected minority of political and policy making individuals!!
Joanne Birkett-matthews	Wakefield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We are the masters of government and not the other way around. It's about time we told them so.
Robert Eccles	Rainhill, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think their expenses are over extravagant in these hard times and the public have a right to know who is claiming what .
Robert Passmore	Harwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government must be controlled and this is a tool that can do just that.
Carol Dunton	Ivybridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I don't want MPs to be able to protect knowledge of their actions hidden from the protection of the FoI act. After all, they are public servants and fully accountable as such to me!
james gawne	Kidderminster, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	WE have a right to ask questions, Government work for us not the other way round.
Joseph Robinson	Bexhill on sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We shouldn't need the Ed Snowdons, but we do. Governments have a long, long tradition of lying and obfuscating. Let's not make it easier for them.
Norma Coombs	n coombs, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe we are all entitled to this information
Philip Norris	Hoole, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	When everybody is asked to make savings the same should be true for our elected representatives - they should have nothing to hide do why should this not be freely available?
Roger Kitsell	Seven Sisters, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to know what is going on!
Lee Rhodes	Dorchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is a crucial law in informing the public.
Samantha Heffer	Eastleigh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency & accountability are key to rebuild our relationship with Government.
Mary cozens	Norwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public, including are loosing trust in the government.
Bonita Hill	Mountain Ash, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in democracy even though it's fast disappearing.
Robin McSporran	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Tony Blair said it was his worst decision, it was by far his best. Keep the blighters accountable, better still if they could strengthen it, but we shouldn't hold our breath.
Job Palmer	Bangor, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I agree that the people have the right to have this information.Parliament is not an old boys club,They are supposedly there to serve the public
saad banguy	manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is against civil and human rights!
Murray Sisk	Swaffham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public sector seems to lack the management structure to fairly manage its budget
Frank Morris	Westhoughton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	As a tax paying member of the population I like to know that my money is being well spent not given to already priviledged PUBLIC SERVANTS

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Simon Cavendish	Cardigan, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom Of Information is one of the fundamental principles by which we can attempt to ensure transparency and accountability of institutions and bodies working on our behalf. Any attempt to dilute the Act or make it more difficult or costly to invoke would be a step against such clarity and accountability.
Michael Blount	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in the cause
David Carter	Wakefield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	IF THEY HAVE NOTHING TO HIDE, THEY HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT
Terry Howlett	Weston-super-Mare, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We live in surveillance society, intrusion into citizens privity is the order of the day. How dare parliament put itself above the rules it seeks to enforce
Garry Marshall	Sale Cheshire, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Openness is one of the cornerstones of our democracy. Don't meddle
Michael Heard	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politicians are to close to big business and the public need very means of checking what's being done.
James Longmuir	Kirkintilloch, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing this petition because I believe that the FOI Act is the fundamental right of all constituents and is necessary to avoid corruption and greed.
Stephen Cummings	Cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because I hate everything this government doing . protect the rich.
John Turner	Norwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FoI means that large organisations must answer questions from the taxpayer
David Daly	Netley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe all MP'S should be held to account for the disposal of public funds that includes the house of Lords.
Richard Downing	Ventnor, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because we must protect our right of access to the documents of public bodies, including MPs. There should not be charges for this.
Alex Hulse	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's vitally important that public authorities and bodies remain exactly that. Public. As a broadcast journalist in regional radio, it would mean that FOI's would not be as thorough as they currently are. It would also allow more authorities to hide behind this 'reasonable time' rule, which in some cases I feel is already used all too willingly.
Michael Sheen	Port Talbot, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Power must be held accountable and the mechanisms of power kept transparent for democracy to survive.
James Gallagher	Rutherglen, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in transparency in all areas
Helen Allen	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We cannot allow the government to make new laws as and when it suits them, so that we cannot hold them to the FOI, which is our right, after all, we pay them!
John Connor	Clifton upon Dunsmore, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government needs to be transparent as proved with the expenses scandal
Andrew Gamble	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government hould be for the people so they should know what it is doing-cant be more simple.
Steve Thomas	Much Cowarne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is a vote for democracy, fairness and equality.
Bill Corry	Ashton Keynes, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Only accountability and transparency give integrity and legitimacy to any Government. We have a right to know.
Geoffrey mccracken	Newry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	All politician are crooked because the system allows it. The expenses scandal seemed outrageous but really that is just the tip of the iceberg. It the things that they can legally claim for that is even more outrageous .many politicians cannot see their hypocrisy because they live in a bubble were everyone is up to something .

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sophie fairbrother	Bognor Regis, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We, as a nation, as a country, deserve the right to know what is going on in this country. We have the right to know what our money is being spent on. We shouldn't be blocked out of the equation. We have rights and we should have the power to keep those rights.
Alexander Russell	Ashgill, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's simply public funds and those expenses should be made available to the public, wither it's large or small claims.
Robert Telford	Ellesmere Port, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm tired of the dual standards exhibited by MP's in relation to expenses, pensions, working hours, holidays, pay rises etc
JAMES WRIGHT	Harriseahead, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I DO NOT PAY TAX TO SUPPLEMENT THERE PERKS!!
Simon Stone	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have the right to know.
matthew stabler	Bridlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Information should not be protected. We are paying the bills.
Jim Fish	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	A free press and access to information which is in the public interest are essential guarantees of a functioning democracy. Hands of our right to know!
Colin Edwards	Pinner, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	At last we can see what is happening
Brian Milne	Fochabers, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If they have nothing to hide why make it awkward
Sean Smith	Coleraine, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is the public's money not the government's, therefore w must know what happens to every penny of it.
John Rayner	Harbottle, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Information relating to any aspect of government actually belongs to the general public. I can't recall any law that says info held by the government belongs to them and cannot ever be disclosed. You people need to learn that you're responsible to us not the other way around.
Christine Shefford	Feock, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	How else are we to keep an eye on, as Burns says, 'A Parcel Of Rogues In A Nation'.
Peter Fischer	Chorleywood, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We do not need Politian's removing our rights to see what they are getting up to - if anything we need more legislation to ensure nothing remains beyond our reach as citizens.
Margaret Spencer	Berkhamsted, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is important to us all to have freedom of information. If there is nothing to be ashamed about then why would anyone be worried?
martin shapely	Audenshaw, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Not only should it be protected, it should be extended to include the monarchy.
Clive Carter	Blaina, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in OPEN government
David Hewitt	Ockbrook, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I don't trust politicians as far as I can throw them.
Richard James	BIRMINGHAM, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Public have a right to know where their tax money is being spent, or miss-spent!!
Peter Wood	Tilehurst, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	More transparency - not less please
terry hunter	Newtownabbey, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	No hiding place foe cheats.
Edward Cook	West Bromwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politicians are elected to represent their voters in a professional, dedicated and HONEST fashion, not create a "gravy train" to boost their, already, considerable earnings.

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James Rowe	Bugle, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Government get their income from the tax Payer & must be open & Honest to all members of the Public. Yours Sincerely J H Rowe
Dafydd Pritchard	Henllan, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Nothing should be hidden from the public.
Dorothy Marlow	Rhyl, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We the public need to know how our taxes, which is public money, is spent. Money from public funds which we have earned and contributed to those we elected to act for our best interest which as a democracy are entitled to know. Everyone who contributes has the right to know how the funds are spent and wether the need is genuine. BE ITNECESSARY feasible expenses, which we all have offtent to fund ourselves from our income, i.e. travel to work snacks drinks even sometimes o/night accommodation, when we attend trg courses we incur costs often at our expense. Our money should be used for education NHS support for elderly, handicapped special needs, social housing etc to meet the needs of the electorate to give a level playing field for all.
mary bayes	Rawmarsh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing this because I want to know what the government and other bodies get up to!!
Bryan Honeyball	Poole, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am sick of politicians ripping off the voters they have been elected to serve.
Richard Corbidge	Bettws, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	All governments should be accountable to the people who elected them to power
Mike Rant	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I see no reason why the Government should be given unfettered access to my information - despite having no criminal history whatsoever when MP's are seeking to be able to hide their nefarious and often criminal activities by bastardising the FOI legislation to their advantage.
Kathy Jenkin	Truro, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This Tory government tend to find a law & if it doesn't benefit them they change it, & want us to live in ignorance. If they're not stopped we will have no rights.
David Hardwick	Honington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We are entitled to know what politicians are doing, particularly if it's an abuse of power or money.
Joe Grint	Bradford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	As a former Council officer I understand how important it is for public bodies to be accountable to those who serve
Norman Lintott	Chaldon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Everyone should have the right to protect their money spent on public services, be they councils or MP and governments
David Heyburn	Bridgend, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency and accountability are cornerstones of democracy
Jayne Gibbs	Beaminster, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If we live in a democracy ww have the right to freedom of information.
Robert Unitt	Llwyn-y-groes, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	A democracy requires a well-informed electorate.
Sandra lane	Sheerness, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Why should they keep getting away with robbing this country
colin dowden	Stewarton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am fed up being lied to, I don't want to make it easier for these people to rip me off
Robert Shapton	Ashbourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe the public has a right to be informed
William Bruno	Ottershaw, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want my MPs to be accountable for any wrongdoing

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Liam Shaw	Navenby, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	As an aspiring journalist, this act allows information to be released that would be harder to access. This act allows life changing stories to be published. It MUST not be changed.
Mitchell Hartwright	Sheerness, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	because does this just seem fucked up or what
Max Blond	Hoylake, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	True democracy requires transparency.
Jonathan Vance	Bangor, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If they have nothing to hide then there is no reason to withhold it.
Trevor Swistchew	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	folk come before tory cover ups
valerie bracey	Broxbourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MPs have know conception how the rest of us live how dare they expect us to pay taxis housing etc we are not in this together.
Alfred Bright	Dacre Banks, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	M.P's should not be allowed to fiddle their expenses or keep them shrouded in secrecy.
David Riley	Crowthorne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The current act Act works so don't change it.
Bernie Crean	Brixton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need have a string press who can seek information to expose abuse of power.
David Stone	Kibworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This benefit shouldn't be abused.
joe johnson	Droylsden, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is vital in a free society.
Kieran Jones	Bromsgrove, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI has helped expose thousands of scandals, conflicts of interest and bad decisions on how public money has been spent. We should defend it.
Murad El-Bakry	Bradley Stoke, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is very important for transparency, progress and justice.
Marion R. Hammond.	Birchwood, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think that this is a freedom that will curtail the misuses of public money.
Ann Williams	Warrington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MP's are a bunch of corrupt jokers who would stoop at nothing in order to keep their shady, self-serving practices secret.
Dan Miller	Mile End, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I would sooner be informed that patronised/pacified.
Stephen Howes	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe it's the public's right to have access to certain information and parliament's attempts to restrict those rights only serves to show the importance of the Fol Act.

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Jim McGill	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Liberty is every human beings right and freedom of information is part of that liberty. We cannot have a totalitarian state where only the gooks and spooks have all the information that is available. That precludes a free and democratic society.
Beryl Bruno	Ottershaw, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want open and transparent government
Geoff Kinch	Maldon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI Act has been used to release information which would not enter the public domain. If the holders of the information have nothing to hide, they have nothing to worry about.
Leslie Hamilton	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The authorities need to be more transparent as to what they are doing in our name.
DAVID BARRAND	Abingdon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We like to know where our money is being spent.
Peter Kay	Accrington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency in everything should be a priority
Claire Turner	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	C turner
Andy Thayne	Inverness, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think that is important that information is freely available so that if a wrong doing occurs it can be exposed dealt with and the necessary checks and balances put in place to prevent recurrence.
Sandra Back	Burgess Hill, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	it is very important that the government and other organisations are seen to be open and transparent.
john miller	whitby, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I feel this Government are changing our laws to cover up there Misdeeds, including the subjected Murder of people on benefits and with Disabilities under the pretext of Sanctions etc. Combined 90,000 people. DWP figures not made up
Michael Bartlett	Starston, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Without freedom of information readily available to all citizens we become another dictatorship.
PETER DUCE	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe strongly in the freedom of information for all our protection
Richard Brock	Shepton Mallet, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI protects our democracy
David Gilbey	Northallerton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need a way of keeping an eye on what is happening
Catherine Ann Graham	Falkirk, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Far too many things are covered up that should be public knowledge.
Michael Jenkins	Newport, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politicians are not to be trusted.
edward campbell	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because politicians should not be allowed to change any laws that put them outside of being transparent and for their own greed
Gary Marshall	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is essential
george peters	Merthyr Tydfil, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency should be the Nome unless it comprises the country if they don't understand that they should get out.
Nigel Billington	Sandbach, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in foi.

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Sarah Lawrence	Daventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because the public need to know that there is complete transparency at local and central government level. There has been far too much dishonesty amongst MPs and they need to remain accountable for their actions. It also needs to remain a free service and not made chargeable which would prevent those with budgetary constraints from being able to access potentially vital information.
Edward Duffy	Bedford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom is important. Government is for the people not the people serving the government!?
Terry smith	Sunderland, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because they are corrupt bastards who do fuckall for the working man
helen fox	Bicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want government to be as transparent as they keep saying they are especially with our rights.
David Monk	Burnham-on-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's important to have accountability
annette sanderson	Woodlands Saint Mary, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing this because, I don't think it is right that some one who gets paid the money they get should be able to claim expenses and as they are then they should at least be accountable to the people that pay their wages.
john buckley	Brightlingsea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	true freedom of information is integral to democratic freedom
Debbie' Partington	Easingwold, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency should be the first commandment of democracy.
Jim Collett	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Governments of all persuasion like nothing more than to keep the public in the dark, especially concerning monetary matters affecting their little schemes!
ALAN MORTON	Aberdeen, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is fundamental to a free society.
jillian simpson	Wolverhampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOA is an important information service for all to find lots about the rich and famous as well as people of our situation
David hodson	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is everyone's right for a gov. To be transparent.and the freedom of information makes sure of this
John Heyes	Pontefract, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	In a society where increased surveillance is removing many of our civil liberties, it is more important than ever to have access to information regarding government activities and our representatives.
Alan McNay	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They shouldnt get expenses. Their wages are massive and pay no tax so they shouldnt get any other expenses.
alan summers	st austell, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	How dare you what have you to fear if you're honest transparency is a must
francis murphy	Swindon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Its the only way the public can keep an eye on the behaviour of those who spend our money
steve iceton	Aldbrough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	i'm signing because the foi exposed those thieving parasites in parliament for the crooks they are
Christopher White	Sunbury-on-Thames, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to be able to hold public bodies up to account at all times
Michael Morley	Bracknell, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We cannot lose anymore freedoms.

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James McDonald	Newry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing this petition as I believe it is wrong to tamper with a Parliament Act as important as the FOI. This Act helps to make-public bad practices and misdemeanours from various sources, such as government officials and politicians. If the Act is changed, subsequently making it harder to find-out any relevant info - it will then be easier for officials to keep important or embarrassing info away from the public, in order to mislead the public and protect officials from being punished for their stupidity.
james kirkby	barrow in furness, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If the government have nothing to hide, they wouldnt be trying limit this act. Keep this act alive!
William Organ	Enfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's taxpayers money they are spending and if they are not taking a liberty they should have nothing to worry about
peter lamont	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	People should have F O I
michael taylor	Wick, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	the powers that be must be held to account
Marvin Thompson	Stone, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I hate what MP's stand for and they should be locked up
A Gillmore	Henfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because I believe there should be more transparency not more secrecy.
mary cox	wroxham, norfolk, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Very important piece of legislation. I can think of loads of requests that have led to the public good.
Peter Martin	Inverness, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This right has top be protected.
David Toomey	Exmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	All in public office owe us honesty, integrity and openness in the execution of their responsibilities. those who want their actions to remain secret should step down.
Oliver Clay	Runcorn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Levels of secrecy and journalistic resources are bad enough as it is. FOI is an essential tool in forcing government agencies to provide essential information that often should be available anyway but is kept out of view to protect reputations and bad practice and keep the public in the dark.
michael grant	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is an important act that doesnt need meddling with.. smacks of governmental interference for their own secret ends !!!
Kevin Wharton	Darlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Public servants have to be accountable to the General Public. After all we pay their salaries, something they don't seem to grasp.
Harry Hesketh	Skipton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	knowledge is power
Robin Sylvester	Portishead, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing this because the government and anyone in power must be responsible to the people and there are many examples throughout the world where this is not happening.
Ed Parnell	Swansea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Public officials should be accountable. We pay for them. We should not have to pay again to make sure they are doing their VERY WELL PAID jobs properly.
geoff bright	Wadebridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need a lot more transparency in all walks of life
Barbara Dick	East Kilbride, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Public servants should be public!
Lisa Kent	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want to

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sheila green	Old Colwyn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because as we are constantly being told, we have nothing to fear if we have done nothing wrong.... this also works for them! If they have nothing to fear, we should be allowed to see how they fritter away our taxes....
Peter Boardley	Emmer Green, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to keep our politicians honest and accountable
Norman Turner	Scunthorpe, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's one of the most important of the checks and balances built into our system. Even though only a recent addition too them. It can make many people who in the past have been able to commit wrongdoing with impunity, suddenly accountable for there actions.
Dawn Bradford	Teversham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe we should protect freedom of information the only matter that should be ring fenced is information that would compromise national security - duck houses do not do that !
Irene Smeeth	Llanelli, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because it's so unfair for mps. To take advantage of their position when so many people are in such a desperate position and living in poverty
Laurence Dorman	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe democracy must be protected and we should not take it for granted. There are many in our government and influencing our government who would like to avoid what they see as the nuisance of democracy.
Stephen Long	Taunton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Successive governments have stripped away our rights and freedom and will continue to do so unless we say 'No!'
Jennifer Morgan	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public need to know what the government are doing with our money for their expenses. Especially as we do not receive expenses from our employers due to their implementation of the cutbacks
Shirley Alexander	Cirencester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing the petition because I believe in freedom of information where public money is spent! These are not national secrets and governments should be transparent with our money!
susan dye	hitchin, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I know how important FOI has been for environmental campaigners in the UK.
john pemberton	Newport Pagnell, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	no secrets please. open government please
Jacqueline Crawford	Blackford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If MPs' pay and expenses come out of the public purse then there is an automatic right for the public to know whom, what, why, when and where that money is being spent.
kate holcombe	evesham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe I have a right to know what people making laws and rules I have to live under are up to - especially as they are paid by the public and have form for helping themselves to various chunks of our money and then pass laws so they can lock us up if/when we get angry!
Hazel bayliss	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Acts like this one should not be changed just because citizens can get their hands on too information that the government want to keep a tight lid on. It's either a freedom of information act or it isn't. Just because MPs got caught out with their expense claims it shouldn't be changed.
Edric Churchley	Whitstable, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The politicians are elected by us to work for us so why not keep things transparent. What have they got to hide?{
Malcolm Brockman	Maidstone, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The current expose of public sector excesses would not be possible if the establishment succeeds in watering down or removing the FOI Act.
Floss Chittenden	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm sick of the unfairness in our society between rich and poor.
Angela Youdell	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	this is the only way to catch cheats, thieves and bent polititions, bankers police and other crooks
Beryl Dickinson	Bryngwran, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government organisations are in Pulic pay. We are THEIR boses not the other way round. As employers we have 100% right to see what they are dong.

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Jenny Cross	Bletchley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's our money. You were elected to spend it wisely on our behalf. We have the right to know this is being done.
Phillip Cox	Carmarthen, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need this to keep a close watch on all Government departments and the MPs'
Alasdair Cook	newcastle upon tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Accountability is a key part of a democratic society and the FOI Act is therefore to the benefit of the population of the United Kingdom. Weakening it or removing it only serves to empower the few and enfeeble the masses. An attempt to vandalise this key part of British democracy by assaulting the FOI Act would be an act of gross hypocrisy by government - particular by one with such a feeble majority as currently.
yvonne hands	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The little amount of power we have has individuals needs to be held onto. It's our right to have the ability to obtain any information a public body holds against you without this we may never know what records are held on what systems and whether they are accurate. Do not give away our power.
Derek Wilson	Dalkeith, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	No government has the right to hide information unless it can be proven to cause harm to the public
Thomas Manning	Sutton Coldfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government are the real criminals in this country!
John Vaufrourard	Billericay, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is essential for the general public and voters to be fully aware of how public money is spent.
Philip Mann	Lane End, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Taking back our rights to access information is just another attempt at those in power clawing back the many rights gained by ordinary people over the last two decades.
Frederick Smith	Chard, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing this petition so that politicians can remain to be seen accountable to the public that put them into a posion of power.
joy moulton	Lichfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's Disgraceful how we are kept in the dark.....△△△
David Preece	Bishop's Frome, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	One more step on the road to elected dictatorship
Gary White	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because it's essential that people in power are not allowed to operate without the public scrutiny that FOI allows.
michael murray	chichester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	the amount fat cats in the public sector receive is obscene for the work they do
Jeremy Cruickshank	Warminster, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because I am sick of hearing about incompetent and corrupt politicians and other high-ranking 'civil servants' (do they even comprehend the meaning of the words?) with their snouts deep in the trough (OUR money).
Jacek Horn	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	foi is a must be in current corrupted World
Ray Taylor	Loughborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because I had to invoke the FOI to get information from my local authority which should have been freely available.
Vanessa Hill	Rochdale, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because too many people are taking my money(taxes) and not doing anything in particular immigrants
David Hunt	Saundersfoot, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	To ensure that all public bodies are accountable for their actions and to ensure complete transparency in what they do with public finances in our name. In addition I urge the government not to veto powers over the release of information or introduce charges for FOI requests/appeals. Keep the arrnbgements that exist at present -NO CHANGE

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Andrew crane	Littleport, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I feel the need to keep reigns on people in all types of public office, from the local councils to MP's. Without this we will have even bigger scandals if secrecy returns again
Debbie Mayes	Norfolk, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to know the truth .
Michael Green	Wolverhampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	People in public office are servants of the people, there choice, they should be squeaky clean.
Mary Taylor	Swindon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	In a democratic society, politicians should not allowed to cover-up their misdeeds.
Sheila Mackay	Newtonmore, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	T
peter clarke	Lowestoft, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	A truly open government please.
Eric Wood	Doncaster, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing the petition because some MP,s are untrustworthy as are some people that hold high positions, and they should be exposed, only the dishonest would want it curbed.
keith croxon	Kidlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Citizen. O.A.P and tax payer. They must frightened and desperate to hide things regarding financial excesses that the public tax payers have a right to know.
Nick Bell	Doncaster, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government is elected by the people to represent the people and therefore should be fully accountable to the people. FOI is an important tool and should remain in its current form even if it used to highlight government misappropriation of the people's taxes or other assets.
John Haytack	Knottingley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	mps are bent and corrupt trough diving pigs
Michael Caldow	Warrington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is one way to ensure we ca trust politicians or hold them to account. Weekend goes this weakens democracy.
Seranna Ramlochan	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Public spending should be made available to the source of income - public
Alan Grimes	Gretna, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe that MPs are paid too much.
nigel lander	aldershot, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is a barrier against corruption
susan bolton	romford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	its important
Chris Haynes	Stockport, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Authorities, Members of Parliament and all National and Local government departments must be held accountable to the people and voters in the United Kingdom for their decisions and actions.
DRAGO SUSAK	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	You just can not trust politicians these days
Duncan Hick	Crewe, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I like to know exactly what MP's are claiming with our money
Christine Williams	Telford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If the general public isn't allowed to know something it isn't because it is bad for them to know it but because someone doesn't want them to know it. We have the right to know what is happening in our country the good the bad and the ugly protect the FOI right
Terence Bermingham	Liphook, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Fol Act should be strengthened, not weakened.
Ryan Hall	Bradford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Information should be accessible to the public at all times, no secrets = no bullshit/ unfair treatment of equals.
neil childs	Staveley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	stop corruption

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alex kerr	merseyside, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The mushrooms are coming.Kept in the dark and fed on Sh-- , calls for a regime change.
John Eastwood	Swanley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe that the truth is always better than a Lie that will end bad one way or another
Janet Johnson	Kesgrave, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's important to the integrity of this country
Christian Martin	Lancaster, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because FOI makes us more active citizens
Camaro Kimberley-Blackstar	North Shields, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I like an open govt
dave hill	Cannock, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is key to bringing a future that is safe, true & fair
Linda Dickinson	Caldwell, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I used FOI against a local Borough Council, they delayed and delayed until they got their way. FOI in my experience should be strengthened, if people are doing the right thing then they should be ok with that, if not then we do not live in a democracy but a 'lip service state'
Roderick Tweedie	Airdrie, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	For too long the Westminster Government, the Royal Family and numerous other beneficiaries of the patronage of the Establishment have hidden their criminal activities using the Official Secrets Act etc and this is just the latest in a long list of attempts to cover it up and enable them to act with impunity. The so called 'elite' consider themselves unaccountable to the people.
georgia Bentley	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because as I tax payer I have the right to know what MP's are spending my money on. The only way to prevent corruption in government departments is to continue to ensure transparency by allowing MPs expenses to be in the public domain
Trevor Buckley	Weymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Government should be working for the majority of the people and have nothing to cove up.
christopher Loughlan	Fulbourn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Sunlight is the best detergent
Karen Lewis	Portland, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Its our country and you work for us. You get paid alot and should be honest and up front. What you got to hide
michelle devlin	glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Absolutely shocking one rule for them and one for us !!!
Bernie Holland	Harrow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The poor and vulnerable are being targeted with financial penalties and hardship whilst the rich and powerful get away with everything they can. In the interests of justice this situation must be remedied
Joyce Bell	Cardenden, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We definitely need to have this There is far too much corruption and considering that we the people pay for MPs etc through our taxes we have a right to see where our money is being spent
Barbara Durbin	Barry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need more transparency, not less!
Ryan Turrell	Tamworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The govt. are introducing the new 'snoopers law' to see what we're thinking yet at the same time trying limit what we can see that really goes on. Something dodgy is happening here.
Paul Shevlin	Stroud, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Fol helps to encourage honesty and openness which serves us all.
Michael Lipson	Bournemouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It should be an inalienable right that the public should be able to question the workings of our government.
Peter Ellis	Bedford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	freedom of information is important in a supposedly free country. Hancock - hands off.

