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Dear Bob Blackman MP,

I am writing to question why the Conservative Party supports First Past the Post (FPTP) for General Elections, when the party uses a multi-round voting system for its own leadership contests?

The last General Election demonstrated just how flawed FPTP is. The Conservative Party received 24% of the votes, but won only 19% of the seats in the Commons. Meanwhile, Labour won a landslide majority on just 34% of the votes cast. Our electoral system clearly isn't delivering what people vote for.

Smaller parties in the UK already support Proportional Representation, and support from the Conservative Party would increase the pressure on Labour to follow suit and reform the system.

So why, despite the obvious drawbacks of FPTP, does the Conservative Party continue to support this outdated system for UK General Elections?

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,



Tom Brake - Director of Unlock Democracy