

**9th May 2025**

Dear Prime Minister,

New research from the University of Manchester shows that the UK has one of the most difficult voter registration systems amongst the world's liberal democracies.

**As a result, up to 8 million eligible citizens are currently not registered to vote. This disproportionately affects young people, private renters and ethnic minority voters.**

The forthcoming Elections Bill is your government's chance to fix this by introducing Automatic Voter Registration. It is used successfully in dozens of democracies across the world, including Canada, Australia and France.

Without a change to the voter registration system, the Government's plan to give 16 and 17 year olds the vote will be undermined. Registration rates of young people under the current system are the lowest of all.

**Please include Automatic Voter Registration in your Government's Elections Bill and bring our voter registration system into the 21st century.**

Yours sincerely,



Tom Brake - Director of Unlock Democracy