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Matt D'Arcy	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because it is our right to information and privacy
Mary spence	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's not right for MPs to just claim left right and centre now they should be made to work for a living that would soon stop them sleeping for a living then again maybe not x
LAURENCE WILKINSON	Middlesbrough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Nothing should be hidden from the Tax paying, or just the general voting public. If the government want to water the FOI down. Then the members of parliament "have" things to hide.
Kenny Bisset	Perth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I would like to know what else the government is doing that they should not be this lets us in on the secrets they try and keep from the public.
Philip Wheatley	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe that FOI enables voters to understand how politicians and powerful vested interests manipulate information to protect their grip on power thus making this type of abuse less likely
mark Christopher	Blandford Forum, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This should never happen you me will never stop this as they will only get it in another way
Alan Marks	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because I agree that ALL public officials (ie those funded by the tax payer) should be open to scrutiny with regard to their expenses etc.
Paul Fahey	Peterlee, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politicians represent us theoretically but instead they manipulate and mislead us and essentially steal from us. The FOI is a part of policing that.
Damian A. Livesey	Clayton-le-Woods, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The truth must be revealed at all costs especially if we are paying for it.
Colin Standfield	Ealing, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It has been the only way of trying to find out the truth about what is happening in the NHS, even though they have a policy of delaying as long as possible to give replies.
Nick Sheehan	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They have been elected by the people of the UK and so need to be held responsible by is
Wullie Oliphant	Dalgety Bay, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Is this not exactly what the FOI act was meant to do???? Disgraceful that it took so long and they were so uncooperative!!! This lot Will do almost ANYTHING to protect their OWN interests !!!
Steve Ward	Southall, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in open government
Scott Wilding	Wrexham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Sometimes I worry that the governeemt and "authorities" in general, forget that they work FOR the people. I don't believe that curtailing people's freedoms makes them safer and people in positions of authority need to be fully accountable.
Roger Little	Malvern, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I firmly believe that, to be effective, a democracy needs proper checks and balances in place. Access to information is fundamental to this.
Bumble Rally	Goldthorpe, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe that this is a demacratic right that we are able to request information regarding ANY subject, Person or company and that NO one should be exempt.
Anna Lyon	Eastleigh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This government is destroying our basic national freedoms.
Tudor Phillips	Swansea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	All public money spending must be totally transparent and those that spend/receive it must be prepared to be questioned and give answers about what they spend or receive and why.
Stephen Rowlands	Llanerchymedd, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	enough of big brother.....
peter thear	Long Melford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	it is important to be able to have access to information.

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Billy Gillespie	Ahoghill, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because the government are slimeballs
Ian Watson	Bexhill, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Anything which involves the public should be available as we are the ones paying the bill
Ian Johnston	Camborne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This wouldnt be a problem if they have nothing to hide.
Christine Kipping	Haslingfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I feel that MPs must be more accountable
Gavin Kean	Uphall, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This important democratic legislation must remain as it is.
David Freedman	Emsworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Sadly those in service, (I refuse to say in power as this is a missused and incorrect term), can not be trusted to behave properly when looking after and managing tax payers money. We need to maintain a watchful eye, just like supervising children really!
Angela Dennerley	Stockport, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I have used the FOI many times, and would like to see it remain as it is.
Helen House	Wareham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing this petition because we need an open transparent government and free access to information. We should not be gagged and information should be freely available. It is vital we retain a free press.
Michael Kennedy	Milford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency underpins our democratic process
Roger Waddington	Banwell, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government is accountable to the people and should be transparent.
gary woolfrey	Hemel Hempstead, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	it enables ordinary people & journalists to keep those in positions of power accountable
Dan Clist	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe the Freedom of Information Act to be very important.
Donald McLean	Thurso, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we need to know how our money is spent and who is abusing it for self gain
Jonathan Sweatman	Walcott, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Enough is kept from the paying public as it is.
Stephen Waller	Hull, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Any curbs to the act allow those in power to hide the truth.
Heather Pearce	Congleton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is the only clear and transparent way to understand how local authorities/ NHS/social care use public money; this information is vital in order to make services more effective and equitable
Daniel Rhind	Burley in Wharfedale, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I support this
karen mcniven	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Public information should be open to scrutiny by the public. This aids a transparent process of access to information and decisions affecting the voters and public.
DAVID TONGE	Middleton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	freedom of information in public life should be a given only one reason why somebody in receipt of public funds doesnt want it is theres something going on
Ian Kilgallon	Harrogate, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need transparency in public office.
Enid Hankins	Bembridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There must be checks and balances in any democracy. This is one of them
Terry smith	Sunderland, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because your taxes are going into there bloody pockets

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derek Burnett	Taunton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	<p>I am signing this petition because the FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT is the ONLY thing that is saving us from the actions of what has become the biggest most dishonest and self serving establishment machine in the western world, without it we would still be unaware of any of their wrongdoings , THEY would love to get rid of it(and will no doubt in the end will find an under hand way) so as to enable them to totally rob the taxpayers and reduce us to little more than worker ants feeding their ever increasing demands for more money and control over us , I often wonder how we came to be called a democracy because the reality is our MPs dont really represent us, just themselves and their civil service advisers</p> <p>D A BURNETT</p>
Ben Arnett	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We'really meant to live in a free society, which means that you have to be responsible for your actions. This includes parliament.
Paul Griffin	Gosport, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politicians cannot be trusted.
Phillip Nicholas	Fishguard, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is an important tool for the public to monitor the government, MP's expenses a case in point.
Sean o'brien	Chester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	<p>Dear Mr Hancock,</p> <p>This law gives people the chance to see and understand what our Government are doing and raise valid questions.</p> <p>This law has given us the ability to see and understand in more detail what our money is being spent on. This gives value and helps us understand in a clear way. This is essential to democracy.</p> <p>Kind regards,</p> <p>Sean</p>
robin hartwell	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is our government and it is our information. It should be freely available, on request.
Rod Heasman	Rye, UK, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I have used FOI myself, the only reason to curb the powers must be a rather sinister attempt to keep the public in the dark, why ?
Don Stickland	Arnold, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because I'm a UK resident compulsory taxpayer, and I want to know if the use of UK public money matches my expectations, or not.
Ian Rogers	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I've used the FOI Act to ask the DWP about unemployment figures, and to ask HM Treasury about private lobbying and UK economic interests. They don't like telling the truth. Keep the pressure on!
Ian Hardie	Darlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's one step to hold MPs responsible for the corruption they take part in.
Jan Verduyn	Trowbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing this petition because I support the principle that Public Bodies should release information if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest if it would remain secret.
Margaret Alexander	Portsmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe freedom of information is a right of the many, not a privilege of a few! Too many dodgy deals done, and without fear of this act even more will be undertaken. It acts as a deterrent.
Gary Tamplin	Cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This gateway into the "truth" is absolutely necessary in the UK democracy why we had so much influence and trust around the world. Leave it there!!!
Duncan Roberts	Lingwood, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Public bodies work for the people of this country. We have a right to information held by our representatives where there is no good reason for secrecy.

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Eamon Sweeney	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency and accountability in public services is everything
Richard Lee	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	All areas should be answerable to the public especially government and public service. I want to know where my money is going and what people who are supposed to serve the public are up to in my name
Howard Wood	Arran, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want to know what public officials are doing.
James Gibb	Saltcoats, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need transparency in this country, especially when it comes to government
Michael McMorrow	Bromley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI Act ensures some transparency in Govt. Charging for it or creating new veto powers will water it down and make it less effective in calling abuses to account.
Geoffrey Williams	leigh-on-sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to know how our taxes are being spent.
William Surridge	Ickleton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is a necessary centre piece of democracy!
Lesley Bishop	Newtown, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I will never be able to trust government offices again every thing and everyone should be transparent
Patricia Scott	Warwick, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We can't trust our Government to disclose the things we ought to know
Clare Cooper	Thames Ditton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They get paid too much anyway, they were allowed to award a large pay rise.
Mark Hoskins	Mulbarton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We should be able to see how public money is being used.
Jan Williams	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I have used FOI personally and found it invaluable in holding authority to account. We have to keep it.
Carmen Dojahn-Wood	Guiseley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have the right as citizens and tax payers to be given information that is in the public interest! If the government want to keep things secret, such as expenses, then they clearly know what they are doing is wrong! We have a right to know!!
ed taylor	Rugby, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am pissed off to the back teeth with Tories taking the piss out of a system they never created and replacing it with a terribly prejudiced one where only the rich survive unscathed! SICK OF IT!
jane matthews	Wickham Market, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government must be accountable .
Peter Brooks	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We MUST have freedom of information for a healthy society. As soon as things can be done without public scrutiny we are headed for the corrupt states that exist everywhere to the detriment of all its citizens
Donald McLellan	Evesham Worcestershire, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Are we in it together or not well we bloody should be
Chris Jordan	South Croydon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Our civil liberties are once again under threat: freedom of information is vital to hold the state to account
Linda Guiver	Braintree, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I was not able to view records police hold on me. I have never been charged with anything. I had to get restraining order on someone and wanted to know what accusations were made about me. It is a long story involving police social care child abuse unit in Chelmsford, Clive Mardner, police gold team ... Child death. No one answered my questions.
John Rodney Taylor	Burton upon Trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of the press ect is vital in a democracy

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John Summerscales	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The UK should aim to be the exemplar nation/organisation for fair, open and transparent government. The
moira wattie	Twickenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I hate politicians expenses lie
Billy Kingdon	Walkhampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is a basic right; the government shouldn't be trying to keep things from us.
Neil Pal	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Now this is in place, it would only be right to keep this, and not restrict its powers
sheila kurowska	Canterbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we must have access to information that affects our lives and
Miles Davies	Worcester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The justification for the snoopers charter is often given as the only objectors would be those with something to hide.... same rules apply surely?
Paul McMaster	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need more transparency and less secrecy to ensure that justice is done.
Simon Jowett	Epping, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because politicians and the intelligence services should work - and should be seen to work - for the benefit of the citizenry, not for their groups' own narrow vested interests.
David Cary	Lancing, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because I think it is a disgrace that MPs can claim what ever they like when ordinary Joe public are struggling to make ends meet. MPs greed has got to stop.
David Townsley	Birstall, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MP's are lair's thief's and cheats we need to keep our eye on them
Robert Blake	Harrow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We should know how our tax is been spent
Aileen Ireland	Crowborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is so vital
lisa walsh	derbyshire, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government need brought to justice for the daily crimes they commit
Patrick Harvey	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This govt is attacking it's own people's human rights. It must be stopped!
joan perks	Walsall, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	they earn enough with out cheating their expenses it is our taxes that pay them
David Leaf	High Catton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is what sets a true democracy apart from the sham governments that exist around the world under the pretence of a democracy.
Jim Adams	Shirl Heath, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Government acts on our behalf. We have the right to know what it is doing in our name.
Andrea Hodkinson	Hazel Grove, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think we have a right to know the answers to our questions. No hiding the truth.
Alan Hay	Skelmersdale, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	i am sick of the powers that be thinking they are exempt from the law of the land
Angela Barnett	Terrington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing this petition because I believe that if we are to remain a healthy democracy, we should be able to access easily information from the machinery of government, national and local, and make properly informed judgements about policy and proposed legislation. We need transparency in government.
Harun Raza	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI is very important to the openness and transparency of Governance and more importantly it protect democracy and the values of freedom and free speech.
david clarke	rotherham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	i dont think mp,s should be exempt from FOI,

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Adj Sander	Pontprennau, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	No one is above the law.
Roger Thorpe	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Our individual freedoms are being gradually eroded by undemocratic parliamentary process. We will soon be in a Police State. So much for empty gestures at the recent Cenotaph service and memorials where giving lives for freedom was the theme!
Michael Robinson	Dewsbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing this petition because i believe this should be a fundamental right, which shouldn't be at the behest of politicians.
John Smith	Cupar, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The scope of the FOI Act should be widened not restricted. This is nothing more than a cynical attempt by an unrepresentative Government to limit public scrutiny of the workings of state.
paul harrison	gravesend, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we need this important act although I would have no objection to paying a fee to obtain it.
Lionel Fountain	Balsall Common, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I feel we should have the opportunity to see what people are up to aan dwhat they are claiming for so that it can be put in the public domain.
Shaun Cole	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Freedom to get Information that would otherwise be kept secret is a good thing. It clarifies Public corruption like MP's Expenses and allow us to know what bodies like the Police keep on our file. Don't lose the right to know...
Bill Delamare	Ashford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because all public bodies should be accountable for their actions. If you cannot publish it you should do it
Grahame Robertson	Broxburn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is crucial in and open democratic society.
ian scott	Stockton-on-Tees, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Its a disgrace that our government wants to make it more difficult to hold them to account, something must be done to stop this.
Margaret Hodgson	Freckleton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing this petition because I think in a democratic country such as ours it is our human right to know what the government is spending our money on
Peter cross	Cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Public money should always be open to scrutiny who ever is using/spending it, especially power hungry (do you know who I am) MP's
Kevin Allan	Blantyre, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government should not be able to hide this.
Janis Owen	Brentwood, Essex, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing because the availability of using the FOI has meant that much has been disclosed which would otherwise have remained secret. MPs have obviously had a fright any changes to the FOI will enable organisations to go back to their bad ways and be complacent.
BRIAN CHESTER	Lincoln, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I need to know how OUR money is being spent
David Sweeney	North Hykeham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to protect our right to transparency, what is the government trying to hide?
Roz Slee	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm sick of certain groups of people like the elderly & babies who get short changed in country's because the money is going elsewhere ie: to MP's who get all these perks which range from Houses, + renovating them to flying, holidays etc., you name it they'll have it on their list to be tax free, so they can get more & more money out the system! I feel so sorry for Pensioners who have had their pensions halved, on the pretense that they're also going to go on Pension earlier in life, but while they were promised one thing they'd not have to work later on in years is a myth. But some people will be able to go on pension by the age of 45 because of all the perks they've had given!
john pepino	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in freedom of information as long as it exposes corruption from on high and does not threaten security

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Brian Leggett	Ringsfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The general public have the right to information.
Michael Sharp	Pontefract, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is a fundamental human right
I Robson	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing because F.O.I. act goes hand in hand with Democracy which is under attack from this government!
George McGarrell	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe we still live in a democracy and therefore have a right to know what OUR representatives are spending OUR taxes on
Neil Coleman	Wakefield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	No one is above the law and the FOI act is there to protect us from behind the scene corruption
Charlie Gray	Spalding, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Everyone has a right to know
Alan Whale	Leigh-on-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Today I have little trust in our M.P.'s. They seem intent on looking after their own interests rather than the interests of the community and wider country at large. 50 years ago they were highly respected. Sadly this is no longer the case.
Margaret Howard	Tweedmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because we the people of this country, who put these MP's in Parliament to act on our behalf, and who get a very generous pay yet most still abuse extra payments for expenses. Maybe they should be paid expenses only and maybe a bonus for those who honestly earn their place in Parliament. Has anyone seen or heard of a poor member of parliament! !!!!
Arthur hart	newry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's our money they are wasting, we are entitled to know were its going,
wendy lill	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We should all be able to see what public money is spent on
laurence adams	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because there the most crupt people and want to try to steal even more money.behind are backs
j strutt	Strath, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is important an should be in them peoples hands,not subject to what parliament, police or big business want us to have.
ann o'keife	shoreham by sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	people over profits
maurice O'Neill	Richmond, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	People should know what our so called elected Mp's are claiming for.
shona mellor Shona	Nuneaton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is just another attempt for this Government to control the information we can have access to in order to not be able to hold them to account for the decisions they make in our names. They already lie through their teeth, abuse their power and renege on the promises they made to us so that they were elected, they should at least be accountable for their actions.
majella Murphy	Ballycastle, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I have had to make a request under FOI and I believe that this should always be an option. If people have nothing to hide they have nothing to worry about. Leave FOI alone
steve cook	Oldham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Taking away any freedom to access information is akin to living in a secret society
Lindsay Smith	Stafford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This was a hard won freedom and I don't want corrupt MP's or other public officials to hide behind exclusions to protect their own nasty little thefts.
Roy Robinson	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Every one is equal. No one should be above the law. If we all abide by the rules there would be no need to be worried.

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Naz Sultan	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MPs rip us of daily.
Rodney Austin	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Fol Act is the most powerful agent for holding government and all public authorities accountable to those on whose behalf they are supposed to act.
s cook	Kettering, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need this information,its our right.
Kate Ley	Rothwell Kettering Northants, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	All government and allied organisations should be open to scrutiny to be fair and accountable to the public, who pay to maintain them. This includes charitable organisations.
Barbara Tibballs	Bromley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is a basic human right if we want to continue to live in a democracy.
Mark Emery	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is another right that is being removed under the guise of terrorism
Nigel duckers	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing this because the FOI has been vital to me in exposing wrong doings of my previous employer.
andrew barnes	Radstock, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	the public has the right to know
Arthur Will	fraserburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	arthur will
Nic Digby-Rogers	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Democracy needs transparency in order to act optimally by using correct information.
Philip Hill	Ashford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MPs must be accountable!
Judy Warner	Brentwood, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Our FOI is already weaker than the US version and with cuts in the departments that are supposed to supply the info they gave enough grounds already for refusing requests.
Chris Taylor	Sidcup, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	there are too many secrets in high places
Tim Brown	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If the government is truly elected by the people, for the people the why should they have secrets from the people?
Edward C Pickering	Rillington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Help to protect us from so many inept politicians and civil servants
Ian Williams	Leeswood, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MPs are not nearly accountable enough for their actions and this is the only means to expose their corruption and incompetence. They are not beyond the Law.
Judy Jack	Scone, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Every government needs to be accountable to the people.
Scottie Sutherland	Inverness, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We fought long and hard to have the freedom of information and we won't give it up without another fight.
Keith Hawkins	Wolverhampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We should have far more information, not less!
Allan Murray	Thornhill, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because it is the right thing to do...
Ray Robinson	Greater Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is important.
thomas cairns	gravesend, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	With so many mp's getting away with what they know is wrong. then why can't petty criminals permitted to use the Mp's defence of it was an oversight.
kevin mcdonnell	Wolverhampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is one of the most important tools to ensure accountability. Without it government transparency will be irrevocably damaged.

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Tony Sims	Chorley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government MUST be accountable to the people.
Allan Coombes	Handsacre, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	F.O.I lets really see how dishonest and corrupt you really are!
sue Charman	Dartford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	people should be transparant unless they have something to hide
Roy Eatock	Alveston, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because the facts should be available to all and abuse through secrecy is of no benefit to the majority. To many secret deals are done.
Michelle Thackwell	Cheadle Hulme, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because it's important to know what is going on and for the government to be transparent
Richard Palfrey	Liskeard, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's OUR Right to know All Information especially what the Government wants to Hide.
Craig Hall	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because politicians should be pinned to the table like diseases moths and every selfish twitch watched through a microscope, then all it needs is to make them accountable
PATRICIA SMITH	Orpington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I totally agree with this petition everyone should be accountable.
Peter Bowles	Chalkhouse Green, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI Act is a key part of our democracy.
Daisy Barnes	Wombledon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MPs will have a greater degree of trust and respect from the public if we have transparency enshrined in law. To limit the scope of the f.o.i. Act would be a retrograde step.
Rod Vaughanb	Newport-on-Tay, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	All it takes for evil to triumph, is for good people to do nothing.
Micheal Mc Parland	Newry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public pay politicians and they therefore work for the public. Every expense should be allowable just as it would be for any other employed person. The only way to know this is if there is clear visibility of all expenses.

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David Weale	Worthing, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	<p>The FOIA as it stands, with no need whatsoever of the help proffered by the associated Code of Practice, clearly requires public authorities to proactively assist any person reasonably requiring to be informed of information held by an authority in any form. All that is required of the enquirer is to clearly describe the object of his/her enquiry, which does not necessarily mean, initially at least, requesting documentary information; that is, not until the most likely kind of enquiry, as to whether or not something or other is permissible, is met with a negative.</p> <p>If my experience with a local candidate is anything to go by, public authorities are already driving a coach and horses through the FOIA. In fact, in any sane world, seeking to further diminish the Act's effectiveness would have been seen by the Government as shooting itself in the foot; why draw attention to something that's already being so effectively taken care of by in-house acolytes?</p> <p>They do so by adeptly exploiting the Act's preference for ambiguous succinctness, principally that inherent in the phrase 'request for information'.</p> <p>And it's not just public authorities but the Information Commissioner himself. So confident are they both in their powers of dissimulation that the defender of our freedoms seems happy, not only to contradict the helpful advice coming from his Office but to perjure himself to boot.</p> <p>It's as bad or worse a situation than any depicted in a 'Yes Minister' script, not least in that in real life there is no Jim Hacker around to curb the Sir Humphries.</p>
Paul Sings	Lymington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	While Government mass surveillance is set to increase, intruding further into our lives, it seems the Government wants to decrease transparency making themselves less accountable to those who voted them into power.
Jules Moules	Loughborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to keep government accountable for everything they do in our name and with our money.under the spotlight. The FOI is essential in this regard.
Jeremy Rayner	Riddlesden, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politicians only wish to kill foi because they have plenty they wish to hide
michael markey	Chorley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Greed and the idea that some people are beyond the rules is rotten
rita grootendorst	Sidcup, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need the FOI Act more than ever
gavin moses	greenock, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm sick of having my rights taken away from me by a corrupt government
Mary Hutchings	Taunton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If you are taking the public' s money in expenses it should be in the public knowledge.

