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What's Inside

The Death of Democracy UK

You might have heard about the “gagging law” currently being voted on by MPs. If you haven’t heard of it, it’s really bad news. If it goes through, it will have a chilling effect on British democracy and on our right to speak up on the issues that matter to us.

Basically, the law slashes the spending limits on campaigning for the year before any election. Campaigns that have impact don’t cost the earth, but they aren’t free.

Community groups, charities and campaigning organisations would all be hit. Election time is when ordinary people have the most influence on our politicians. On the big issues of the day – whether or not to go to war, the future of our NHS, the environment, welfare, immigration, etc. – we’d all be gagged.

The problem is that

this law has come out of nowhere and not many people have heard what’s going on. If we’re going to defeat it, we need to get the word out further. If every single person who’s ever joined a local campaign group or taken action with their favourite charity knew that they could be stopped from doing that again, the outcry could explode.

Here’s a simple five minute video you can watch for more information. Can you take a look, and then help get the word out by passing it on to your friends and family?
[https://
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cure.38degrees.org.uk
/gagging-law-video](https://se-cure.38degrees.org.uk/gagging-law-video)

Thanks for everything you do,

Susannah, Becky, Blanche and the 38 Degrees team

PS: The sooner we see the back of this damaging law, the

sooner we can return to campaigning on the issues that matter to all of us. We’re committed to working together on the NHS, on MP pay, on fracking - and this week, there were developments in our legal aid and zero hours campaigns. There’s hundreds of other issues that we’ll act on together too. But first, we need to defeat the gagging law.

Please follow the link below and let your MP hear your views.

A legal expert has written a response to the government’s myths. It sets out line by line why the gagging law would hit charities, community groups and campaigners. Please can you email your MP a copy? It would only take a minute or so and could make a big difference.

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