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Dear Sir,

I am strongly opposed to voting systems based on proportional representation because they are undemocratic, lead to permanent coalition government and multi-party systems.

In Britain this would mean perpetual centre-Right governments. There would be no real choice for voters between parties of the left and parties of the right.

In particular, I am opposed to the Alternative Vote system which places too much power in the hands of Party Leaders, which in Britain is already excessive.

I am in favour of the status quo for Westminster, European Parliamentary and local government elections with First Past the Post system. This gives the voters a clear choice between parties and their manifestos and usually leads to one party being able to form a majority government or administration.

Yours sincerely,

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