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Martin Scholey	Stone, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency keeps people honest!
Hazel Pimm	Clevedon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We must not be kept in the dark about anything that affects us
Andy McMillan	Rosyth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe the Freedom of Information act is necessary to protect society from a culture of secrecy and elitism
Graham Lee	Chirk, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe that MP's MUST be accountable for their actions regarding their claims for expenses
Walter Williams	Crewe, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am sick and fed up with the corruption in Westminster regarding to misuse of Public Funds!!!
Dean Bowles	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is an integral part of our liberties and the right to checkup on what the powers that be may be doing is only held in check by this right to check up on who's doing what.
Sharon Hall	Peterlee, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	To help increase accountability, transparency and minimise, dishonesty and lack of integrity
David Owen	Llandeilo, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government must be seen to be open and accountable, therefore it must reveal its activities to retain the trust of the electorate.
stella mcinnes	Upton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I feel strongly that there should be transparency.
Carolyn Heywood	Elland, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe the government should be open and honest and unable to cover up their scandals
Joy Harris	Peterborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	People and organisations need to be held accountable
NICOLA CLARK	Chichester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It will demean all that we stand for if you do.

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Dominic Meakin	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to expose these crooks for who they are.
Jeremy Smith	Crail, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is not Correct why are they not wanting us to see what money they get from the public.
Joe Gray	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want to know what our public servants are doing in my name
William Munro	Aberdeen, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe the FOI is a vital part of transparent Government and part of our democratic right to hold our elected representatives to account.
Bruce Buton	Plumout, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Government is acting on our behalf, not the other way round. It is essential that we can obtain data on what the government is doing in our name.
carole harm	newcastle on tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I agree on everything you've said
Andrew Postle	Aylsham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MP's do not deserve these privileges.
Adrian Berry	Newent, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because proper scrutiny of organisations requires access to information. Scrutiny thus protects democracy from abusive use of power.
anne Withers	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	In the words of Edmund Burke - "the only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing" - and MP's expenses are such a shabby way of spending hardworking people's taxes....and then expecting them to exist on poorer and poorer incomes....
cavan mulvihill	Torquay, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe that government should be legal, decent, honest and truthful as the media is also supposed to be.
jill Parker	Altofts, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want to be able to see what the government is up to , who evers in power.
Tony Egan	Tunbridge wells, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is important that documents can be obtained to reach the truth
Jason Mcnicoll	Strensall, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	<p>This is a blatantly transparent intention by MP's to curtail the publics rights with regards to public information, their agenda is undoubtedly to pass this as law so as to clear the way for their future fraudulent actions and theft from the general public of this country, for themselves and their peers whilst maintaining anonymity of these actions, to protect themselves. harsh unfair or unfounded accusations some may screech, to you I say this, take a long hard look at the staggeringly frequent; and multiple occasions of this behaviour perpetrated and committed by themselves and political friends in high places in the past, with the enevitable and inescapable truth that not one of these individuals is punished with any punitive sentence of any consequence, indeed on many occasions the most we can expect is a false smile coupled with a meaningless and fallacious apology.</p> <p>For the stance believer of their false regret I would say this "Don't argue with idiots because they will drag you down to their level and then beat you with experience". —Greg King</p>
David Fradley	Madeley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	information should remain freely available in a democratic civilised society. Without foi, corrupt behaviour is more easily hidden from the tax paying public. There can be no genuine reason to remove foi other than to hide shady behaviour from the public. We need easier access to information not less.
Russell Ramsay	Irine, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	People should be able to control government, not the other way round
Timur Salih	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The more transparent our government is, the better.

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Paul Beynon	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The expose of MP expenses indicates this Act has real use .
Patrick Dyer	Berden, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I don't want another MP's expenses scandal covered up because the FOI has been severely restricted by this dishonest government.
Katie James	Hants, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing this because transparency in public services (which I contribute to via tax) and other bodies helps prevent fraudulent practices.
Chris Cutler	Coulby Newham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI's can be used to review the way some things are done and ensure that government policy is open and transparent
Deborah Bradley	Guiseley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have a right to know what the public services including politicians that we pay for get up to.
Ron Parris	Swindon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Nobody will be policing how much is filched
Sammantha Smalley	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Totally behind it, we have way too little freedom!
Neal Beckett	Cobham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I like the freedom of info act just how it is to keep bodies accountable
Steve Charlton	Colwyn Bay, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	What politicians don't yet realise is that they are accountable to us and our money cannot be used to line the pockets of those that serve us..... And who receive a good salary for part time work..... They have enough time on their hands to have second and third jobs
Ian Vinall	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because I believe that public bodies have an interest in concealing their actions, which need to be open to scrutiny.
Trevor Warby	March, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Very important to keep FOI act available to all!!
Gaynor Gledhill	Kendal, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information = transparency in government
Steve Berry	Highbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Clarity and transparency is essential for good government we must keep the F,O,I,A anything less is undemocratic.
drew powell	The Sands, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	one of few tools for accountability of the corrupt
Chris Evison	Swallownest, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I live in the UK and expect openness and transparency which helps promote integrity and decency.
Pauline Cawthra	Newton Stewart, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They are keeping the alien presence secret, why?
Diana Gagic	Haworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There is too much inequality between the rich and poor in this country, so anything that helps to highlight such injustices is needed.
Sam Close	Chichester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The tory government is becoming like the USA; taking our information and not telling us anything. Unacceptable.
Susan Wilkinson	Cottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is a god law which I support
Simon Mansell	Bilston, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The current government are a bunch of selfish public school educated never known what it like to struggle assholes!
Andy Duncan	Moodiesburn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They shouldn't try to bend the laws to suit themselves
Gordon Waddell	Beith, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe MPs should be more accountable to the electorate,not less
alastair willis	Lochgilphead, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Everyone is accountable...

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Pete cloon	Middlesbrough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The right to FDI is essential to ensure less corrupt government.
Gary Gibbons	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We must keep our Freedom of Information Acts in Tact . Government must want to hide facts from the PUBLIC
shelagh hewitt	Birkenhead, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MP's are supposed to represent our interests. They are there to do what we require of them. I feel they have it the wrong way round when they think we are there to do their bidding. We have a right to know what they are up to.
David Trudgian	Cheltenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We must stop Politicians covering up their abuse of privilege by limiting public access to FOI which concerns them. They are elected members of parliament and their deeds and actions should always remain transparent to the electorate
Sarah Simpson	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Reducing free access to information means we cannot continue to call ourselves a democracy. This is protectionism at its most insidious. Please stop this.
Jason Griffin	Sutton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We live in a democracy where transparency is paramount. The government agree with this principle as they in turn are asking to monitor our usage of the internet....
Mike Jarvis	Prestbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing because without visibility the powerful will corrupt
Tony Sansom	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The United Kingdom is a democracy, a society based on freedoms. To overly restrict the F.O.I. act undermines the essence of democracy.
David Whalley	Macclesfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	In a democracy, people in authority are answerable to us, the citizens. Therefore, FOI Act must not be watered down. In fact, there are areas wherein it should be enhanced.
John Rae	Bothwell, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The right to freedom of speech surely must be one of the pillars of democracy - so leave it be!
Antony Pearce	Ascot, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They can't be trusted as power corrupts. Absolute power corrupts absolutely. FOI is imperative if we are to live in a democracy. The question is, why would they want to curtail it ?
Norman Bowman	Selkirk, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to keep an eye on Big Brother!
brian Kench	bradford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	dont trust uk gov
Gary Knights	Lowestoft, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Fed up with being taken for a mug
sion elias	Llanerchymedd, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am tired of the present Government attempting to change every act or law necessary to cover up their own actions !
Judith Badmin	Faversham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we need the FOI act
D STUBBS	southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	they get away with too much why should they get extras to go work and get helped with housing I work I don't get there wages or expenses
Donald Brown	Kellas, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public deserve open government other wise there is no democracy.
Michael Kelley	Milton keynes, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Public bodies need to show clear records of how public money is spent
Paul Gray	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Our MPs have shown themselves to be venal, corrupt and contemptuous of us, their constituents, in their profligate misuse of funds set aside for the democratic running of the country.

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Joseph Wilkinson	Burgess Hill, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	too many things have been hidden in the past, and it is not healthy for our society for this to continue, no matter how inconvenient this is for some in authority.
Janina Smith	Shotton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe we have a right to know about public money spending and other such things.
Jennifer McLaren	Stratford-upon-Avon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Debate and transparency is essential.
edward roberts	Crosby, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because Tony Blair now regrets his support of FOI. WHY?
Sophia Khan	Bradford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Why should they be able to blow our hard earned cash on silly little things. They should pay out of their own pockets!!
S S	East Hartford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Stop the robbers, and there scams.
Ian Backhouse	Gosport, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	As elected representatives, that is representing the interests of the electorate, I am entitled to have the opportunity to know what is going on and how my money is being spent
John McCarthy	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politicians are not above scrutiny. In fact they should be more accountable.
Ben Holding	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	What information do public authorities hold? It could be really useful to finding and solving social ills. Please reconsider.
Matt McCabe	Swindon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They are public servants paid by the public they should not be and cannot be exempt
Malcolm Frary	Blackpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Honest competent government requires transparency that the FOI helps provide.
Joseph Moore	Newmachar, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to be able to find out what shady nonsense our representatives have been getting up to, protect FOI at all costs!
Mick Fisher	Kimberley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have taken cuts so should you and then set a precedent and give up more of your privileges, like your Westminster meals very nice.
steph raikes-cairns	royston, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because it is important for transparency that the public can understand the discussion, data, mechanism and timings and everything that FOI is able to provide so that the right decisions are made for the right reasons. It provides an accountability / route to accountability that is important.
Mark Harrison	Norwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is about accountability of our political class
Susan Duffy	Wilmslow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I work for the ICO & I know how important this legislation is to help hold government & public authorities accountable for their actions and decisions.
deborah Miller	Hailsham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have a right to know what is happening to our money.
John Banting	Stroud, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Everyone should be accountable.
kate surry	Mold, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency in civil service is vital as every individual has a stake and thus a right to view decision trails.
jackie clark	Borrowash, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There should be no expense accounts, they get more than enough pa in fact 10 times more than me,
FJ Thorley	Stoke-on-Trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because I believe in transparency in all things. Without it we're all lost to the bureaucrats.
Bruce Jackson	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Everyone from top of social strata to the bottom needs to be accountable and answer for their actions when needed.

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Jody Shepperd	Cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Mps and all public bodies are answerable to to the general public and we have the right to ask questions under foi
Gavin Chambers	Newtownabbey, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freemasons love to keep secrets !
Peter Adams	Saffron Walden, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is important to know what the government, parliament and associated individuals do with the money that *we* pay them.
Maureen Weeks	Surrey, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I object to these MP's claiming expenses from our money even though they all have plenty of there own money how greedy can they get
Ian Henderson	Swanley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing in my private capacity as a UK citizen. As a tax payer I consider that information collected with public funds should be freely accessible subject to national security and privacy issues.
john mackie	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Restrictions on the Freedom of information Act will mean the likelihood that scandals and government shortfalls and scandals will escape detection.
Angela Riley	Hebden Bridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Government gets away with far too much by hiding behind their own legislation, tghey need to be curbed and remember who they are supposed to represent.
laurence carney	Tiverton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We pay their wages so we have a right to know what the hell they're up to
Christopher jones	Piperhill, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government can read all my personal information so I can't see why we shouldn't be able to look into theirs!
Hugh Muir	Whitburn, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI Should be exactly that !! freedom to see what the powers that be are up to and be accountable for every penny of public money they seem to think is their own.
Liz Shaw	Cambuslang, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am fed up with these Greedy Parasites lining their own pocket and STEALING from me and the rest of hard working and honest people
laurence stewart	Linlithgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The politicians keep forgetting that they work for us, NOT AGAINST US, we also pay their salaries and EXPENSES.
roy jenkins	Staffordshire, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is fraud and a criminal act stealing from public funds. If i went into Boots or any other major stores i would see a sign stating "all thefts and people stealing WILL be prosecuted". But these scum steal with impunity and it is rife. WHY ARE THAT NOT IN JAIL FOR KNOWINGLY STEALING PUBLIC FUNDS??
Howard Rogers	Wallasey, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	You are elected by us. We want you to show that you and other public bodies are transparent. What are you hoping to hide?
Joe cousin	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency
Paul thatch	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's important to be honest and be seen to be honest
oliver cook	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Fol informs the public of information that we need, want and have the right to know. This fundamental right of the public must be upheld
Marie Loretta Heneghan	Cotehill, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of Information is an extremely useful tool in helping hold our politicians and powerful media and commercial bodies to account. If anything, I favour extending the scope of the current Fol provisions, especially those related to the flimsy excuse of "protecting commercial interest".
Mark Cunningham	Sale, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politicians are corrupt and the present government are doing everything in their power to take from the poor and give to the rich (reverse Robin Hood)
Anne Lloyd	Huddersfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think the Freedomof information is very important in our democracy.
Maisie Gay	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because it's our money that these people were stealing. Of course they want to keep stealing from us and to keep us in the dark about it. There should never be any hidden secrets in a government we are paying for.

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James Chivers	Upminster, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The freedom right to know such crucial information should be broadcast to those who wish for it to be made public.
Faye Rimdap	Brixton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's important for private and public companies to be transparent and be held accountable to the public.
thomas mccarron	Eastchurch, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	they are no different from me they should not be able to change the law to hide their extravagant lifestyle
Geoffrey McAuliffe	Orpington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public has the right to have access to information which affects the lives of its citizens.
Justine Westall	Barry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Propaganda is not what we fought for. Information should be free and factual above all.
sandra harrison	stanford le hope, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we need more openness to know what goes on at local and government levels
Shafqat Zaman	Bradford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to expose people of parliament using our taxes for there own luxury
Jill Ernest	Exeter, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing this petition because I believe that Freedom of information is a corner stone of a strong and healthy democracy and the public have a right to seek and be given information which affects them.
Lee Mahoney	Wadebridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I've come to believe that the UK is one of the most corrupt countries in the world and therefore we must not lose the F.O.I. Act.
Stephen Evans	Birkenhead, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We deserve the truth and openness, it is in the public interest.
Ray Watson	Westerham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	our press is so one-sided and badly managed
Ray Mugford	Payhembury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There is too much cloak and dagger stuff going on that we don't know about, and being the ones that pay the piper we should be able to call the tune, should the need arise!
David Clarke	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I have used the FOI Act extensively, both in journalistic investigations and as an essential research technique in my teaching practice. The list of public interest stories that would never have been broken without it is endless. But as with most hard-won rights in the UK complacency and cynicism has allowed politicians - who have the most to fear from FOI - to push through this plan to undermine the ability of requesters to use the act to hold power to account. Don't let them get away with it!
Mike Alexander	Fleet, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom is best kept by transparency, especially over the agency of the state.
Sacha Augustus-lake	Slough, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government is supposedly for the people. Why would they want to hide what they are doing from the people?
Andy Ballinger	Stroud, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I do not trust mp's expense claims. Most of the MPs have mis claimed expenses. We need to keep them honest.
Robin Jackson	KILMARNOCK, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The current foi legislation has proven itself a very useful and appropriate mechanism to request information. No abuses have been seen and agencies / authorities are now aware of its limits and benefits. For these reasons amongst others it is inappropriate to make changes unless they will further provide access or bring other organisations under its ambit.
Peter Dickinson	Bury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI Act needs to be protected.

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Alyson Cutter	Worksop, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Many Mps are not honest about the things they claim, they spout off about benefit fraud but theirs is even bigger. Im tired of the fact they forget they work for the taxpayer everything they do should be open to scrutiny, and why if they buy a home through expenses are they allowed to sell it and keep the proceeds, greed and corruption, the money should go back in the pot, and furnishing a home at tax payers expense, its all wrong.
Vinod Dawda	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is critical in protecting public interest and democratic accountability .
Steve Richards	Christchurch, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because we should expect transparency from our elected representatives.
Wayne Holley	Biggleswade, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	With the MP expenses scandal, the Daily Mail expose of the fatcats in the police, local councils etc we need FOI
Stephen Moorhouse	Shrewsbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Secrecy seems to be another word for corruption
Adam beales	Lowestoft, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's a freedom of information and it should be free. If the government wants to change the law, it means they are hiding something
robert peel	wakefield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	its not honourable to claim for something your not entitled to.and they probably don't need it anyway.
John brown	Fauldhouse, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's morally right this happens
Huw James	Cwmafan, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because this is our information. These are public servants.
William McLellan	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	it keeps the politicians honest
Robert Ireland	East Witton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI rights are essential
Stephen Reeve	Lee-on-the-Solent, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we need to be able to have a clear and open policy to these things to prevent further abuse of systems in place
Simon Gordon	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's not been as much of a burden on public services as expected and has changed their overall mindset
stephen platts	Burradon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	this needs to be kept as it is and why do mps want to stop this ??????
Mark Newby	Belper, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If you've got nothing to hide, you've got nothing to fear.
Paul Burns	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because MPs should not decide what can be released under FOI. The public have a right to know about things that affect their lives
stephen stewardson	Hatfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We cannot allow the elite to bury embarrassing information
Shona Haldane	Herne Bay, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We cannot lose such an important human right.
Tom Belshaw	Salisbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is a critical tool in ensuring a transparency and accountability of public bodies.
Colin Parsons	Fenny Drayton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	'Parliament can do anything'
David Knowles	Stockport, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because FOI should be available to all.
Alexander wilson	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Nobody should be able to rob the public on bogus expenses
Lisa Evans	Horley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's my democratic right... And my money.

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John Davidson	Buckhurst Hill, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I have a right to know!!
Stephen Downing	Bakewell, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I have been refused foi in proving my case.
JEAN FLEMING	Ashton-under-Lyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	politicians are greedy sods . Why should the tax payer support these scroungers.
Alan white	Crosby, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The truth matters
andrew clinton	Killamarsh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Fed up of the lies,cover-ups etc.
ROSEMARY rowberry	Worcester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The people of Britain need to know the truth so that they can make sensible decisions and our elected representatives are paid by us so we are entitled to decide how our money's spent.
Alan Geddes	Sunbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe we still live in a 'democratic' society where we should all be allowed a day and a vote and an ability to argue against what we may think is wrong - I stand up for democracy and free speech and this should not be reduced nor taken away by a Conservative Govt
alan fletcher	newport, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	i believe that anyone "massaging" the rules for their own benefit should be exposed. This amounts to theft in the commonest form and any one caught should be made to pay it all back with penalties on top,plus prosecution when nessessary.
Nicky Dixon	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	it's outrageous that the government wants to curb our right to information, and hold organisations to account.
Lindsey Evans	Darlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Yet again the government are trying to control the public in every single way. Taking away every last bit of freedom & the right to information that should be available. The Freedom of information act doesn't give every bit of information out anyway so why try and stop what is right? This government is doing everything it can to take everything away from people and control every aspect of our lives. Is this really what the people of the country stupidly voted in..? It's a disgrace. This government is not doing anything for the people of this country. It's all about what works for them, how they can increase their bank balances & be as sneaky and underhanded as possible. Hang your head in shame Cameron, Osbourne and the rest of you. The people of this country deserve so much better!
patricia edwards	Bentley Heath, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we are heading more and more into serfdom
Martin Henley	Gamlingay, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's the right thing to do. At least with it we have half a chance of holding our elected representatives to account if needed. Shame on the MPs for trying to remove it
Joseph Handler	Caernarfon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is a basic right to know haw our tax monies are spent in all areas of government. The public elect politicians and in turn expect them to deliver as a basic trust to the public. President Thomas Jefferson said, "To seek out the best through the whole Union we must resort to other information, which, from the best of men, acting disinterestedly and with the purist motives, is sometimes incorrect."
pat treacy	Tempo, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we need the Fol act to find out what is happening in this country, no one is going to tell us
David Kirby	Driffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Govt hide too much info already, using different a act to accomplish their aims. Freedom of information essential so no underhand tactics are continued to be adopted.

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Peter Middleton	Burntwood, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI is there for a reason the government should not be allowed to pick and choose what we can see especially their expenses.
Anthony Brown	Castleford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	See, the thing is, how the hell are we supposed to vote for people who won't tell us what they're up to?
Linda Brent	Northolt, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe the public have a right to be informed how public money is spent.
Pamela Donaghey	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because I don't want MPs spending money on nothing that is not to do with work, they get enough now, they get more than anyone else and it is our money.
Mark Trowbridge	Stockton-on-Tees, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Touch our FOI, you lose votes. Remember that.
Annie Townsend	Weybridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm being treated with detriment for whistle blowing.
Michael O'sullivan	Southend-on-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The British public elect MP's & pay taxes for them to represent us, this is not happening. Most of government are wealthy lawyers awarding themselves wages & expenses far beyond what they deserve & will fight tooth & nail to hide their perks from what must be regarded as the cash cow working public.
Jason Readings	Ridlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MP's are ripping off the public and tax payers
Alan Chitty	Croydon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	this act is a necessary check against the establishment hiding their dirty secrets. If you have nothing to hide you do not need to have a law to hide behind.
Jonathan Fish	Withersfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of information is important MP's should not be above the act.
Ryan Kerr	Armagh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's a sign of a healthy democracy
Les Cox	Abingdon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Restricting information is not democratic!
Sarah Colloby	Pershore, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Don't let this government keep us from knowing what we need to
Natalie Hancock	Kent, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We are a democracy and transparency is integral to trust. If nothing to hide, then reveal!
Ken Fernandes	SLEAFORD, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	One Law for ALL. What is good for the citizens is also good for the MPs. X-Reference 'In the draft Bill recently reintroduced by Home Secretary Theresa May - dubbed the Snooper's Charter by its critics'
Kelly Sagar	Alloa, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Public money used to fund anything should be made transparent and everyone involved should be made accountable and dealt with appropriately>
Peter Gay	York, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politicians have not explained to me why they might restrict the FOI.
pamela sidebottom	Stalybridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because I've used the act to help my son
Paul Marsden	Huddersfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	People deserve to know if public money is being wasted.
Paul Martin	Hepscott, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If you have something to hide you shouldn't be doing your job. Public organisations should be transparent.
craig callaghan	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We are not privy to enough information as it is without more restrictions.
Keith Reed	Staveley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	You have nothing to fear if you're not doing anything wrong...

