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INQUIRY INTO ELECTORAL AND POLITICAL PARTY FUNDING

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I write to strongly oppose the giving of donations to Members of Parliament.

Members are elected to govern for all of us. Donations give undue access to privileged people and groups and corrupt the democratic process.

This money is used by political parties to be elected. Favours to the donors are assumed.

This disenfranchises the smaller parties and individuals who may govern very well for us but never get the chance.

There is little the average voter can do in the face of this growing "industry" except to vote out those parties who receive donations when the election comes round. Much damage can be done in the meantime.

Moneys donated are used in expensive and infuriating political advertising which is largely ineffective and a great waste of resources.

We would all be better off without it.

yours sincerely

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