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Brian Chrystal	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Accountability
Neil Ford	Tankersley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is essential to keep the state accountable and we need accurate information to be able to do this.
Brandon Oram	Welshpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	<p>Time and again it becomes apparent that what we are being told is not in fact the case.</p> <p>The FOI actually allows for a more authoritative government and elected officials. Simply due to the fact that it leads to transparency and accountability.</p> <p>The removal of FOI is the beginning of a rather slippery slope, and smacks of an elected elite not being prepared to be answerable to the electorate.</p> <p>Put simply, nothing to hide; nothing to fear.</p>
Roy Adams	Harlow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There has to be accountability and openness at all levels of government.
Linda Oldroyd	Lofthouse, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want transparency in public affairs.
Sue Wight	Laverstock, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We, the people, are entitled to know what is done in our name, with our funds. The 'keepers' of the funds shouldn't need to be secretive.
Angus Duff	Ayr, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is powerful legislation that holds public bodies to account.
Derek Brown	Faversham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We, the public, own the public bodies and we vote in those that run them on our behalf. In which case, details of anything they do that is recorded in some way, is owned by the public and NOT the public bodies. Except where national security could be impacted or legal process could be compromised, all information should be available when requested. Not only is that in the public interest it is the public's right so any changes to FOI MUST be underpinned by that principle.
Jennifer Pegg	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The changes proposed by the Tories are too appalling to ignore
Andrew Dawson	Dereham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because members of parliament are our servants not our rulers and should conduct their affairs with the highest moral integrity. That means accountability should never be anything less than free, transparent and readily available.
Derek Pike	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because I believe it is vital to the public interest to keep the law as it is.
steven Mountford	Oswestry, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we need it to help towards a transparent society
julie Green	Harrogate, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	its about time we did something
William Powell	High Wycombe, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is a crucial defence against waste and corruption in public bodies
Anthony Knight	chester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Disgusting proposal; unless you have something to hide, or plan to do something you wish to hide, I see no reason to get rid of this act. Unfortunately this doesn't surprise me though.
Kevin shenton	Newcastle Under Lyme, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It should be made easier to obtain information not harder. Its still an onerous task for the average individual.
Steven Delaney	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I agree 100% this information should be easier to access.

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David Mejia	Stockton-on-Tees, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because we live in a democracy where we elect our representatives to do just that, represent us. If they are taking taxpayer money to fund "expenses" such as cleaning their moat, I would like to know so I could personally shit in it, we who elected them have the right to know what they are doing for us and remove them if they stray too far into excess and the illusion of grandeur
Terrie (Mr) Gibbons	Cotton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Freedom of Information Act is essential to democracy.
Alexander Willison	Kingston upon Thames, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's a national disgrace they way MP's look after their own interests, whilst clamping down / cutting other areas of expenditure.
Cameron Kitchener	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We deserve to know
Mark Browning	Corby, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe that a strong tool that enables clear visibility of how both state and private organisation operate ensures that they are held accountable for their actions.
Mark Cousens	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is the ally of democracy.
Stuart Mackay	Greenock, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Why would they want to weaken the FOI act unless there is something to hide
Philip Hodkinson	Wigan, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	To our esteemed MP's Why change it if you have nothing to hide.
Jillian prescott	Chislehurst, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Parliament is mandated by the voting public. At a time when trust in politicians and politics is at an all time low, what reason could there be for limiting access to information on the actions of parliament to the people parliament is responsible to. Parliament should hold itself to the same standards of transparency as they insist the rest of the public sector is. MPs make more FOI requests to the NHS than anyone else.!!! It don't think they should they be equally open and transparent. NO
John Wooden	Caernarfon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's a vital thing which works well.
David Hookway	Annan, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government r sneaky bastards!
Yvonne Davison	Scunthorpe, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	i do not feel comfortable with the Tory government eating in to our freedoms
Babatunde Obisesan	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am calling for justice to inform free and transparency in the governing system, so as to observe human rights activities
Caroline Plant	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because the Freedom of Information Act males me proud to live in Britain and masking changes could lead to.more hushed up politics.
Trevor Elliott	Ceres, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom of Information is critical within a transparent democracy To remove it, means your hiding something -why?
Andy Stankard	Hull, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	All governments must be transparent or at least accountable, this one more than most. It's not surprising that they want to water down scrutiny and it has to be opposed.
Pauline O'Connell	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe we should have transparency.
Shane Sundaram	Hailsham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need it to keep track of those politicians that lie and cheat.
Mark Marlow	Fareham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Without FOI the majority of will believe government and public bodies will have something to hide. This both reduces and exposés corruption

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Judy Dean	Swaffham Prior, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency of information in the public interest is a hallmark of democracy. We need to ensure that power and influence is not misused and if we suspect it is the public deserve to know and those abusing their positions exposed
Jason Clarke	Herstmonceux, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Mps have robbed us for years! Let's see how dishonest they have really been!
Margaret Browning	Corby, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Why should these people take advantage and claim for everything when ordinary people like myself who run a small business are unable to claim for hardly anything and struggle to run a business And not afford to take people on because of the cost of employing someone. Surely the money would be better spent helping small businesses employ people to get them off unemployment figures and saving the government paying out benefits
Catherine Porter	Crayke, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is essential that we continue to benefit from access to freedom of information so that there continues to be a greater accountability in all areas of public life
Carl Roberts	Hamsterley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is the cornerstone of good government. We need the FOI to allow exposure of corruption in public life at all levels.
Catherine Brennan	Bletchley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's our money. We have a right to know how it is spent. It's not an MPs pot of gold to be plundered when they feel like it.
James Meller	St Albans, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Without this the government and others will simply be able to hide information they don't want the public to know and become less accountable for unpopular improper actions.
mark slade	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Government are thriving lie in scumbags there to line their pockets with poor people's cash
imelda higton	Halifax, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Democracy requires freedom of information.
Adam Nimmie	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Freedom is only achievable while the state remains accountable to its citizens. In my opinion. Seems the FOI is working just fine. I'd be highly suspicious of the motive for any change to it.
Rebekah Stone	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There's no problem if there is nothing to hide
Joan Coverley	Nr Buckie, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is important that we strengthen FOI. The fact that Tony Blair says that FOI Act was his biggest mistake and that Jack Straw is on a Tory 'review' committee tells you just how important this is.
mark thompson	Cardenden, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	They are not to be trusted.
peter childress	Liskeard, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	if i am paying for something,i want to see if i need, where my hard earned money is spent.
David Oliver	Hexham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Freedom of Information Act is fundamental to our democracy. Diminishing it will be an assault on one of the most basic elements of our liberty. If the people we elect and/or pay as public servants are not transparent and accountable in all their dealings, they should not be in office.
Martin Webb	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	T
David Jeal	Enfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is necessary in a true democracy

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David Rees	Dowlais, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe that politicians of ALL PARTIES are employed by the ORDINARY PEOPLE OF THE U.K. Therefore to PROVE They are NOT simply scamming the ELECTORATE (M.Ps EMPLOYERS) ANY and ALL.MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT Can be LEGITIMATELY REQUIRED by members of the Nation's voters (The General Public) to show that the Member or Members of any and or ALL Political Party/Parties are NOT Claiming or Attempting to claim excessively on their Parliamentary Expenses. It is my opinion that ANY Member of Parliament who refuses to supply this information in 45 DAYS MUST BE INVESTIGATED BY THE METROPOLITAN POLICE in conjunction with the Police Force which is responsible for the M.Ps constituency. ANY M.P Found to be responsible for any untrue claims on expenses should be tried for FRAUD (as set out in the THEFT ACT1968 1978) If convicted of any wrongdoing the Member(s) Should be expelled from Parliament, ALL expenses Recovered and any Pension rights should be forfeited.
Julia Jones	Wix, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe we have the right to know how the tax payers money is being spent. Leave the FOI Act as it stands
anthony halkyard	Ashton-under-Lyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we all know the gov is bent and they dont help the people of this country
David Dawson	Hamilton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI act was created for a reason and needs protected
Jane Marsden	Corwen, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	At a time when the ordinary individual is subject to increasing surveillance, why should local and central government decisions taken on our behalf be immune from scrutiny?
Miles Kilby	Helston, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Information forces honesty. Dishonesty is bad for everyone in the end.
Andrew Kent	Kilmarnock, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because the problem of overuse is grossly outweighed by the benefit of open government.
John Fellows	Shrewsbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transarent government is good, seacreative government is bad.
Gerrard Murray	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	A truly democratic society needs full disclosure of all matters relevant to the governance of its citizens - no matter how uncomfortable this, from time to time, may be. No issue can be more important for our collective wellbeing.
Allan Hewitt	Darwen, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	There should be no secrets from the people you are elected to represent.
Simon Smith	Portinscale, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We want to keep living in a democracy
Andrew Vanzie	Halifax, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because you all need to wake up and realise we are sleepwalking into a dictatorship.
Abbie saxon	Sandown, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	In all other jobs there is no way paying for a second home would be allowed. You accept a job, and should pay for certain things out of earnings like every other person in this country.
Elizabeth Mulligan	Lanark, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MP'S get enough, working class people who hi to work can't claim expenses for breakfast, lunch, dinner, or traveling, they have to find it put of their own pockets, they talk about benefits cheats, u could go on all night, but I won't
ron howard	bishop auckland, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe that we require this act and that Mps have no right to amend it to enable them to hide greed and hypocrisy
David Angliss	Dunstable, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is just another part of our rights which this government is bound on reducing.
Deborah Bloom	Southport, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in freedom and that we shouldn't let the elite control us

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catherine carmichael	Hull, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We are all accountable including mps
Andrew Stanley-Ward	Ringwood, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in the freedom of information
yusuf sadiku	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I support this campaign because FOI is the only tools available to public to find out what the public officers are doing.
Elaine Mcbain	Mansfield woodhouse, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government should be open to investigation....They cannot be trusted otherwise...
Wayne Fearn	Caerphilly, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	David said it's a good thing and what is there to hide? New world order or at least the ethos is a myth, right?
David Brumwell	Consett, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI Act allows the people to see what the government are doing on our behave but also so they do not abuse they positions. Why is the prime minister wants the people to allow him to put laws into place with our permission, we have see this type of thing put in place and abused. He tells us it's for security. Well the people of this country need to be able to keep an eye on what the mp's are doing and ensure they are not abusing they position which we have seen happen in the past. I would say to the Prime Minister if you have nothing to hide then leave the FOI Act alone so if we need to check up on the government and mp's should not need to worry if they have don't nothing wrong. It is the people's right to be able to ensure mp's do not abuse there position.
Christopher smout	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Public institutions,and employees,must accountable to the taxpayer.
Sibghatullah Mohsin	Doha, Qatar	2015-11-12	I'm signing because I believe in the freedom of opinion. This act will create a tolerate society.
Norman Agbas	Oxshott, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am a great believer of transparency.
moyra bevilacqua	Melton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think everyone is entitled to know how MP conduct their bussiness
joyce crowley	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Joyce crowley
Paul Bateman	Ryde, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politicians need to be properly accountable.
jeff parry	Patchway, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I need to know how MY money is spent,wish I could get these sort of expenses
Ross Aubrey-Smith	Royal Tunbridge Wells, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Our public servants are that, servants for the people. They should be transparent in their activities and accountable. After all they have nothing to hide, right?
david smith	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I don't trust politicians
Ann Batey	Portsmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have a right to this
Sheena Dolan	Bathgate, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am sick of those in positions of power thinking that this gives them some inalienable right to get what they can out of the British public, rather than concentrating their attentions on issues of importance to the people they are supposed to represent..
Bill Yoxall	Seaford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe in open and more honest government, thus a strengthened statutory obligation is highly desirable.
Ian Myatt-Jones	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Our government must be accountable and share information when it is in the interest of the nation. Any bid to block FOI request by the government is deeply ironic when citizens are being told "if you have done nothing wrong you have nothing to hide" in relation to invasions of privacy by the state.

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Charles moore	Temple Ewell, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If it's public money they are claiming tax payers money we should know where it's going
Roger Legg	Southend-on-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The people have a right to know what their elected representatives do in their name.
Myra Dillistone	Exeter, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We seem to jknow so little of what goes on behind closed doors where the authorities are concerned. Once we find out we are usually amazed at how they get away with it!
Robert Glew	Broughton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because there should be transparency in the dealings of our elected representatives
Julie Clapton	Poulton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We live in a democracy.. We have the right to know who is getting tax payers money and why
Jeanette Horsburgh	larbert, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	MP' s expenses should be transparent to the public who are the tax payers
Bernie McDerra	Wigan, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Just because MPs are not happy about FOI act. They believe they should change this law.
Pietro Allen Allen	Glossop, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is a concern that FOI Act may be changed/amended so thatonly possibly limited info is divulged or realeased. It is importantly that in a dfree democracy that thier is accountability an dthbe public should have the knowledge tom know how local and central government operate and decsions which are made, and process of the deccision was made.
Kate Lawrence	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Our present government likes to do too many major things behind closed doors. This is not right as they affect a large percentage of the population. We need MORE transparency from our elected representatives, not less. Our taxes pay your wages. As an employer, would you be wanting your employees to do lots of things behind your back??! No. We need FOI to ensure our MPs and companies are doing what they should. Any attempts to undermine this smacks of underhand dealings. Show you are trustworthy!
Jodan Dopwell	london, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	i'm having orwellian nightmares
Roger Cruickshank	Southend-on-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am feed up with big brother government interference
Nigel Hutton	Hatfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The Government are passing legislation to be able to monitor all our communications, Citizens need to retain the right to find out what the Government are doing!
Janet Dawson	Worcester, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I do not believe that any public body in a democracy should be able to hide behind a veil of secrecy. Curtailing our access to, and use of, the FOI Act would play directly into the hands of those who wish to feather their own nests at the expense of their fellow Countryman.
Angela Moyler	Goodnestone, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Because I believe in freedom of information. MPs try to cover up too many things that people should be aware of.
josephine taylor	Skelton-in-Cleveland, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is the publics right to know how much of our money is being claimed for expenses
william allom	Northampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This country is getting more like East Germany each day
John Neill	Belfast, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is proper
Patricia Hermiston	Dundee, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe FOI is essential in a democracy nothing to hide=nothing to fear
Anne Robertson	Auchterarder, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I do not want MPs to hide information that in a democracy we gave a right to know

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Richard Mawdsley	Great Broughton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Any democratic Government must be accountable to the electorate, otherwise it becomes a dictatorship.
David Hanagan	Canterbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing this because our so called MP's are still covering up expenses and we need to know
James Mullarkey	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am signing because transparency is essential in a truly democratic and civilised society consistent with 'government of the people, for the people, by the people'.
Mark Smart	Swindon, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have the right to know
paul beeden	leominster, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	knowledge is power.
Richard Gilbert	Ystrad Mynach, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	For what possible reason is there to hide information from the public? Unless that information is incriminating. The reason that hierarchy exist at all is to keep order throughout the land, to ensure the people of this land are catered for without discrimination against anyone else, to create boundaries so humans can coexist without causing hurt, pain or distress on any other human. That has quickly been forgotten and their positions have been seriously abused, and as a result they now feel they can simply implement a rule that stops the people who they were originally put in charge of to protect from knowing what it is they are getting up to, it should be utterly incomprehensible.
Robin Simmons	Crossways, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public needs to know what MP's are spending on publics money!
harry mcguinness	dunfermline, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Knowledge is power Your knowledge weakens them They fear your knowledge They fear transparency What's not to like
Norma Patterson	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The public have a right to know what our M.Ps are up to and be accountable for their actions.
graham french	Biggin Hill, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we need to know what is going on truthfully.
Jim Beard (R)	Colwall, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I firmly believe the Act is there for the protection of the populace.
Liz Beth	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Power needs to be held to account!
Tom Donoghue	Harrow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's important. Keeps everyone honest and that's no bad thing. If you've nothing to hide you've nothing to worry about eh? ☐
Peter John Langdon	Falmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	as a tax and rate payer I feel it is only fair that I can see what my money goes to pay!
keith woodward	Yealmpton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI enables the shining of a light into some of those dark corners officialdom prefers to keep from us in our so called democracy of the people.
Adam Morris	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Our government should be accountable to the people who gave them the power to govern in our name. The FoI Act is one tool we have to try and maintain that accountability.
William Wood	Livingston, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Our government and our representatives must be accountable for their actions and the freedom of information act means that wrongdoers will find it harder to hide from scrutiny.
Carol Matthews	Cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We must always be able to be aware of mis-use of public money. GREED is bringing this country to its knees.

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TONY DYBALL	Cromer, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Isn't it the Government who keep saying we've got to more transparent ??? So much for that then !!!
Edward saunders	Jaywick, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Nothing should be hidden
Gerard Ambrose	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Double standards, don't do as we do do as we say. The house of commons is as corrupt as FIFA, and the international athletics. So who on earth can the ordinary citizen believe?
Paul Gaynor	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm against censorship of information that I think the public has a right to know.
Steph Rawlinson	Enderby, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	<p>I am signing this petition because MP's are so out of touch with reality. Their wages are as such they should not have a need to claim any expenses.</p> <p>They bleat often enough that work should pay. I have yet to be acquainted with an MP that manages to support themselves on £60.00 / sixty pounds only a week for everything.</p> <p>They do not need to claim expenses or have subsidied restaurants. Work should pay according to them.</p> <p>MP's want to weaken the FOI Act as they evidently have something to hide.</p> <p>Sick and disabled people have been destroyed by this government as they have unjustifiably been stripped of monies they are entitled to in order to lead a normal life.</p> <p>Do this government care, no they don't.</p> <p>Keep the petition going; put the pressure on. Prosecute and dismiss anyone who has fraudulently claimed expenses. Sanction them.</p> <p>Let them be accountable for their actions.</p>
brian hughes	Hengoed, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Tranpcarancy in a democracy is the test of its value
Catherine twomey	Banchory, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think it is s hugely important issue.
peter rose	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Corrupt people will hide behind any legislation these kinds of people hate the great unwashed seeing what goes on in this country noses in the trough First class
Daniela Turner	Oakley, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have a right, as citizens and tax payers to have transparency.
Nicola Burke	Ottery St Mary, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm tired of governmental corruption and vote in favour of open and clear policies for the people
Laura Miller	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing this petition because I believe that all who are elected are mandated to be open with what they do whilst in office. NO elected person should be able to keep secret what they do with "our" funds! Especially when they are, at the same time, telling us we must be frugal, get along with less, and expect less from the state. Rank hypocrisy in my view.
Leodhas Wallace-Sayers	Soham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I don't want the government hiding what they really do, they do enough of it already
Victoria Hanshaw	Southport, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Discusting :/

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kate kilgannon	Leigh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe MPs should not get ridiculous expenses and should not miss out on paying their council tax.
Michael Lush	Bronllys, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government should be accountable to the people it serves.
Dafydd Wynn Williams	Pentir, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I very strongly believe that the FOI ability (and its threat to those who abuse their 'powers') should remain
Krystyna Pasek-Corsar	Surfleet, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Their expences should be paid by them. I can't claim any of my expences. They need to start living the life of an average person in this country
Craig Longstaff	St Helens, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Transparency is vital to democracy, accountability, honour and integrity. Trying to hide and/or create obstacles / restrictions is nothing less than wilful tyranny and corruption - unconscionable and despicable! The people WILL revolt and take back power from those who don't deserve it and who abuse it!
Florence Prince	Burntwood Staffordshire, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We all a right to make sure that our money is spent wisely
Eric Lewis	Stirling, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	After all the fraud with our Financial Controllers (Fat Cats) ,our M P's expenses. our sad "Bulking Up" of our food , the "Brown Envelope" usage in Council dealings (especially the officials in the Roads Dept) we the folk who are sometimes duped must maintain the Freedom of Information Act...Otherwise the dastard mobsters will take advantage...Eric Lewis
Brian Mcknight	ALLOA, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is our fundamental right to know how our Tax Payers moneyis being(or abused), by our representatives.
Clive Carlin	Inkberrow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is wrong to withhold this information.
Jason Owen	Acrefair, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Democracy is meant to be about transparency, freedom of information is a vital part of that. The dismantling of such freedoms can only be used for nefarious purposes, and is very clearly dangerous.
John Howard	Preston, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I very much believe that the public ought to be able to discover details such as are contained via the Freedom of Information Act. It must be kept available in order that we may find out what is happening on OUR Behalf.
David Cook	Norwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This is a fundemental right.
Katie Mcphee	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Our institutions need to be held to account.
Brian Glanville	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Things need to be brought out into the open , to make people accountable !!!
alison watson	hurworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This act is a fundamental democratic right. It in no way asks the government to reveal state secrets and promotes good democratic principals. It prevents and exposes those attempting to hide falsehoods and commit fraud
Gena Ellis	Orpington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	All so dishonest and greedy. Will never stop unless we make them!
jacqueline mason	Llanelli, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe that the FOI act has led to improved involvement of citizens in political discussion.
Brian Burley	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Well done for your original exposure and continued fight to obtain the extent of corruption within the heart of what you call a democracy. It is of no surprise to me that these same people are now planning to change the rules to suit what they want it to suit to then hide their corruption. Should they get their way or continue down this road it will only proof that Britain is not a democracy but a SHAMOCRACY.
andrew brunning	ipswich, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am sick of working in a high school for 10,000 a year, owing tax credits back !!!!! and have not been abroad for over ten years. New clothes are a rarity. Sick sick power to real people.

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Lee Jackson	Wickford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We all have a right to know the truth, and not get told what people want to tell us.
Barbara Elrick	Hilton, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	we are a democratic country, we must keep our freedom of speech!!
Sandra Read	Worcestershire, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe the public have a fundamental right to access information about our public servants and institutions.
Peter McCormick	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is absolutely essential that the public have access to information, especially about themselves when Bureaucracies refuse to provide information under the Data Protection Act.
Jeremy Dunnet	South Nutfield, Surrey, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	FOI is important to me, and to all who care about freedom of access to information.
Paul Bale	Saint Leonards, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Nobody in a position of power or influence should have anything to hide from the public. We should be able to ask them anything to show they are honest and decent.
Jon Taylor	Huddersfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because secrecy is no way to run a democracy
Annie Bromwich-Alexandra	Newbiggin-by-the-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This law has improved public debate and made a serious contribution to reducing places to hide for politicians seeking to evade their reporting responsibilities. Hands off.
Ian Adamczyk	Wigan, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's necessary!!
Alan Blaikley	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's so important.
Gwen Heppinstall	Ruskington, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm sick of politicians !
Peter Thubron	Sunderland, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I am a lawyer and believe that there is nothing wrong with telling the truth and letting the truth be known.
Kate butler	Goosnargh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We need to know
Andrew Workman	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We have a right to this Information
John Simpson	Fareham, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I think it is important that public bodies and such organisations are accountable.
Karen Galbraith	Derby, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	it says what it should be and that should be for everyone !
Jean Embury	Skelmanthorpe, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	We should all know how public money is being spent so that we can be confident in the leadership of our country.
Emma Gregson	horwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It's our right to request for information and to be given it.
David Underwood	Edgware, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The government is the biggest problem facing humanity. Everything must be done to delay their genocides, wars & included crimes.
Sam Halligan	Eccles, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I feel strongly about this - we need this to keep public bodies (MP's in particular) in check.
john rennie	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	If they have nothing to hide , why change it
David Finch	Sutton Valence, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I have used the FOI requests and been given important information that I could never have uncovered previously and will expose an extraordinary injustice in due course.
John Fahy	Trottscliffe, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	It is important that no person/body should be able to hide how taxpayers (our) money is being spent and further, what laws. moral or legal, may be being circumvented by those with friends in high places!

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Terry Silverstone	Richmond, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	This act needs to remain and needs to be compulsory
Belinda Bawden	Lyme Regis, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	People need to stand up to the Tory government's skullduggery on this and so many other things.
Wendy Mitchell	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	As the poor are becoming poorer. There is no need to be wasting our hard working money on them.
Cam Harwood	Ilkeston, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I believe
Maddie Mcculloch	Alblasserdam, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Particularly in regard to the spending of our tax payers money transparency is essential. The FOI act provides the means for us to move towards more accountability, transparency and hold ourselves to higher ethical and moral levels.
Grant Mackenzie	Dundee, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	These bastards are ruining our country
Voirrey Watterson	Totnes, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	The FOI is vital to an already malfunctioning democracy.
Stuart Derek Halpern	Ilford, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I'm signing because no government has the right to take away our god given right to know: This is the reason why - The Freedom of Information Act established the broad principle that public bodies must release information if the public interest in doing so outweighs the public interest in it remaining secret. I don't care which government is in power, leave the Freedom of Information Act alone because if you do - we will then know, that no government can ever be trusted again.
Michael Flynn	Barnet, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	I want our right as a democratic and free society to be free of cover ups and corruption. The FOI is a huge part of this
Oliver Thiebaud	Rabans Lane, Aylesbury,, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Democracy means government for the people by the people and open government needs to be accountable to all of us. It is only human nature to want to keep private all the corruptions, excessive privileges, drunkenness and scandals away from the public but we - the voting public - need to know all financial, political, civil and National matters affecting us.
john dodgson	Nanning, United Kingdom	2015-11-12	Politicians should have to be the same as the public
angela Kruger	Camborne, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I think most of the UK are pretty sick of the government's lies and blatant manipulation
Katya Walton	Englefield Green, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	it comes up in my emails
Peter Fisher	Worcester, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The public has right to know what the government and its agencies are up to
robin whitlock	warfield park, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	MPs are there to serve the nation, not themselves
angus mcnaair	Clochan, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I want truthful ad trusting people for representing us.nelson Mandela or Mahayana Ghandi should be their role models
Christine Spray	Exeter, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We should know what is happening. Nobody should be exempt.
alan francis	stafford, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We need continued transparency !
William venton	Launceston, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Expenses should be open for all to see
Christopher Watkins	Jarrow, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	This is a tool of freedom for the people and to lose it would be criminal..
John Dickson	Makati, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Democracy needs a transparent Government.

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Mark Fraser	Inverness, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The information is publicly owned so should be available.
Callum Wightman	Warrington, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	To make a difference
Chris Lawal	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I Signed the petition because freedom of speech is very important for human being.
Andy Ward	Worcester, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	In a democratic society we should have a right to FOI. No one, including MP's & elitists, should have a right to say what the public can & cannot know
James Brookes	Harrow, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The FOI Act is an essential part of holding our public offices to account. As a young journalist, it would be a travesty to see the act ravaged and destroyed in the name of concealing information which, rightly, belongs in the public domain.
lee oconnell	Hull, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Fuck them MP nobz!!!
brian larcombe	Chard, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I sign this as we have to declare every thing that we have. So should they. M.P. are not above the law
John Archer	Arundel, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I cannot abide government duplicity
Mark CLEMENTS	HALIFAX, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	In an open society no one should Government body should have info that they fear disclosing if correct procedures have been correctly and fairly carried out
Chris Brown	Gillingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Evil MUST BE STOPPED!
samuel scott	Uploders, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The conservatives want to access to all public and private information with the snoopers charter. Theresa May wants to make it illegal to hide information from the government. I believe in equality. The government should not be allowed to keep their own information private if the public cannot. Additionally, the FOI is a necessary tool in protecting the environment and human rights from the worst actions of some corporations. The precedent for protecting one elite must not allow for other elites to be protected to an exceptionally greater degree than the protection afforded to the public.
geoffrey cole	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	our government are corrupt and traitors to our people
Mike Gwyther	Lowestoft, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The availability of this information is crucial for keeping the state in check. Is this a democracy or not?
David McKnight	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	FOI is precious
Mandy Gill	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Governments always suppress information and if they can suppress it at a very public level autonomy we will allbe wearing regulation jumps suits soon and if your child doesn't weight a specific amount then watch out for the school police and the data collected will be sold on the dark web and it just goes to show that information is everything in this world Thanks
Karamat Hussaim	Stafford, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	These people are crooks they just milking the taxpayer for what ever they can never mind their wages just their expenses are more than an average persons earning plain greedy
Alex Bryant-Roggero	Long Drove, Murrow, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Public bodies (paid by my taxes) need to be transparent and accountable to us the people.
Paul Curtis	Fareham, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Information is powwe
Andrew Layfield	Kowloon, Hong Kong	2015-11-13	I am a British Citizen working in Hong Kong and consider the FOI act important in holding government accountable.

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Michaela Rollins	Smethwick, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	What are they trying to hide? More underhand dealings??
Sean Holden	Beeston, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Freedom of information is vital for the democracy of this country, everyone who wants to see what's happening with all the services we each contribute to and use should be able, we should be allowed to see what's happening around us and see where the services etc are getting things right or wrong. All info should be readily available
george smiley	Ruislip, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Our politicians are supposed to serve the people, not help themselves to our money
Steve Darragh	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	It is critical t hat OUR government is accountable to its electorate and it can be without the transparency of information that the FOI act helps to provide.
Colin Cameron	Paisley, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The FOI is an anticorruption measure that allows any member of the public to evaluate that the government is working as it should.
Peter Sweetlove	Galhampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	It is essential that the FOI law remains as it is if true democracy is to continue.
Nick Holdsworth	High Wycombe, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Because it is important in a democratic society that freedom of information is kept free.
G Malcolm	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Local Democracy is weak because those in power frequently believe that they know what is best and that it is best if we the public know less. I discovered this first hand when as part of a community group we asked Hackney council to explain the results of a parking consultation, which they choose to block through a variety of means. The result was that we were forced to use multiple FOI and Formal Complaints leading to the Ombudsman just to reveal that we were being misinformed and unfairly treated. With out a stronger FOI legislation and not just the current form, we may as well stop voting because democracy can not work within a secret society, were those in power choose to hide those things that are detrimental to their self interests.
Ursula Knight	Enfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I'm signing because not all MPs can be trusted.
Philip Fearon	Sunderland, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I believe in the freedom of information for all.
Angela Blowers	Lowestoft, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	In the case of the expenses row, the public have a right to know how their hard earned taxes are being used by the government. We need to know the full story not just the good hype they want us to know.
Christine Martin	Derby, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	This is an important tool for our democracy. It would be a huge mistake to limit it
Martin Horlock	Norwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	It should be possible to hold our government to account
paul lathbury	Lichfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Losing this freedom would.be detrimental to the very fabric of this democratic country. Our Mp's are elected by the public and should never be beyond the scrutiny of the electorate.
David Cook	Birkenshaw, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	People need to be accountable; politicians more so. There are repercussions for our actions and the same should apply to MPs.
david pegg	Cromer, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We should find out if information is held about us, even if we have been accused but no action taken.
Jackie Irvine	East Grinstead, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We need to kee things transparent
Andrew Tidmarsh	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I've used the FOI act myself. It's an essential pillar of our democracy.
William Perkins	Chillerton, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	If we where claiming money from them, they would want to know, right? Granted not everyone, but why are we making the rich richer?

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Lawrence Brown	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The Fol legislation is a vital part of any Government claim to be open and transparent about its business.
becky Palmer	Swindon, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	When there is starving people and laws allowing the rich to get richer then I fully support the freedom of information act to help expose this.
Jo Slater	Birkenhead, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I'm signing because it's we have a right to know what public figures are doing in the name of good, what they are spending and on what
Sue Roberts	Partington, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	It's important that the public knows how their taxes are spent.
Chris Storer	Rhayader, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I often have to answer FOIs and although inconvenient I believe that they do shine a light on how public organisations operate.
Lee John Stevens	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I Hate some MP'S
Brian childs	cambridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Im sick to death with the mediocre political aptitude of all politicians in all parties and this has been yet another sickener for me to have stand over the toilet for?.
Stuart mackay	Morland, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	This government is not to be trusted, why would they claim this act is not for the common good, if they were transparent in their dealings why care.
Paul Hogan	Northampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The government should have nothing to hide from the electorate
Graham Uppington	Sutton on Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I am signing because I agree it must remain untouched.
Leftheris Ridgeway	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Public bodies must be transparent and held accountable.
Jenia Jeleva	Guildford, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Freedom of information is extremely important as we must know what our money are spent for ,otherwise we don't need to pay taxes
Nelia Freitas	Diss, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Everything an MP does in regards to their position as an MP, should be transparent and accountable.
scarlet fahy	Omagh, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Its so important to keep this act.
Steve Taylor	Cheltenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	A Government office once libelled me, and I only found out about this using the FOI.
Lisa Gray	Blackpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I can, I will and I should. It is disgraceful that those who already get a salary most people can only dream of (especially me) are using an expense account to gain lucrative items that are way beyond what most can afford. It is time to close those accounts-for good!
Gary Temple	Gateshead, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Foi powers as they stand are a force for good for the general public.
Langton Aerials	Pinxton, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	we deserve to know how our MP's are acting
Andrew Sutherland	Angmering, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Fol is riddled with exclusions already. It needs strengthening to hold Government to account, not weakening so the Tory Chumocracy gets away with ripping off Britain.
Mary Smyth	Farnborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Mary Smyth
Lynda farrell	Swansea, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We should be able to access this information
DAVID DAW	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The ability to check on all of the decisions made on our behalf within society, is the main plank of the freedom which sometimes we take for granted. free choice and a free press

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James Oliphant	Kirkcaldy, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Rthe public have a fundamental right to freedom of information.
Jill Usher	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I am signing because I think the public needs to know just how much public figures, MP's are paid, their pensions, redundancy payments, etc. If they stand for public office or are appointed to a position of trust they must be aware that they will be under scrutiny and accept that the public will have an interest in them.
Keith Shapiro	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I would like to know how my money is spent by whom and how much, the FOI Act is vital to the public and ensuring a level of transparency that is all to often lacking in government.
jc gimblett	Hailsham, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The government should be transparent, not the people.
Declan Heard	dartford, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Govornment should not have secrets from the public. How can the electorate make informed choices if their government is lieing, or misleading the general public. Freedom of Information is just one small tool, that helps ensure that governments dont turn into dictatorships. It seems to me, that any MP who wishes to get rid of this small power the public has to hold their polititions to account, is probably doing it for nefarious reasons, either they wish to be able to lie more effectively, or hide things from the public. Either of these would show a politition who is only out for themselves, and shows utter contempt for the people they are meant to be helping.
Martin carroll MartinCarroll	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We have a right to know who our money is being spent , but don't get me started !!
Kenneth Dance	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The thieving bastards are at it again !!!!
Jennifer Peters	Hibaldstow, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Because MPs' expenses have shown v. clearly how important it is to have an effective FOI
martin murphy	holyhead, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	It is the only way we have of holding the establishment to account
Terry Scourfield	Hullbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The abuse of the public purse by people in power is now at obscene levels and must be exposed and tackled strongly .
William Peat	Blandford Forum, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I don't trust politicians to tell the truth. Ever.
Colin Mclennan	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	This government,that only 25% of the people voted for are seeking to destroy society as we know it to create a country for the elite and wealthy. Anything that exposes their wicked ways can only be a good thing and should be encouraged
Charlie Cannon	Whitchurch Canonorum, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	i believe that when you are using other people's money. you must be accountable to them.
Robert Cooper	Llanefydd, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	It's fundamental.
Robert Horsfall	Bridlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The only people who want to weaken this are people with something to hide. If your government department is operating as it should, no problem in anyone knowing is there?
Beth Morgan	Todmorden, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I want as much transparency as possible and the ability to question, investigate and take action. It is vital to people and communities to have this right.
Murdoch Smillie	Prestwick, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Keeps the Politicians in check or at least answerable

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Gary Edwards	Llanelli, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I believe that the people have a right to be informed on any topic that involves them, the MP expenses is a typical example.
margaret pryde	Worthing, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We need to know what is done in our name and with our money by those who forget that they are 'civil servants'
Peter Sterling	Edgmond, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I am signing this petition in support of the Freedom Of Information Act because - If those in power are not doing anything wrong then they have nothing to fear from FOI. i.e. the flip-side of their argument for the Surveillance State.
kris young	Chevington, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	F.o.i is a right we shouldn't allow anyone to take away.
Duncan Kerr	Redditch, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	No-one should be able to hide dirty secrets.
Brian Dean	Ogbourne Saint Andrew, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Aren't MP's delightful .
Richard Hunter	Dunblane, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Foi is vital tool to keep the public sector & elected representatives accountable
David Souter	Gateshead, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	There are already too few means of preventing corruption. This one is fundamental.
Andrew Lumber	Sutton, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	This Act is a vital part of democracy and accountability of elected and government officials
Jill Thomson	Oldmeldrum, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Too much information is inaccessible and hidden
Di Oliver	Emerson Valley, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Freedom of information has to be protected in a democracy
Colin Steele	Whitehaven, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	There's things politicians don't want released because of personal motivation.
Graham Gordon	Wells, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	It has successfully exposed too many 'indiscretions' with public money
Bernard de Neumann	Southend-on-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I want to ensure that any variety of abuser has no legal means of concealing such activity from open public scrutiny.
peter kilgannon	France	2015-11-13	more democratic than our voting system (laws being pushed through on 24% of the electorate vote)
Hanlie Owen	Ashton, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Without the FoI it will be very difficult to ensure at least some accountability of those in power.
Michael Peters	Harrogate, England, United Kingdom, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Keep the FOI as it is!
william lang	northants, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We need freedom of information to prevent the establishment from constantly dipping into our pockets
William Rosen	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	William H Rosen
Ryan Lewis	Carshalton, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	This government has given England away using tax payers money.
Wendy Sale	Winslow, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I am signing because this act maintains the accountability of all public funded bodies.
Brian Taylor	Treharris, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	It is one way of cutting through the lies and misinformation of government.

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Robert Gronow	Bridgend, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	ULTIMATELY SOCIETY IS THE JUDGE OF RIGHT AND WRONG. CORRUPTION ENSUES BEHIND CLOSED DOORS AND WHEN IN SECRECY. IT CANNOT BE RIGHT, THAT THOSE WHO PROFESS TO BE IN SERVICE OF SOCIETY, DENY THAT SAME SOCIETY ACCESS TO THEIR ACTIONS. TRUTH HONESTY AND INTEGRITY OF ACTION MUST BE SEEN AND JUDGED CORRECT BY SOCIETY ITSELF.
Rita Garner	Stoke-on-Trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The Government need to be more open as we are not the uneducated people of years ago we understand more now, and can see when we are being duped.
Judith Haworth	Cothill, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I'm signing because FOI is a vital part of democracy. Some public bodies would be only too pleased to get away with not having to disclose things they don't want the public to know.
Helen Grainge	Garve, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	It is a help to be able to find the truth about what large organizations really do, for one thing they are more careful
Richard Myerscough	bridlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We need to resist state censorship of its own actions
Tanya Spensley	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I don't want to see Local Councils being made to make cut backs in order to feed the greed of MPs expenses
Daryl Collinson	Euxton, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Margaret Collinson Euxton
Anne eastman	Swansea, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We should know what's going on.
Pat Parkes	Dudley, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	It is important that the public has access to the spending of anyone who is drawing money from the public purse.
JnClaude E Clifford	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Why I am not surprised the conservatives want to repeal the FOI act!!!!
Richard Cole	Bleaden, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	There should be total honesty and transparency on the part of those who we are forced to fund..
Peter Morley	Chirk, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	This government in particular is the most draconian we have had since the 2nd world war and we MUST be allowed to question them on their actions and intentions. FOI is a means for the public to do this.
Nicky Buckle	Northamptonshire, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	All government and government funded bodies need to be kept under a close eye, they need to know we are watching them, and they must be held accountable for any misuse/abuse of OUR money. If they have nothing to hide, they have nothing to worry about, so leave FOI AS IT IS!
Steve Woodgate	Chesterfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Knowing what our elected representatives, and the executive they serve us are doing, and how they are spending our taxes, is a cornerstone of democratic government! Being able to challenge bad government also saves us money!
Peter Mitchell	Carbis Bay, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I am signing because public bodies should not be able to hide uncomfortable or embarrassing facts from the public.
Marcus Fernando	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Secrecy is an open invitation to corruption.
steven jefferies	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	steven jefferies
Joanne ellis	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	It's the right thing to do!
Patrick McCarthy	Chatham, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I believe this is the right thing to do.
Dave Oliver	Torquay, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The FOI act is essential to protect the public from abuse.

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Stephen Johnson	Ascot, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Because it is essential to our democracy that those in power are transparent and honest
Virginia Plain	Mitcham, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	If Theresa May wants to snoop and nose around in the public's private affairs then let the public have a good snoop around MPs' private affairs,in this case,their outrageous and mostly unnecessary expense claims.
Allan Doodes	Derby, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I've always been taught that a democracy works best when the electorate is well informed. Historically, there have always been those who - for reasons of pweaonal interest - wish to limit what rhe electorate knows, and the FOI is one of the tools created by those seeking to oppose this enforced - and democracy damaging - ignorance. Frankly, we need more tools to reduce electoral ignorance, not tointroduce limits to those we have. The FOI is not the perfect tool, but it is far better than anything else that is being proposed currently.
linda mcintosh	preston, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	i as the voting public have the right to know.
Michael Meredith	Stourbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I believe that without this Act there would be many scandals that the Establishment will keep from the Public.
Abdelilah chentouf	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	If they think we can't get the information about them they will do what they want
robert linsdell	Orrell, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	politicians & public figures should be accountable for all their actions. Public office is not be exempt from public scrutiny.
Vincent Beattie	Polruan, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	It is one of the last things we can stilled for our own freedom.
Lynda Seager	Poole, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I believe in transparency and this would only damage the trust the public have in their politicians further.
david smith	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I've signed. This government needs to be exposed in every way for their incompetence, slyness, arrogance in their own belief that they have a god-given right to power. How dare they try to change the laws of this land to suit their own needs. This government has no interest in making people's lives better. They are only concerned with their own careers. They are a danger to the well being of the UK population.
Alan Dowling	Saint Austell, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Only a parliament that wants to hide more wrong-doing will vote to remove or limit FOI
john Lowcock	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I feel that we should have access to information as a balance against corruption
eileen ioannou	Elland, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We are in danger of losing the few means we have of holding power and wealth to account. we must fight to keep FOI.
Rosina Booth	Derby, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I
Joy Bateman	Lancing, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	People should always be allowed to know what is being done in their name
Chris Heath	Benenden, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I'm signing because it is vital to be able to hold people who are in public office to account and without the ability to access the current information this would make it difficult if not impossible. The law should be extended to cover more information.
Jackie Hughes	Boulton Moor, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I am so suspicious when they try and block it. What else are they hiding?
Omair Ghafur	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Freedom of information is vital to a healthy democracy, it should be broadened and transparency increased across government

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Charles Franklyn	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I am a retired local government officer, and FOIs are a complete pain, and take up a lot of time, and yes, can be used for commercial purposes. HOWEVER, they are an essential part of an effective democracy and ensure that politicians and their officers take the greatest care when taking decisions. The Government's proposals are poisonous.
Terry Wilkinson	Scotton, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The MPs think they are above the law. They need to know that we are all equal.
samantha wright	Chichester, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Information given shouldn't be owned. Access to information is part of a modern Democratic country.
Mark Lees	Redbrook, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I believe in the people's right to information
Elaine Clarke	Hove, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I believe that any information held by public bodies belongs to the public by right
Dee Treweek	Maltby, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The them and us syndrome. We need to know exactly what is being claimed they should be more accountable.
Michael McNamee	Northwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Freedom of information is a basic right in a free society.
Heather Speirs	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	heather speirs
Terry Bamforth	Huddersfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We need to know what is happening as we can not trust politicians!
peter Jackson	littlebredy, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I want to live in an open and free democracy
William Forsyth	Chineham, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Politicians have realised that with FOI they are subject to scrutiny that they are not comfortable with. They need all the "get out of Jail" cards they can get to cover up their poor decision making and avoiding consequences of their actions
Fernando Blanco Esporas	York, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I am signing because in my opinion the expenditure of tax payers money should be scrutinised and used efficiently for the public good.
Brian Hilton	Silsoe, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Too much is hidden from the public on how OUR money is spent, and trying to restrict this in any way is disgraceful.
clive Dugdale	Buxton, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We need to be able to hold the executive to account
paul howard	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	It's a democracy!!
Stuart Thompson	Abingdon, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	With no public accountability we would once again be left in the position of seeming to accept anything, which those who are elected to look after the affairs of the people, are at liberty to appropriate public funds for their own benefit. MP's should realise they are our representatives, we are not there just to tolerate their sheep-like behaviour and self interest. They should remember they are only there because of public choice and funding. To abuse this position is to invite the distrust which has proved so justified before.
Steve Angell	Salisbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Government openness is vital in democracy
colin james Smith-Howell	Halesworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Because Mps get away with too much Already
Jane Pople	Cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The implication of paranoid secrecy is that there is stuff to hide - not acceptable from public servants!
keith frost	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	politicians are professional liars

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Adrian Clark	Sydenham Hill, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Enough of our traditional freedoms have been withdrawn that this petition is vital.
Jon Rosamond	Horsham, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Any legislative attack on the FoIA will benefit just one group of people: those in public office - including legislators - who believe they should be able to cheat and deceive the British public with little or no risk of discovery. The ability of journalists and others to expose corruption and poor decision-making within public bodies is a cornerstone of our democracy; a government-led clampdown on access to information is something you'd expect in a grubby little Third World dictatorship, not the Mother of Parliaments.
Ian Pitts	Mersham, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	If people are involved in corrupt or illegal activities they will not advertise it too much This is no different with government and other public bodies that hold positions of power. Removing FOI will mean more corruption and abuse of power, I don't think anyone in their right mind wants that!
Ola Busari	Erith, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Transparency is crucial
Joe Annandale	Ashford, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I think those that govern us should be transparent in their affairs.
Roger Winter	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I am signing because I believe that access to information is essential in a democracy
Judy Fonseca	West Chiltington, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We need to be able to see what is being done in our name
Rosemary Whittle	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I believe that all public bodies funded by the taxpayers must be open to full and immediate scrutiny. If decisions are valid there should be no reason to hide them.
Glynn Jones	Storrington, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	This really matters.
Peter Allan	Sittingbourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I'm sick of MP's hiding their fraudulent activities from the electorate
A P Cross	Newbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I think the public are entitled to know what is being done in their name. Unless there really are issues of national security at stake, then why should not information be available to anyone who requests it?
Anthony Coggin	Buxton, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We have a right to know
andrew clark	Prestwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The conservative gov is corrupt , lining there pockets and raping the country with no consideration for anyone , anything but there own elitest ranks .
Caroline Price	Warwick, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Freedom of information is our right..
Sidney Black	Bottisham, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Any true democracy needs freedom of information. This act is imperfect, but it is better than nothing and should be protected.
Rebecca Fox	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The public deserve to know the truth!!
John Davis	Epsom, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We need to know how our money is spent. We need to know how effective any policy has been. We need to shine a light into the dark corners of government.
Rob Hylands	Gosport, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We must not weaken the power of the of FOI, it is our safeguard against corruption in public office.
trevor cooper	Derby, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	all the elite need to be accountable
Paula eaton	Elworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The FOI act is integral to the open and transparent nature of democracy

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Tom Rubie	Epsom, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The government seem to keep "forgetting" who they are supposed to be working for! It's OUR United Kingdom.
Debra Clough	Old Coulsdon, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We all need checks and balances. No one should be above the law.
Tobias Panton	Tisbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We have a right to know
David Cooper	Brownsover, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	It's my government and I have a right to know what it is doing.
Nes Yci	Corwen, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Basically, we need to know what is going on.
David Browne	Paignton, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	They work for us - we should be able to know what they're up to.
Linda Redfern	Trefnant, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I have a right to know what my money is being spent on. If we pay tax we want to know where it goes.
B Lumb	Edgmond, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Secrecy drives corruption, and this government is very secretive.
Frances Brace	Ipswich, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	This is a law that ultimately helps keep us all safe
luke simmonds	newtown, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I agree with everything you said
Susan B Chinn	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	This is a vital freedom.
Ian Rodger	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	In public office there should be no hiding place for things to happen that the general public are unaware of unless a specific security threat is threatened
Garry White	Grays, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	FOI keeps the legislators in check and mustn't be watered down.
Charles Graffius	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Politicians must be held accountable for their actions. The fact that they want to withhold information from the people is starting to get worrying.
Jeremy Simpson	Stowmarket, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I believe any public body should be open to scrutiny from us the public.
Frederick Cooper	Kings Lynn, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Once again this exemplifies the fact that politicians are a breed of people totally unrelated to the rest of us. I well remember Blair (even writing his name revolts me) saying how open & honest his politics would be and he went on to disgrace everything connected with politics & now Cameron is fast following in his footsteps. I wish you luck but watch your back!!!!!!
Beverley Bolan	Penwortham, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The government know everything about us, therefore surely we should have the right to know about them...
teresa caiazzo	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I am signing because I hope this miracle of "FOI " will become reality on day...I hope..Thank you
Chris Jerrey	East Grinstead, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	In a democracy there must be openness and accountability
John Berryman	Chiclana, Spain	2015-11-13	I'm fed up of public bodies hiding their crimes behind secrecy acts.
Freed Ali	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	It's important to have transparency and to call out bad/harmful practices.
Andrew Roch	Bath, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	There is of course only one real reason for 'reviewing' FOI, to enable the corporate and power elites to more effectively conceal from the public arena any information which may be revealing as to their true nature and agenda. There will be excuses, like 'oh! it's just too expensive to administer' etc etc. But, as Noam Chomsky would say, we shouldn't pay much attention to these.
john Huttleston	Wallington, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	More information means less secrecy. We want an open accountable government.

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Alan Grocott	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I want to know and will not accept that MPs can police themselves
DAVID TOWNSEND	Canterbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I'm signing this because I'm shocked and disturbed that the people WE select to represent us are continually preventing us from knowing what they are doing
Shade Akintade	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Shade Akintade
Neo Panayi	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	FOI a law that underpins democratic government
Derek Stevens	Wickford, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Because look what happens when you do not have FOI
Andy Fletcher	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The last thing we need is further restrictions on access to information.
David Monk	Swansea, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	TO STOP THE CROOKS HIDING
David Smith	Rothwell, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	As we do not live in a democratic state, everything that tAkes us closer to a true democratic state should be held up high, this is one of them.
Alice Turner	Newton Aycliffe, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Its diusgusting and thats my money im handing over, they should spend it correctly or legalise guns so we can just kill them off. They have power over our life we should have it over their's.
Jeffrey Perrins	Bilston, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The public need to know ALL the truth!
Thomas Addis	Isleworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	It is in the public interest
Angus Looney	St Albans, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	What you don't know can hurt you.
Roger Millington	Huntingdon, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The FOI is an essential tool in helping stop public bodies from exceeding their authority.
Colin Ford	Uxbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Govts and the media love the populace being ignorant. They , sometimes in contradiction to themselves, love people not to know full details
Paul Price	Ormskirk, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We need to be aware of the Orwellian nature of this act - hands off our basic freedom
Eilis furlong	Gateshead, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	FOI is hugely important and ensures that journalists and investigators can inform the public
Fiona Barton	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Restricting the POI suggests the Conservatives want excessive control and power. Whilst that would undoubtedly trip them up eventually there's no need to give them the opportunity on a plate. I object strongly to public money being used to benefit well off people in positions of power and want to know about it.
Michael Pitt-Bailey	Buckingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Authority is too keen to cover up misdeeds and mistakes. FOI helps unearth these and hopefully prevent future occurrence
roger kattenhorn	watford, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I'm signing this because reform of this act is not necessary and charges would be pernicious. Our leaders are very keen to tell us that 'iff you have done nothing wrong then you have nothing to fear' whenever they are proposing security surveillance legislation then let them adhere to their own maxim when it applies to them.
Peter Burgess	Clyro, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I'm signing because no government can be trusted to be honest all of the time and democracy requires a level of transparency that means those that elected the government can bring it to account.
Neil Foster	Halifax, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	its wrong what the government is up to
Chris Procter	Burnley, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I'm signing because I believe that all public servants, services and especially elected representatives should be held accountable for their actions.

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Chris Beney	BUSHEY, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	It enhances accountability in public affairs.
Philip Payne	Dunfermline, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Sometimes I hate the government. The rest of the time I detest them.
john grundey	Bramhope, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Democracy needs transparency in all walks of life especially in govt & local authority circles
Rebecca Mills	Ulverston, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Honest and upfront is the only way.
Martin Doyle	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Freedom of information is a fundamental right of an open and democratic society
Steven Smith	Peterborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I dont agree with governments that force the public to give up its information yet hide they're own. They work for us, we're they're employer and they WILL do as we require!
John Wood	Hereford, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	public bodies should have to release any information that is deemed of interest to any member of the public
gerard hart	thornton-cleveleys, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I believe we need accountability
Jonathan Miller	Perranporth, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Transparency lessons the temptation of misusing public trust.
Ian Cherrington	Up Holland, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Freedom of information is a key Guardian of democracy
Linda Dudek	Upton, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I believe in transparency of all information that doesn't involve national security.
Tom Dobbs	Chichester, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Those in power keep too much from us already. I want FOI extended to include political parties so that we can see who really funds those who purport to be working in the public interest.
Carol Neely	Kirkby, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	How dare they spend money that doesn't belong to them! Equivilant to benefit fraudsters only better dressed!
Joan Williamson	Lutterworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I think the public should know what is happening
Richard Yates	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I give a shit.
Michael Jones	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I believe openness of Government and public bodies is essential in as democracy and is also vital for the Rule of Law. I think the FOI has an excellent track record (not only in the Paliament expenses scandal) and should be protected.
Graeme Selway	Haywards Heath, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Openness in democracy is hugely important. MPs are so out of touch, they aren't trusted and are seen as grasping deceitful liars.... this proposal just proves it. Even after all the expenses scandals they STILL don't it.
Richard Glyde	South petherton, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	One law for them and they are supposed to be looked up to and trustworthy, legal muggers that's what they are!!
Jody Seward	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	There are serious problems with stubborn and powerful elites who refuse to accept that in a democracy the public have a right to know. Don't let them get away with keeping the truth from you. Sign the petition and support the campaign to keep FOI strong.
Cameron Stewart	Harrow, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The government are public servants. As public servants, their activities and expenditure must remain public information.

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Jeff Singer	Carmarthen, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We've got to keep an eye on them because they can't be trusted to do it themselves!
Aileen Johnson	Leicestershire, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We have the right to see how you are spending our money.
Geoff Peck	Heckington, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Government and Big Business cannot be trusted
George Fletcher	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I'm signing because this government is trying it's hardest to take the power out of the hands of the people, and this would take them one step further.
Michael Scott	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	it is not only politicians that need to be kept honest
Jaimes Moran	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Freedom of information is a standard human right
chris lawrence	rhoose, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Politicians should realise they work for us. They just seem to be a bunch of self serving leeches
John Anderson	Hatfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Without FOI our freedom is degraded, The government, the civil service, the police, local councils etc, etc, must all be accountable
Mervyn Lambert	Bradford, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The Government needs to be accountable to us the taxpayers
Andy Calvert	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We need to stop the suppression of information and the attacks on civil liberties championed by this present parliament.
Michael Trevallion	Frome, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I'm signing because it is important for the public not to feel isolated from their government, and what goes on around them.
Thomas Cloud	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I am a freedom loving atheist
Gareth Shaw	Wolverton, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We should be working towards a more transparent society, not less.
Phil Palij	Colchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Transparency in government is vital to democracy and the rule of law
Bernard Sharp	Kingston upon Hull, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	If the government has nothing to hide then it has nothing to fear by maintaining the present Act in toto.
Anne Smith	Paisley, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I have used FOI to gain information and have found it useful.
Clare Quigley	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We need transparency and the right to request information
Joanne Butcher	Wendens Ambo, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Freedom of information is vital in a democratic society where there is open government and a free press.
Thiago Menezes	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I want transparency!
Maureen Smith	Woburn Sands, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I want to know how my money is being spent and wasted and by who.
Linda Brian	Skegness, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We need to know what other people are doing with our money and any other 'freedom' covered by this act. We cannot rely on being told if things are not as they seem or if the iniquitous 'they' are looking after our interests. It is more likely that many of them are looking after their own interests!
Brian Ough	Beaworthy, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Hundreds of journalists, organisations and ordinary people use FOI every day to hold politicians to account,
Andrew Larssen	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We need to hold our government to account.
Andrew Martin	Bournemouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I believe that government is there to serve the people openly.

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Donald White	Croydon, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	If our elected and paid representatives have nothing to fear, they should have nothing to hide.
mark Dowden	Gainsborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	MPs are there by the people, so we should be able to see whether they are value for money or whether they need to have their "Benefits" cut as well.
ROBIN MOORE	Marks Tey, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	With a government increasingly wanting to see our personnel information I feel it's only right there is balance with the FOI.
Maria Harrison	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	It is vital that there is transparency and accountability and the FOI helps ensure this happens.
Jeffrey O'Brien	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	FOI is just another tool to remind all criminal politicians that they are elected into office not into power
Sharon Mccarney	Torquay, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The government must be accountable to the taxpayers who fund it
Fiona OSullivan	Salford,UK, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I dont trust politicians
Malcolm Parker	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We have enough stories surpassed or hidden and the FOI Act gives the ordinary man and women a chance to breach the walls of secrecy
Martin Robison-Murphy	Fortrose, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Public servants should be open to public scrutiny. It is just a shame we need FOI and can not rely on decency and honesty in some public servants.
Deborah Baker	Quedgeley, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	it's important for the general public to have the freedom of information act, it's the only way to keep an eye on unscrupulous people. and believe me, there are many who need to be exposed.
Dan Evans	Jaywick, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	In order for the Government to gain the public's trust more transparency is needed so the public are comfortable knowing that their money is being used responsibly.
Christine Coaker	Witham, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	we need the right to know what is going on behind our backs
Beverley Payne	Buckley, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I believe on FOI.
Vivian Gardiner	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We are already losing too many freedoms.
terence hirons	somerset, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	it is most important that we know what they claim for, it should apply to all public servants, NHS, COUNCILS,POLICE,SCHOOLS,FUNDED CHARITIES.MPS.
Fiona Mackenzie	Liff, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	These principles have supported transparency.
Brad Gibson	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	It is only through transparency that a true democracy flourishes.
Benito Moria	Ascot, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	A right of Freedom of Information is a corner stone of a fair and just society!
Alan Bulmer	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	we need to know!
Christine Clarke	Stoke on Trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	People have a right to know.
Patrick Tribe	Bishopston, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	In an open society we need the ability to the actions of those in power, don't compromise it
Jane Campbell	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	It's essential to our democracy to enable access to information and help expose the failures in all areas of governance and so help us to improve our society.
Nick Shrapel	Attleborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	An important freedom not only to hold those in power to account but to search for the truth with the knowledge that those who may be in possession of important information must release such information by law.

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Robert Putt	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	There has been & probably still is so much corruption hidden under the guise of respectability the FOI must stay a part of our national constitution
Jane Murray	Northampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	FOI is an instrument for democracy.
Joanne Kerr	Blackheath, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We must all be held accountable for our actions - no one should be exempt from this. We are not a dictatorship (yet) - there should be transparency for all.
Suzanna Lee	Maidstone, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	This country is NOT to be run as a dictatorship!
Michael Spooner	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We are supposed to live in a DEMOCRACY. This means that everything should be open & transparent to the entire electorate, not hidden in some grubby corner where no one can see.
Chris Porter	Hockley, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I'm signing this petition so that the Freedom of Information Act really means that information is free to all that seek assurance that information that is in the public interest is free to the public
annie dransfield	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I am signing because I fully support your campaign on this issue.
Peter Shine	Kirk Ireton, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	MPs already get away with too much.
Denham Gill	St Austell, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Because without information a true vote can't be made.
Charlotte Fletcher	Wednesbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Access to information we have a right to see is essential.
George Chamberlaine	Maidenhead, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The public pay for it and the public have the right to know.
alisdair gibbons	glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	we need to be able to check its in the public's interest
David Arnott	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Desk Editor, The Press Association
Marie Lee	Maylandsea, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	This act should not be changed ministers must be held to account when spending hard earned tax payers money. Thinking about the fraud etc makes my blood boil!
Anne Hall	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Freedom of Information is essential for democracy and I'm appalled that some politicians and functionaries think we don't have a right to information about what they do.
Shirley Kerr	Market Harborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I believe I live in a democracy where elected leaders are accountable to those who elect them.
Grant Dowie	edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Im signing because the government use the law against citizens. We are legion.. Expect us!
Maxine Pilgrim	Northampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We the public have a right to know what our hard earned taxes are being used for. Do politicians think they are immune from paying their own bills?
deborah pooley	Ingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	ive had to use foi myself because of corrupt public servants and feel the public needs to have full access to information that concerns us.
robert wilkinson	Heversham, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	There is far too much secrecy about so many things. What are people trying to hide? How can we vote meaningfully without having access to information which might influence our decisions
Hamish Sutherland	Portsmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We need more transparency in government, not less.

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Jennifer Allison	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Changing this is like changing the America constitution - the clue is the title!
Robert Gillies	Tobermory, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I'm am signing this petition, in the hope that the meaning of democracy AND honesty may somehow prevail.
George Gibson	Okehampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	It has exposed tremendous wastage of public money, by public servants and politicians basically embezzling funds. There are other scandals too!
John McVicar	Houston, Johnstone, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I'm signing because the FOI is there for the good of society and to weaken it would be worse than not having it at all.
Norma Johnson	Catton, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	without accountability you could get away with a duck house a million times over.
Michael Halling	Ilkley, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I believe in the principles of the current Freedom of Information Act
Alan Higgins	Gillingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	This type of information should be accessible
Nigel Sherwen	Bath, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I have tried to gain information from my local Council using the FOI process, so far with limited success procedure. I certainly don't want it weekend.
Kevin marsay	Hull, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	They want to know everything we do shouldn't it be a fair playing ground with no secrets?
Faisal Saleem	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	FOI is crucial for transparent governance. Limiting access is criminal and evil.
Arthur Lowe	Gloucester, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I am signing because the legislation is a brake on abuse and corruption in many areas of public life and is essential. This freedom has been hard fought for.
Bill Allen	Staverton, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	keeping the freedom of information laws undiluted is crucial to public scrutiny of government.
Bob Still	Bexleyheath, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	This Government are the most disgustingly dishonest bunch of liars and crooks this country has ever seen, and their opportunities to deceive us must be reduced as far as possible.
Lynne Bateson	Sunbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I believe in an open society that gives everybody a fair and honest crack
Pawel Wrobel	Croydon, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	1984
alan gill	oldham, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	its scandals, keep it open.
Mike Perkins	Porthcawl, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	It is our hard won right in this alleged democracy to be informed of the decisions made on our behalf by those elected by democratic process to represent us.
graham hough	Derby, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	we should be able to find certain in information pertinent to none security matters
DOREEN Butterworth	Christchurch, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	FOI is our right
Delroy Forbers	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Mp are no different to us
patricia Wooler	Beckenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	THE PUBLIC ABSOLUTELY HAVE A RIGHT TO THIS INFORMATION
Gwylm Williams	Manchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Power should be in the hands of the public, not politicians.
Alison Ajayi	Carshalton Beeches, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We need to be able to get the information we need to change things whether those in power like that or not
Simon Shattock	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	It is not right that any government should hold this power over its citizens

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Claire Cruden	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Because I believe in the freedom of this type of information !
Derek Davies	Ferndown, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I, and most other folk, have to conform, so all the fat-cats and those with vested interests and something to hide, should too.
Kieran Wright	Herne Bay, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Financial expenses should be transparent and expose fraud
Julie Brierley	Oldham, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We have got to fight to keep these hard won rights.
barney king	Rushden, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We need to keep the freedom of information act as is no amendments.
Linda Stewart	Linda Stewart, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I believe in open and transparent government! They are elected by the British public and should be accountable to them!
michael McBrearty	Dromore, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	save peoples rights
Martin Brady	Burgess Hill, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	To dilute FOI is tantamount to the government conspiring to conceal information they do not wish the electorate to become aware of, i.e. anti-democratic.
Brian Hughes	Newport, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	This country is sleepwalking into becoming a facist state.
Maria McCrea	penicuik, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The FOI allows tax payers to see where their tax is spent (or misspent). It helps expose hooks and crooks and is vital for a free democratic society.
Iain Laurie	Elgin, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	It is in the pubic interest to learn what is going on.
Anthony Winstanley	Chadderton, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The hard face cheek of this government in trying to deny the electorate freedom of information after the MP expenses scandal
andy williams	Torquay, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Im sick of the Government abusing their power and stealing from us. They got us in to the financial mess this country is in then rob us even more to pay for it. I, like millions of others, didn't create this financial mess. Why cant we take the Government to court for mal-practice of our money?
K Cox	Hull, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Every morning I dread to wake up to see what we are about to lose today under Cameron, he WILL go down in History !! Not for anything good.
Richard Greenland	Weston-super-Mare, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	As a member of the public I will be unable to participate in consultation procedures if there is any information hidden from me. My so called valued option would be invalid if I couldn't see not only the immediate papers, but was unable to evaluate this against the bigger picture. FIO is not broken so leave it alone.
Louise Weston	Trispen, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The government is infringing on our civil rights left, right and centre. It has to stop.
Angel Kalyan	COLCHESTER, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	To repeal the Freedom of Information Act, will affect other Acts such as the Localism Act. If we cannot know what information is held, how then can we hold the authorities to account?
Kathryn Rawson	Newton Arlosh, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Just typical of this Government, they want sit on society. We must stop them, the Act is crucial to societys function and wellness
kath chandler	cramlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We pay them - they need to be transparently accountable ! They have proved that many are NOT trustworthy !
Leonard Jones	Berkeley, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Freedom of information safeguards our own individual freedom.

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Joseph Heggie	Gateshead, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	It takes democracy away from a once free country
Leslie Pengelly	Kingsbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	It helps to stop cover up's
Peter Inglis	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	This government is slowly eroding our right to freedom of speech, which is just one of a long list. Get shut of Cameron and the rest of the parasites, including the monarchy.
David Kerr	Birkenhead, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I believe in transparency in our government. After all, we pay for it.
Andrew Craig	Ash, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Transparency = trust
Steven Harrison	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Their all at it ;0))
Duncan Stewart	Fishcross, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The government must be answerable to the people all the time not just at elections
Daniel Malone	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	While the the inbred elite minority dine on roast Swan, the rest of us have to sur
Marianne Gibbs	Brundall, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I strongly believe in a free press. Without it we live in a dictatorship
Onuoha Olere	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I believe in FOI
Martin McGarrity	Cumbernauld, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	This is a key tool in ensuring transparency in government.
James Lynch	Linton, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Who in their right mind would trust politicians?
Rosemary Stammers	Bexhill, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I am signing this petition because I think it is a disgrace what MP are allowed to claim for as expenses, it need a complete overhaul of the system and should be common knowledge what tax payers money is spent on especially as the present government take from the poor and give it to the rich!
Richard Holden	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We need to know what decision makers are up to and to hold them to account.
Lorraine Salmon	Isle of Wight, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I'm signing because public bodies and officials need to be transparent and accountable!
Andrea Dexter	Wanstraw, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Our politicians and institutions need to know that they can be held to account for and expected to justify their actions and decisions. Since the FOI act, its ability to enable this has been demonstrated very many times and has achieved some necessary change. It needs to continue if we are to live in a working democracy
Barbara Merriott	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	This is the one good thing that Tony Blair did. It may earn him one drop of cold water when he is suffering in Hell, we should not deprive him of this
Christine Anderton	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I don't think MPs should be able to use public money OUR money to pay for things not related to the job, and keep it quiet
Janet Addison	North Weald Bassett, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We are a free democracy and we have the right to know how OUR money is been spent.
Norman Dodd	Whickham, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I don't trust the MP's.
David Stevenson	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I'm signing because, to coin a phrase, if authorities have nothing to hide they've nothing to fear.
Len Darling	Okehampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	In a country that calls itself a democracy and claims to empower people, Freedom of Information is vital. The most vital place for this to apply is in parliament and local government. .

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Jim Pragnell	Sevenoaks, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	The FOI Act is for our benefit. Hands off!
John Brady	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I'm signing because the Freedom Of Information Act is important if we are to say we live in a democracy we are proud of. This Law has been hard fought for over a long period of time and mustn't be destroyed or weakened if we are to say we live in a land of freedom we are willing to fight for.
Wil Lilburn-Quick	Bradford, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Public bodies need to remain accountable to the people they serve.
Mary Ellacott	Barrowford, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We have a right to know. .
Sheryl Goodwin	Deland, FL	2015-11-13	Freedom of the Press is critical to keep a democracy.
vic cavell	plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Without this act those who presume to lead the country will get their noses back in the free loading trough, besides doing all sorts of reprehensible things in our name. Not on my watch if I can help it!!!!
Shaun kristiansen	Huddersfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Because it's my right
Christine Drake	Hebden Bridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I'm signing because those in power at every level have proved over and over again that they can not be trusted!
Gillian chapman	maidenhead, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	It is important to have transparency in a democracy
Mark Wolstenholme	Richmond, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Freedom of information is vital to democracy
James Murray	Dalry, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	There's enough bloody secrecy in the world, people need to be responsible for their actions, we need FOI to help bring wrong doers to account
Andrew Walters	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	our rights are constantly being eroded
MARTIN REDFERN	Newton Abbot, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I am quite fed up with those whom should know better repeatedly taking liberties with their employers money. They must be accountable and not protected from scrutiny.
Jim Thornton	Coatbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Because without transparency the politicians will run amok
David Charlton	South Shields, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Is nothing sacred?
Ronald Beech	COVENTRY, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	the proposed legislation is a threat to open government and will encourage incompetent & unaccountable bureaucracy
Ian Dobell	Walsall, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Democracy can only work if the electorate have all the facts about how our representatives are conducting themselves, without that elections become a farce driving more people not to care and then not to vote
Hector Gow	Perth, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I believe it creates the transparency (not everywhere!) that the public is entitled to have in a democracy.
Helen Lord	Preston, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	No one in a position of power should decide what information is house or should not be in the public domain.
Janice Kerr	Eastborne, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We pay, so we are entitled to know how our money is spent in order to make judgements on where our money may be better spent eg the NHS rather than suspect property purchases or moats.
james winters	Randalstown, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	the act is necessary for democracy

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Stephen Hounsell	Chard, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Providing the truth is in the interest of the entire country.
David Kitts	Chorley, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	I'm signing because this government is intent on eroding the people's rights, both civil and human, by whatever means possible. The FOI Act is a vital PUBLIC service which is already subsidised by the people via taxation. Hence, Cameron MUST change course and represent the interests and demands of the people instead of those of the established and privileged order.
Sally Fraser	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	We have a right to this information. We need to know what the government and other agencies are doing. It is our right
Karl Harris	Thornton Cleveleys, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Most are in it for themselves not people they serve whether they were voted for or not keep them honest.
sally Johnston	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	It's legalised theft and it's a disgrace they are getting away it
Qinglian Hao	Meltham, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	In the modern internet world everyone needs to protect every bit of their individual and collective freedoms.
Roger Chapman	Portsmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	People in power are not above scrutiny. There must be openness in all walks of life. The FOI must be retained.
Mark Boakes	Merstham, United Kingdom	2015-11-13	Because I believe that the the government should be 100 % accountable to the voting taxpayers and this means with information
Philip Lacey	Barnsley, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	It is our right to know.
Robert Robinson	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I feel openness is essential for democracy to flourish. Secrecy nurtures corruption.
Andy McBride	Dunfermline, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	It is a bloody disgrace that MP's think they have the right to blatantly help themselves to public money and then attempt to hide from the electorate exactly what that money is for and where it is going!
David Wagstaff	Lymington, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	Essential for a strong democracy.
Petros Petropoulos	Hitchin, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	Hands off FO!!!!
David Bradshaw	South Ockendon, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	This is the why we have of knowing what is going on behind-the-scenes most governments and this government in particular are very economical with the truth
Hedley Adkins	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	It is very important that public bodies are open to audit.
Glen Read	Bromley, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	It is crucial for democracy that there be transparency in the affairs of government and local authorities. It is a fundamental right to know about authorities' decisions and business that can affect the lives of millions of people. Obstacles should not be put in the way of people wanting to know how we are being governed - this can lead to dishonesty and corruption; MPs expenses is a classic example.
David Sanderson	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	Freedom is a human right.
Rod Hopkins	Droitwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	Open government is essential to ensure our freedom. So long as politicians know that their actions can be investigated the people can exercise control over them.
Nat Nollid	Dagenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	LIES ON £13BILLION EU MEMBERSHIP CON MIGRANT CHEAP LABOUR PUBLIC SERVICES SHAGGED -BREXIT NOW
Miles Kilby	Helston, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	Transparency builds trust, which is good for everyone, including the government

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Barrie Miller	Redcar Cleveland, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I am sick of our fiddling ploticians who don't care about wasting our money!! us the people they are supposed to represent !
Tracy Carter	Euxton, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	FOI Act does not need altering. The government wants transparency amongst companies and this should also apply to them!!!!
Leighton Lovell	Newport, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	They really wind me up,to the average joe blogs the more I hear about these governments and the way they act the more I want to help stop this farce .ps keep up the good work .
Julian phelps	Beetley, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	Freedom is necessary!!
Norman Nelson	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	We need to know
David Allinson	Bunny, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I want more freedom not less!
Carina Wildwood	Christchurch, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I want to know what my government is up to. I don't think that is unreasonable.
Lucinda Chadderton	Blackpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	Because no one should be above the law, all should be equal where the law is concerned whatever station you have in life
Samia Ahdal-Bhat	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	as a hard working tax payer I expect full transparency in how my money is spent.
Eileen Moody	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	Why am I not surprised!
Geoff Dovaston	Chester-le-Street, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	The people who are trying to restrict access to information are the very people who need scrutiny!
Trevor Parsley	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I'am sick of corrupt and bent M.P's
David Turns	Stoke Gifford, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	FOI is essential to public transparency and the rule of law in a democracy
Phil Marson	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	There is more to public accountability than a five yearly ballot and the FOI is essential to finding out what's being done in our name and with our money.
C Stevens	Yeovil, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I seem to be fighting for freedom more and more. This should not be so in the UK
Stewart Barrett	Spalding, Jersey	2015-11-14	I believe the act holds to account public bodies who may otherwise hide the truth about sensitive issues.
andrew phillips	Nunnington, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	please strengthen this act don't reduce it. I don't fear terrorists I fear the UK government. They and their masters have gotten the world into the mess it's in now.
David Smith	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	We all need to get the truth
John Mellor	Stoke on Trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	Transparency is essential
Tim Jones	Woodford, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	People supposedly acting for the public good should always be accountable.
Martyn Dyer-Smith	Carlisle, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	If we must obey the law so must they. We are not Parliament servants. MPs are our representatives. Justice and fairness are common values.
Linda Brathwaite	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	This Government are nothing but spoilt brats. If anyone opposes them they make whatever is a law. How can they call themselves the peoples party when if you don't agree with their way they simply make a new Law?.
Keith Forster	Bexleyheath, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	They dont want us to know

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John B	Derbyshire, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	<p>If this government wants access to all our digital information, yet wants to prevent us from accessing certain government information (e.g. expenses), that is double standards which I wouldn't tolerate.</p> <p>Much as I hate Tony Blair for Iraq and Afghanistan, he did a great deed for bringing the FOI act in 10 years ago.</p> <p>Tories, if you don't like it, TOUGH! Just KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF!</p>
Jack Hunter	Bettws, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I'm British!!
Sue Mayer	Poole, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I thought we were promised a transparent government! We must keep FOI so we can keep an eye on what the people we elected are up to. We elect people to work in our best interest and they should not forget that fact.
patricia goucher	Wolverhampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	We have a right to know.
Tony Johnson	Scarborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	At a time when the government is proving itself to be at best disingenuous and at worst intent on disinformation and outright lies, freedom of information is paramount. The very act of restricting it proves that it should not be restricted. In their own words, and those of Goebbels, 'If you have nothing to hide, you have nothing to fear'.
Rich Budd	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	Freedom of information is a constitutional democratic right and is essential if we are to call ourselves a democracy
leuan Parry	Cwmbran, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	To clamp down on this act means to make the government more of a dictatorship than a democracy.
Brian Doherty	Wells, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I can't trust the Government or Intuitions to tell the truth any more.!!
david eppel	Camberley, England, United Kingdom, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	there are still lots of liars in public life who do not comply-they are allowed to get away with it under current rules, depriving us of our birthright to justice
Sheila Fisher	Derby, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I'm signing because i see this as an important principle. We must be able to see what is being done supposedly in our name.
Malcolm Bond	Trowbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	It's importants that a democratic government and its supporting institutions are fully open and transparent in their affairs, and that wrong-doers can be held to account by the exposure of their mis-deeds.
roger spurr	exeter, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	Where have I heard recently, "If you are not doing anything wrong, you have nothing to fear" ? They want to snoop on us but keep their own business secret.
Mike Tasker	Shrewsbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	It works and should not be tampered with.
Ted Beausire	Burford, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	It's quite clear that the problem is not that it doesn't work but works embarrassingly well. It's vital we can continue to hold people to account.
Gordon Waldie	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	The goverment, local authorities & the agencies they control have consistently proven that they cannot be trusted. Their own over site organisations act in unison with them & are normally part of them. The FOI at least allows the general public some means of auditing there activities.
Nuala Young	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	It's important for people in positions of authority to know that they may be answerable for their actions.
steve driver	Winsford, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	Bored of crookedness in this country . police , politics , the media . things need to found out and reported
Nigel Johnson	Instow, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	This is important to have. OK.

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Abigail Brown	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I want to sign it I feel strongly about this issue
Kenneth Bradley	Darlington, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	It is right to have freedom of information so that atrocities are exposed and cannot be hidden
Graham Phillips	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I believe that the Freedom of Information Act should be kept, so transparency in Government offices and relevant agencies can be held accountable.
Peter Moss	Bideford, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	Democracy is about transparency the right to know is therefore very important to all citizens as the state's money belongs to the whole of society.
Lorraine Williamson	Donisthorpe, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	Sick of them and us situation. The politicians used to want to govern us for the good of the people but now they're there to line their own pockets..
Paul Dunne	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	FOI is an essential of a functioning democracy
Bernard Paton	Wylam, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	It is essential for FOI Act to be strengthened to reinforce democratic scrutiny.
Jan Parker-Padley	Brighton, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	Because political scum bags need outing and stopping. Because all scum bags need outing and stopping. Because facts helps us decent folks to out and shame the scum bags. Because allowing scum bags to hide and get away with miscreant if not dishonest activity is wrong.
Ken MacNeil	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	Freedom of Information is essential to all freedom.
Hugh Shipman	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	FOI requests exposed the corrupting relations between HMRC and Vodaphone. Thanks, Private Eye.
Kirsty Bristow	York, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	It is our lawful right to be aware of the how our money is being spent! After all we put the MP's in the place they stand. If you are trying to alter the act, it is because you have things to hide!
john pilgrim	hailsham, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	There is enough we are never told as it is, transparency is an essential part of democracy. This facility must never ever be compromised
Chris Brown	Gillingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I'm pig sick of the money grabbing.....ards!
kathryn dean	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	Freedom of information is essential to the functioning of a meaningful democracy.
Matt Wilkie	worcester, Philippines	2015-11-14	The UK has become extremely corrupt against its own people and overseas in recent years
Rahila Kousar	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	i feel that they have got away with too much for too long in the name of democracy and the country
Daniel Mulkerrins	Colchester, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	Because I believe we have right to this information !
Maureen Smith	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	Morally the the right thing to do.
GERALD Crossland	LICHFIELD, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I'm BRITISH
Suzanne Bishop	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	Public bodies need to be accountable.
mark payne	kegworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	open democracy please
Kristi Butcher	Shanklin, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	Freedom of information is crucial.
Nic Larsen	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	Corporations and the U.K. Government - If you have nothing to hide, you have nothing to fear!

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Alan Kummer	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I'm signing because I believe that the more secrets people have, the less honest they tend to be.
Josephine Beaton	Walthamstow, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I'm signing, as a private individual, because too many guarantees of the rights of citizens are being whittled away. Were this particular one to be curtailed in any way, I would believe that government at all levels was aiming to keep me in the dark about matters which concern me.
Mike Edge	Wallingford, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	We want to be able to trust the people we elect. If they don't want us to know what they are doing, then how can we trust them?
angus clancy	bargoed, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	There is no good reason why citizens should not know, for instance, the reasons behind the making of policies. If we want to live in a democracy we can't accept a government that can make decisions in secret and withhold information from it's citizens.
Josephine Dinsdale	Stapleford, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	If you have nothing to hide, then you have nothing to worry about. If you are hiding something you should not be in public office
Clive Bordoli	Ockley, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	We need to maintain the freedom to know what our politicians are up to.
Otis Hoole	Boston, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	The people who are elected to serve, or carry out public duties, or try to get us to spend our money should not be able to hide behind red tape and therefore not be accountable
Janet James	Northwich Cheshire, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I want to keep the Freedom Of Information Act so that no one can hide behind it! Open Transparency! That is what was pledged - Open Transpanency so KEEP IT!
Eugene Huntley	Camborne, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	With the exception of national security or commercial sensitivity, I believe that those who spend or claim reimbursement from the public purse should be publicly accountable. An essential component of this accountability is without doubt the FOI Act.
Andrew Partridge	Blaina, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	They are not above the law,they are there to work for us. Not line there pockets with our money.
Mary Sneade	Portsmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I feel very strongly about the maintenance (and possibly even widening the scope) of the Act as it stands. Should MPs decide in their lack of wisdom to restrict the provisions they are taking a dangerous path - dangerous in that at a time when the public already regard them with a great deal of contempt and distrust, confidence in the democratic process will be further weakened. As my neighbour so eloquently put it today, "They just don't get it, do they?"
rachel swingler	sutton coldfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I had to seek information about my child to enable us to get her SEND needs met! It was hard enough to get the right information with the current laws never mind if they water them down!
Barbara Ann Brundrett	Rhyl, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	It's in the public interest to know where our taxes are spent.
Alexander Elliot	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I do not believe in elites but believe in the idea of democracy and freedom of information to those people whom are being denied. All the people of the UK have the right to know if an MP is filling his pockets with expenses s/he is not entitled to.
Vakas Parviz	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	The MP's think they can get away with anything ?
adrian rabone	Crediton, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I am signing this because we have to keep an eye on the governments else they become corrupt
Grace Elnaugh	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I am signing because I am an undergraduate Journalism student who believes that the FOI is a great way of receiving information that helps me write better journalism. Journalism as a practice needs the FOI to help us keep what we right true and reliable.

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matthew nicholas	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	were all in this together!! load of bollocks!!
john price	carmarthen, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I was thoroughly disgusted by the deceit and greed of our 'honourable' Members and believe we must continue to keep a very close eye on them and the FoI Act is essential.
Joanne Humphrey	lowestoft, Suffolk, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	As its something that I believe in deeply
Chas Griffin	Carmarthen, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	A secret government is always suspect. What are they afraid of?
Robert Gooch	Rochester, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	They work for us.
John Garside	East Cowes, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I do not trust the lying politicians, most of whom (including the Isle of Wight MP) are in politics just for their own ends
mike pinsent	Wilnecote, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	Public trust of politicians is at a low ebb. Curbing FOI will assure the public that they are covering wrongdoings.
katherine juett	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	because i believe that changing this would not benefit anyone but the people who would want to cover things up. this is a very important part of how we the general public get to know what is actually happening in our world. Please Please dont make any changes to this law
Shane Areki	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I believe the government must adhere to the rules rather than be allowed to change the rules to suit their own needs. The FOI must remain unchanged to allow the public the right to challenge the government.
Mel davies	Bradwell, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	People have the right to know what THEIR money is being spent on
Paul Williams	Speen, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	This action goes to show these thieves not only knew what they were doing was wrong, they now seem to want to change the law so they can carry it on, the truth of the matter is, when they were caught stealing public money, they were not sorry they had done it, they were only sorry they were caught doing it. It does seem that the UK parliament is still, not much more than a cesspit of filth.
Andrea Sullivan	Lincoln, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I believe in transparency & the freedom of information is there to ensure that every one is accountable including the government,
Brian Jones	DAVENTRY, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	How else will we discover what our elected representatives are getting up to? [More Duck Houses?]
Edward Massey	Chelmsford, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	The Government are meant to represent us and we have a right to know what is happening and where our taxes go.
Nick Betts	Hereford, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	Our basic freedoms are being eroded, and need defending
Doreen Rayner	Hoveton, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	It is despicable that our elected representatives, who are paid by the state, should misuse the sysrem in such a way.
Clive Petrie	Watford, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I believe the public should be able to obtain information should they wish to , if the government have nothing to hide then why try to hide ?
PHILIP GADD	GRANTHAM, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	It appears this government is trying to stop all investigations into its actions. We are become more like George Orwells 1984 every day. Corruption, falsehoods, lies, cover ups and backhanders all appear to be available under the present government. This is how they get their own back over the expenses scandal. Underhand, dirty, corrupt government.

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Linda Simon	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	Knowledge is power & dispels fear. We have a right to know how public money is spent. And a democratic right to question it.
peter collier	Croydon, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	Because the F.O.I. is good for open democracy
ashley rhodes	Norwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I expect the government to be fully transparent whilst i live and pay tax in this country. Any less means their hiding something/things and have other agendas other than the publics interests
Gaynor Donnelly	Catterick, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I'm signing this because we should all be equal
David Eames	Nuneaton, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I want an open government with people in power held to account
William Sharfman	New York, United States Minor Outlying Islands	2015-11-14	Weakening the freedom of information act is the quickest way possible to kill democracy and encourage corruption.
Stephen Austin	Uxbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	Just because I have nothing to hide, does not mean that I want a complete stranger going through my online life.
Ruth Soames	York, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	Like they tell us about the 'Snoopers Charter' - If you've got nothing to hide, you've got nothing to fear. So why doesn't the government like it when ordinary people want to find out how it operates and what exactly it does with our money and in our name
Byron allis	Bath, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	Transparency is a necessity in any supposedly free country. And I am grateful to all who have used FOI to protect and serve our country.
Alex Campbell	Carlisle, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	This is our freedom
Paul Christensen	Prince George, Canada	2015-11-14	Freedom of the press to report on events is a must for any democratic society. This tactic of muzzling the press,however it is done,is one used by dictators
jo clutterbuck	Neyland, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	we need FOI!
John Storr	Carlisle, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	I'm signing because democracy is more than an election every 5 years.
David Hindle	Biggleswade, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	Laws like FoI shouldn't be curtailed or administratively hobbled for the convenience of whoever is the current government!
Brett Wing	Leeds, United Kingdom	2015-11-14	No one should be above the law or even decent standards of behaviour, particularly government and their agencies. I have seen too much evidence of "wriggle room" in the current state of the law (HMRC and Treasury are a particular case in point). Under no circumstances should there be any opportunity for government, MPs and all associated individuals and organisations to opt out of the transparency that they owe to the populace of this country.
Terence Hosey	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	The government are public servants.
TANIA EVANS	Wakefield, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	Our government should be transparent.
Arwyn Lloyd	Llanelli, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	We are all equal under the law, including Members of Parliament.
Oliver Dyson	Ringwood, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	It's our money that's been spent, we should know Jo's it's been used.
Martyn Grimes	FARNHAM, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	I don't wish to see the freedom of information act weakened.
Robert Rush	Okehampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	We need the FOI to ensure transparency and democracy are maintained.
Peter Gee	Romiley, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	This information should be in the public domain

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Rachel Leggett	Ipswich, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	Information on points in our lives is important and we shouldn't have to pay to see such details.
Linda Crossey	Rothwell, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	Public bodies need to be accountable to tax payers for their actions
Rodney Coleclough	Wilmslow, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	Don't want Big Brother...
Robert Smith	Hampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	I am signing this petition because regardless of the futility of the request the public has a right to know
Lynne McNulty	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	I'm signing because transparency is a fundamental element of the democratic process and the FOI Act as it stands underpins this.
Thom Board	Abergavenny, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	It would be criminal not to
Alan Lay	Wisbech, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	Secrets are not good, honesty is so often obscured.
Paul Gray	Middlesbrough, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	Our leaders must not be allowed to hide their actions from the voters.
John Ong	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	Accountability and transparency ensure fairness. The FOI Act should remain as it is.
Jennie Chesterton	Faringdon, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	The FOI Act is an essential part of our democracy and should be maintained, and if possible improved by extending the range of information available to the public.
david fallows	Lancashire, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	We need to know what's going on at all times they work for us but the other way round
Ken Goodey	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	Freedom of Information is an integral part of democracy and is therefore the property of the people. Government ministers and politicians should not seek to change/water down the law to suit their own agendas.
gareth palmer	lutterworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	I have signed this petition because I am tired of politicians hiding what they do. for a government to work properly it needs to be transparent in it's dealings with it's population, not continuously hiding what it's up to.
Kevin Atkins	Rowlands Gill, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	FOI is important
Andrew Cazalet	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	Power needs to be accountable.
Gerard Lock	Stonehaven, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	The FOI principle needs upholding, not limiting.
Amy Gill	Sibson, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	I have experienced corruption within my council where they are trying to shield information to protect themselves and their failures to safeguard my family where criminal activity has been subject against us by our neighbour and the council have supported this neighbour who has friends on the council. The entire system is corrupt and they seem to think they are above the law where they use and abuse the law to their advantage. I think the FOI act is important but if anything there should be even more transparency because they send me letters which are all scored and blanked out saying they need to protect the information. One entire letter was completely blanked out and was a complete waste of time. Corrupt, corrupt, corrupt....
David Gavin	Sonning Common, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	If we are to have any confidence in government we must be able to see what they are doing. They are spending our money and should have no objection to their actions and discussions being public.

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Maurice Savill	Farnham, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	If they have nothing to hide they have nothing to worry about - that's why they tell us. Frightened we might see something you didn't want us to?
brian timmins	Knowle, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	All people must be accountable for their actions, particularly elected people and government employees unless bound by the official secrets act.
Steve Green	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	Full and frank accountability at all levels is an unquestionable right in a free, fair and democratic society.
Jonathan Pickles	Sheffield, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	People need to know!
Iftexhar Ahmed	Stourbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	It is important for accountability and principles underpinning democracy.
Siegfried Leher	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	FOI is goddamn important
peter roberts	Warton, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	If you have nothing to hide, there is nothing to worry about! However we all have been made very aware of the incredibly deceitful way our politicians, bankers, councils, media companies operate.
Francis Macleod	East Kilbride, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	The Freedom of Information Act has become an essential part of our democratic processes, and any weakening of the Act would only damage our democracy.
Terry Blackburn	Welwyn Garden City, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	You have always said that your gvt would be open and honest. As I voted for you I demand that you stick to that.
Doreen McNab	Kirriemuir, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	FIA should have no concessions other wise it will become discriminative.
Paul Phillips	Stoke-on-Trent, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	As the government keep telling us, if you've nothing to hide, you've nothing to fear.
Michael Poteliakhoff	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	I don't want UK to be like Putin's Russia
Edward Bailey	Fivelanes, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	It has benefitted the subjects of this Country and fits in very well with the current Government's desire for more transparency in Government. To modify or reverse it would be a travesty.
lewis torrington	Christchurch, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	We need foi to protect the public from unscrupulous mps and companies
EA Jordan	Derry-Londonderry, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	Ooooh no they don't! #HandsOffFOI
michael oliver	Cretingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	We are entitled to know what our representatives are doing. It helps to keep them honest .
Adrian Price	WORTHING, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	The Rule of Law demands transparency and accountability. The government and public servants MUST be held answerable and FREE Freedom of Information is absolutely essential to this. To impose charges for information is to restrict information.
Robert Swanson	Rustington, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	Information should be Free to all
Adrian Friar	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	This is the one act that keeps the wrongdoers looking over their shoulders
Alistair Kennedy	Kenilworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	how else can we find out what the government wants to hide?
Stewart Reddaway	Ashwell, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	It is important that Fol can be used by members of the public, not just journalists. Don't water it down.

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Lawrence Johnston	Rothwell, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	I believe there is need for it!
jonathan lamb	Weaverham, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	People's rights are important take that away and that's dictatorship and that's breaching human rights
Alan Ball	Ferndown, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	This must be kept and if anything improved. Otherwise it will allow this and other governments to do as they please with no consequences.
George White	Bearsden, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	we need to be aware of what our elected officials are doing in our name
Roger Genders	Wendover, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	The FOI is an integral part of the democratic society and increasingly so given the amount of decisions that are taken in secret I.e. TTIP supposedly on our behalf.
Helen Foggarty	Dundee, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	Helen foggarty
Sukninder Manik	Stourbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	Care about public sector spending
Deirdra Frankish	Stone, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	The FOI is a vital tool to enable anyone to query public information and it should and MUST remain accessible so those who are not doing what is right can be identified and taken to account!
Steve Wing	Edwinstowe, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	I'm signing this petition be cause I believe that FOI has been a force for good in enabling the public to understand the workings of government and exposing political misdeeds.
robert goodings	Sunderland, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	We have a right to know what taxpayers money is spent on mp,'s yet there arrogance thinks otherwise
Amy Lawson	East Molesey, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	Without transparency all government is dictatorship.
Ray Matthews	Mold, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	Public servants are paid for by the public and with this in mind the people who pay their wages should be entitled to see any info. they like. FOI requests keeps them on their toes and weakening the FOI requests would result in the public servants taking more of our money again.
Martin Widman	Loughborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	I'm signing the petition because it is essential that the general public can make requests that would otherwise get lost in the mire of red tape.
Patrick White	Orkney, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	Too many people suffer intolerable persecution from the ultra-virus activities of errant councils who also bury the evidence against them beneath the a shroud of corporate cover-up culture.
Caroline Mclean	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	I am fed up with the elite thinking that they are above the law using public funds for their own benefit. As far as I'm concerned what's good for the goose is good for the gander.
Rod Bacon	Portsmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	In a democratic society the public has a right to see all information held by the government or public bodies. Rather than be weakened it should be extended to cover all organisations and businesses whether public or private. Only when everything is open and transparent will the country be fully democratic.
marion jackson	Newton Aycliffe, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	I am signing because I believe this needs to be done.
Natalie Eves	Cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	All this so they can spend our money without us knowing...they're showing themselves up to be just a bunch of robbers in suits and ties.
Carol Stratton	Hampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	I value Freedom of Information

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Maralyn Terry	Barrhead, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	This is such an important act for people like me, an ordinary citizen
Peter Lucas	Northampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	maintenance of this act is the single most useful tool to prevent cover ups by the establishment
Bridget Spake	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	Due to the ever increasing security measures, the checking of peoples on line movements etc, which I understand, to an extent, I feel our right to FOI is more important than ever
Gillian Tracy	Hatfield Peverel, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	I totally agree with this petition and our democratic right to freedom of information. The Government is accountable to us as we pay them. I find it very disturbing that the Government are seeking to curtail this right, or charge huge amounts for these requests that would restrict the ability to make them. I would be very concerned for the future of democracy in this country if the Government believes that they do not have to be fully accountable for their actions to the electorate.
alexander Goodlet	Maidenhead, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	decent politicians have nothing to fear from the FOI act. Crooks would be delighted if their misdeeds were kept secret. Why should we be kept from the truth? Perhaps it is because it suits those in power to keep us in the dark about their corruption.
Elizabeth McGarrigle	Thrapston, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	stop the government from doing as they please after all they are supposed to work for THE PUBLIC not help themselves to our money so they are accountable to THE PUBLIC.
fiona mantle	newcastle emlyn, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	Liberte, egalite, fraternite.
Tim Buchanan	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	I am signing this petition because I am sick of the way this government is removing my options to challenge the decisions made by a party which was elected by 34% of the voting public. That is simply wrong
nigel king	ely, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	This government is not for the average man in the street, they just look after their own type. This is just another thing to protect their interests.
Helen Loving	Dunholme, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	On many occasions this has been the only way to obtain information regarding changes to the NHS by Union Reps.
Rebecca Lawrence	Worcester, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	I'm signing for the sake of humanity. I believe that these alledged so called men' do not represent the views of many. These animals who kill, maim and terrorise innocent people must be stopped by the least amount of force possible. I hope people do not turn on their fellow man because of these atrocities. We must unite and stand together in these troubling times....
Christina Aston	Wolverhampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	We pay mps wages they should never be allowed to lie to us on the matter of their expenses
janet marsh	janet Marsh, United Kingdom	2015-11-15	This act is of vital importance to our democracy and should not be weakened .
Mary Douglas	Widnes, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	I am signing this petition because I believe all citizens believe In FOI how can we ever believe who and what MP's stand if the truth is hidden. It would not be worth voting and a reason why many citizens do not bother to vote
Pierre porcel	Frampton Cotterell, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	People have the right to know what is going on in there own country. If some people dont like that fact its only because they are breaking the law.
Francesco Ligorio	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	Because Is fare that certain information as to be published
shelley woods	Falmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	Publics right of freedom

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Darren Waters	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	I would like to think that we can make politicians and organisations accountable for their actions.
vahid djilily	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	(A lot of) MP's (and indeed the general public) need to know that they're spiritually retarded; only then will humility begin to iron out their moral creases.
Dave Owens	Glenrothers, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	Public want accountability
John Loft	Tuen Mun, Hong Kong	2015-11-16	I want to know everything not just what others wish me to know and believe, so find out for myself.
Tim Scott	Harrogate, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	Even with the FoI politicians try to get away with murder - what would they do if it wasn't there?
Jim Foster	Croydon, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	As long as it is does not affect national security, Government is stronger if it makes its own everyday operations transparent and open to scrutiny.
steve harding	Grays, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	I just hate the conservatives,since they got in ,I've been ill,because my docter,has taken my metformin away,and told me,that I'm no longer diabetic, they took it away,about 6 months ago,and I am sick everyday since. I know all docters,have been told to cut back,but this is ridiculas.
Ronald Goodman	Ramsgate, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	"For evil men to succeed, it is sufficient for good men to do nothing!"
john owens	Bedford, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	The FOI Act has been of great benefit to the citizens of this country in exposing wrong doings.
Gerard McNamara	Birkenhead, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	this is our right
Atif Malik	New Malden, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	FOI Act is an important democratic right of the people and a necessity for accountability of those in Office.
Owen White	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	FOI is vital to maintain government accountability and ensure that decisions made for nefarious reasons cannot be 'buried'. Accountability and transparency are cornerstones of a working democracy and to undermine them would be a worrying step towards opaque and unaaccountable governance.
Leon Blake	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	FOI as it stands today is a basic requirement for a functioning participatory democracy.
Gerlando Bellavia	Birmingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	FOI is fundamental to a democracy.
Jennifer Caton	Llanelli, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	what have they got to hide??The public want to know where their money is being spent
Stephanie Dalzell	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	With the introduction of the Snoopers Charter, and now attempts to limit FOI, it seems the current government wants transparency to work from the bottom up, instead of from the top down. This is the opposite of a democratic society and it can't be tolerated. Those in power must be held accountable by the public.
Terence O'Connor	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	A mature democracy requires transparency in the public arena. We are not there yet.
Stuart Roy	Canterbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	Extremely worrying times where our freedoms are concerned. I can see the religious minority jumping on the bandwagon and spouting their intolerance to all if unchallenged.
Martin Young	Coalit Heath, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	I value integrity.
Nigel Sharpe	Fareham, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	Public authorities must be just that:- publicly accountable to their employers - us

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martin stephens	Plymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	Im signing because we need to keep a check on these currupt officials in westminster
MARCUS SCOTT RUSSELL	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	Our freedoms were very hard won and must be protected
Sarah Robertson	Essex, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	Knowledge is power!
rod langford	Alrewas, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	I don't trust delegated democracy. innit.
Joseph Reddington	West Hampstead, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	Transparency makes the world better.
Natalie Marsh	Faversham, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	We are losing our freedom full stop slowly but surely! We shouldnt be denied being in the know? There is enough secrets and lies!
Colin Gilbert	Southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	The public must have access to Gov information.
Peter Silverman	Ruislip, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	To safeguard our democracy
M Gillies	telford, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	Wherever public money is spent the public has a right to know on what. It is that simple. Anyone employed by the public purse has to expect to be audited by the public. The political elite have no right to hide their misappropriations.
Karly Graham	Sparham, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	The Freedom of Information Act was a huge leap forward for this country and puts us head and shoulders above many other countries. Any change will be a retrograde step in our democratic system.
Liam Tye	Weymouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	the attempts of thsoe in power to hide what they do when it is in the public interest is a sign of a rotten government.
stanley parkinson	Dundalk, Ireland	2015-11-16	improve democracy not weaken it
James Wallace-Dunlop	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	It is essential to ensure that state employees are open with their employers - the taxpaying private sector population
Keith Degville	Henley in Arden, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	I believe it is needed to keep MPs etc at least a little honest
Sita Heald	Pwll, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	Information is every single communication
steve higginson	kirkcaldy, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	Evil lvin theevin murdering politico scum should be accountable and any attempt to make the situation different should be abhorrent to anyone.
James Garrett	Bagstone, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	We need more transparency and accountability in public life, not less.
Tina doherty	Antrim, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	We pay for these people to run our country not rob us ☹☹☹
Mr Ferguson	Brightons, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	I do not have any trust in politicians.
Graham Dunsmore	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	This is one 'freedom' which works for the people. Don't let them take it away
Jason Cantellaven	Belfast, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	We should be able to access FOI to expose more scandals that the public are not aware of, therefore FOI should be strengthened and expanded.
James Dunn	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	We are in an era where openness and transparency is needed more than ever to justify government functions. If FOI is costly to implement, there should be greater focus on ensuring departments can comply cheaply. The more open departments become (eg posting information online) the less costly it will be for them to reply to requests.
Angela Vertz	Belfast, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	Govts and Corporations and other organisations should not be able to escape from being exposed by bad scandals and wrongdoings therefore the public need the FOI and it should be strengthened.

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Mark Haywood	Chesterfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	I want to know what our government is doing, because I feel that I have the right as a citizen of the UK.
Paul Morrison	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	Government in a democracy should hold as few secrets as possible. It's information should be open unless it can show why it is best for us all to keep it secret - that's what the FOI does
John Denner	wigan, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	I believe in a free and open society
Tom Cane	Nairn, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	Government needs to be completely transparent, power corrupts absolute power corrupts absolutely
Samuel Thomas	Havant, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	the transparency of governments and other organizations ensure that the people will be able to make informed decisions revolving them.
Mikey Batsford	Newbury, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	In this time of lies and deciet it's important that we keep control of as much power for the people as we can
Judith Clarke	Coventry, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	Because we the public should know exactly how they are wasting our money!
Sheila Lambert	Immingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	I am a public/ statutory service worker who has to account for money I use from tax payers money. Is not the money used by our voted politicians taking money from the tax payers purse. Is not your role to serve the electorate so why should your expenses be claimed in a wholly different way to mine. You are a public servant just like me and I am not allowed to claim my expenses only cliam I make are for mileage and this is checked. Yes you are a tax payer and so am I but if you want to claim expenses this must and need to be transparent. We are all in this together so please do not try to fool the tax payer or the electorate be transparent or we will see not just think you have something to hide. Hard working people whom you profess to serve are going to question this expression we are in this together. I do not object to claiming but receipts are key
Shona Utting	Preston, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	It is morally and ethically wrong to steal off the people hardworking people if this country. While the politicians sit back and benefit from THE PEOPLES MONEY! While we pay taxes
Peter Davies	Platt Bridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	The FOI needs to be stronger not weaker!
Miti Goel	Bletchley, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	Its a good cause
Anna Conaghan	Glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	Government should NOT have secrets. I thought MP's were public servants, so you should be answerable to 'the public, that you were employed to serve'
Kevin McMahon	Brierfield, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	Transparency in government is the only counter to apathy and mistrust.
Andrew Bailey	Skegby, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	We have a right to know how our tax money is being used
John Hardman	Stalybridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	Why let the politicians hide behind secrecy laws when they have made mistakes they should own up.
Erik Nielsen	Grimsby, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	MP's have proven theirselves untrustworthy so we need to keep a watch on them.
John Radcliffe	Falmouth, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	Governments need keep only a few things secret.
Michel L'Hours	Sandown, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	I agree with the principles enshrined in the act

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gary gilbert	Whitstable, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	we have a right to know what the powers that be are up to. They work for us and we should know how they are operating. We all know that the expenses scandal was a result of FOI and it is our right to know what happens behind closed doors and what we are paying our taxes for.
Walter Ormiston	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	It's our democratic right!
sol shaw	glasgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	Freedom should be free
Paul Horton	Standish, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	I've worked to hard for my money without asking anyone to pay my way, thieving bastards all of them ,some caught some not
Ed stanford	Wimpole, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	We have the right to know
Peter Riddle	Norwich, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	I am signing this petition because significant numbers of public servants, both nationally and locally have shown that they couldn't be trusted.
Linda Carling	Tyne and Wear, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	Freedom of information Act is essential.
sandra duthie	Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-16	As ordinary citizens lose all rights to privacy and are told "...nothing to hide then nothing to fear..." government demands ever greater secrecy.
Peter Kaela	Leicester, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	we need to move away from the current state of affairs & secluded attitude in government
Halema Spence	South Shields, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	It is essential we know all facts to make informed decisions
Alasdair Johnstone	Cumbernauld, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	The freedom of information act is fundamental to holding government agencies accountable for their actions and curbing of this risks further corruption.
mike pearson	Portglenone, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	there should be no secrets in Gov't when funded by public money to individuals
Bernard Townshend	Cambridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	I dont trust the establishment to tell us the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth so we need the FOIA to counter the tendancy of politicians to bury the truth
Brian Lens	Felsted, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	I believe government should be transparent in all dealings
Glenn McClure	Belfast, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	By right of a democratic system the people are entitled to know what the government is doing or it can't truly be a peoples government
steven jackson	radlett, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	Being able to gain information freely and easily on the Government is essential to any democracy
Dennis wright	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	We have a right to no h l m
helen white	Southend-on-Sea, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	i feel we as a high tax paying country have a right to know were, our hard earned money goes.
Kelso D	Liverpool, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	It is an essential check system on wrong doing in government and commerce
Craig Allsebrook	Swindon, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	FOI encourages transparency. This helps to foster trust. A clampdown on this vital law suggests a step toward stripping the people of their voice = totalitarianism.
Ali Mcginley	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	We rely on the FOI to ensure the government is accountable to us! They are elected representatives, after all.
John Farrell	Hereford, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	I consider the F.o.I. Act as an essential part of a transparent democracy.

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sanneeta Wilfred	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	Because It is every citizen's right and I do not want to see any government take it away. Certainly you can do my background check to know why I would like to have this info. But If I want that info I should be able to get it as far as there is no evidence to prove that I will not be doing any wrong with this info.
Jonathan Edmunds	Stroud, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	I am signing because it feels that Government and big institutions are making decisions in a secretive manner and in my opinion against the public will
Barry Harding	Doulling, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	I believe government should be held to account to the people who pay for it.
John Brown	Bridgend, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	The rights of the ordinary citizen are under attack particularly in the current political climate. The further up the food chain you go in society the more corruption seems to flourish and the FOI Act is just one tool, exposing the truth and fighting corruption, we need more of this not less.
Janie Graham	Lanark, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	Libertarianism.
Diane Farrar	Harrogate, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	The act should not be weakened
Terry Baxter	Downham market, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	These people tax us and are supposed to represent us. Therefore we should be entitled to know exactly what they are doing, and what decisions they make, while supposedly representing us.
Andy Ewing	Blairstown, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	I dislike everything this conservative government does as it only serves the upper classes.
Phillip Simpson	Swindon, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	FOI requests from the general public keep those in position's of office on their toes and accountable.
Carole Smith	Twickenham, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	I am signing this because I believe people in government should be more accountable to the electorate rather than less accountable.
Magda Ralphs	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	The preservation of the FOI in its current form is essential to democracy and open society. Its weakening would be an offence against freedom of speech and free media.
karl thomson	Gainsborough, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	I would like a level playing field
Jason Stead	middlesbrough, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	Accountability not SECRETS
scott forrest	East Kilbride, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	THEY MAKE ME SICK
Greg Watts	Pontyclun, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	I am signing because FOI provides a balance to the powers and interests of those in Government for the general public who they serve.
Elkin Atwell	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	Please also sign this petition its important. Kleyo's life came to an avoidable end in July this year 2015 during an extreme sport activity. Please help me to enable extreme sports seekers to have a safe adventure. https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/110736/
Elisha McCreery	Newtownards, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	The people of this country should have the RIGHT to this information. All of it!
Norman Cruice	Swadlincote, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	After the latest scandals that have been exposed by Freedom of Information every government must ensure that the public is able to check that each department is acting honestly and in the interests of the common man.
Gavin Knight	Chatham, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	If the government had nothing to hide British citizens wouldn't need to use the freedom of information act. The fact that the government wants to weaken it just shows they have information they want to hide and that we really can't trust them. That's not democracy it's oppression.

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Valerie Kenny	Livingston, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	This act is important to see what politicians and other industries are doing behind closed doors they should be accountable
Richard Barnby	East Grinstead, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	What has the Gov got to hide that it is so scared of Fol?
Tom Wilson	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	I'm deeply concerned about potential restrictions to FOI requests. They've delivered uncountable numbers of stories in the public interest.
Julie Mccarthy	Wolverhampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	I believe very strongly that powerful secrets dwell rather well behind closed doors and feel that it's wrong for the British people to live in fear of their own government's treachery. Fiddling with our access to information via FOIA is precisely what I'm afraid of actually JM
Rachel Humphries	Midsomer Norton, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	freedom
Katy Wright	York, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	Freedom Of Information requests (and even just the 'threat' of them!) ensure that people in positions of power are held accountable, as they should be. To change the law so that it is not possible to access information that would be of interest to the public is a blatant attempt to protect cheats and scoundrels.
Phillip Mason	Bentley, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	The public deserve a right to know what is happening in the public domain.
Helen Price	Pont-Henri, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	What happened to accountability?
Stephen myles	Northampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	i am totally against any law that sets out to hide expenses, fiddling,we all know the tricks m p`s can get up too in the past!,, the latest one was a 10% pay rise! that is wrong and corrupt!
Peter Gilroy	Bishopsteignton, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	FOI is an important facility
John Hastings	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	I believe the FOI Act is one of the best laws passed in recent years. It would be madness to dilute it.
william campbell	southampton, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	information is freedom
Jackie Ruddy	Waterbeach, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	government should be transparent, we should be able to find out is happening.
Gerald Nolan	Nottingham, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	We need to know the truth
Graham Douglas	Portugal	2015-11-17	This is the one good thing Blair did, and then regretted it. We need it in the digital age even more.
Jamie Jaffray	Hull, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	We cannot allow people to waste public money and turn around to tell us it non of our business!!!!
vicky ginley	Hoylake, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	The public have a right to know
Graeme Darling	Jedburgh, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	Freedom of information is an essential part of a democracy.
Mildred Williams	Newbridge, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	Secrets and lies are awful
Robert Peston	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	the health of a democracy is directly related to our ability to hold its institutions to account, which in turn requires full and timely disclosure of their conduct and policies
Nathan Boal	Newtownabbey, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	I believe Fol helps keep the government honest (well, more so than without it)

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DR JO	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	The FOI is one of the freedoms that the IS would remove from our society. Defend our freedom, don't take it away.
Pete Jennings	Gt Yeldham, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	Because I do not trust many institutions to be transparent in their disclosures without it.
Roger Haslock	Rai Khing, Thailand	2015-11-17	Government always tries to hide things.
John Dowd	Ellesmere Port, United Kingdom	2015-11-17	It's right to do so.
Andrew Slade	Newport, NJ	2015-11-17	The FOI act is a crucial and necessary tool to keep power to account and ensure public bodies serve the public good.
Frank Bath	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	The people need to know what those who speak for them are up to.
Matt Smart	Southsea, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	Studies have shown that people are more honest (or for some people, only ever honest) when their actions are visible. Limit FOI requests and corruption will flourish.
Fred Thompson	Selkirk, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	Government needs to be open and accountable.
roger howarth	Eastbourne, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	Freedom of information is an important element if we are part of an open and just society!
Colin Wright	Deal, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	I want the government to be held accountable
Delyth Lloyd-Williams	Prestatyn, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	First they went for Human Rights, then increased their powers to read out emails, tap our phones and check our internet history. If they weaken the Freedom of Information Act, we will be powerless to question. That's frightening.
Marcus Chown	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	FOI holds our politicians to account. It makes sure electorate have correct rather than incorrect information, which benefits govt and voters. And it costs a fraction of what govt spends on advertising. How come govt wants to know everything about citizens but doesn't want citizens to know about govt?
Richard Barnett	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	Freedom of Information is an important part of accountable and credible government. It has already done considerable good and shall continue to rondo unless removed. Please sign
Thomas Riley	Hunmanby, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	This is a vitally important issue for all if us.
Dominic Cooper CloJ	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	Freedom of Information is essential and should, if anything, be strengthened.
Mark Jones	Finchampstead, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	Having the FOI Act in its current form is a critical element in trusting those that represent citizen interests fairly. Reducing its impact will create opportunity for improper behaviour and decisions based io commerce, not fairness.
Steve Covers	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	It is wrong to deceive the public
anthony lawlor	50, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	Without having the chance to examine things the government is doing. The Government becomes a dictatorship.
E Crowley	Preston, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	Edward Snowden reveals the true nature of the beast in metadata surveillance. A shocking orwellian action that appears to have come straight out of 1984.
Mary Joy	East sussex, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	Because Government needs to remember, they work for US (as in us, not the U.S!!) We must have transparency in all things. The FOI is imperative in this regard.
John Bromhall	Balerno, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	Tax payers like me fund public bodies

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Stephen Watson	Goldhanger, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	Power must be accountable by citizens.
Struen Freeman	Blackburn, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	We are suppose to live in a democracy were freedom is fundamental in allowing everyone to have a voice. And importantly understand what is happening in government. Freedom of Information Act, is so important in helping a government be a transparent as they can. The British people pay a lot into the state and should have the right to know where all the money is going. And importantly how it is being spent. Elite areas of government are completey wrong to take this right away from British people. If the government do this, they aren't acting on the publics best interest, but solely for their own personal gain.
Christopher Moore	Kingston upon Thames, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	transparency is vital for democracy, any changes to the Freedom of Information Act that reduce this are retrograde and unhealthy
Claire Charlesworth	Dymock, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	Transparency within a democracy should not have to be fought for.
Harry Taylor	Aberystwyth, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	Transparency is key to democracy
Kathleen Aikman	Dyffryn Ardudwy, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	Freedom of information is our last bastion against tyranny
Jon May	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	I'm signing because transparency and accountability are the cornerstone of a functional democracy.
June Colton	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	junecolton@hotmail.co.uk
Kanika Lang	Oxford, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	I'm signing the petition because I want to live in an open and transparent democracy where those in power are accountable to the people for all the decisions they make.
James Dix	Newcastle upon Tyne, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	Students should have the right to ask for transparency from their institutions without being charged.
Howard Sharman	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	Over the FoI years so many stories have emerged that all Governments didn't want publicised. It is essential for democracy that it is not watered down.
Sarah Newey	Bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	The current suggestions to change FOI will damage democracy and reduce accountability - I'm a student journalist and have submitted countless FOI requests to my university which has raised several interesting questions - for example revealing that the uni spent £20,000 on a trip for the Vice Chancellor to Asia and Australia. This sort of journalism is hugely important and reducing the strength of the FOI would be detrimental for the future of transparency.
Meri O'Connell	Reading, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	Public trust in Govt at all levels is virtually non existatnt. Removing FOI requests will confirm the public's belief that politicians have things they want to keep hidden. we need more openness not less!
Ian Barnett	Terrington, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	I think the FoI Act is a vital component of our democracy and must not be diluted in any way.
Amanda Brodie	Hadleigh, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	I have been a journalist for over 30 years but have never known a time when the press has been so restricted in doing its job, and so villified by people who fail to understand how vital a free press really is to democracy.
Andy Beck	Thomshill, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	It matters.
Alan Halley	Linlithgow, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	Government has to be open and accountable, afterall they govern for us.

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Joe Atkinson	Cardiff, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	Organisations need to remain accountable for their actions and transparent in their dealings. Without the ability to gain information without FOIs, journalists' jobs will be made even more difficult in the current climate,
Hilary Macaskill	London, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	I'm signing because FOI has been an invaluable tool in exposing injustices, the waste of tax-payers' money and the deals behind government decisions which the public are entitled to know. The country as a whole has benefitted from the use of FOI.
Susan Monro	Shurton, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	For us to have faith in any establishment we have to know what is going on. Sadly the very fact that I am being asked to back this campaign says it all! Hands Off FOI!
GERRY MARMION	Ballynahinch, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	These people are supposed to be acting in the interests of everyone on these islands. If they are then why is there a need to withhold any information unless it relates to national security.
martin einon	bristol, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	those in power must be accountable
Lee Farrow	Nailsworth, United Kingdom	2015-11-18	A pillar of democracy is openness and accountability of our elected MPs, the only reason they want to reduce access is to hide what they are doing. They say with the new "snooping" bill if you have nothing to hide you have nothing to fear, if this bill is passed then what are they hiding? We will not be able to find out!