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Pengerusi

Jawatankuasa Pilihan Khas Berhubung Dengan Penambahbaikan Proses Pilihan Raya.
YB Datuk Seri Panglima Dr. Maximus Johnity Ongkili & Jawatankuasa
Bilik Gerakan Negeri, Kota Darul Naim
Kota Bharu, Kelantan.

Submission to the Parliamentary Select Committee on Election Reform

Our Vote Is Not A Secret.

Basically I think it is wrong and against the law, during election day, for Election Commission officers to mark our ballot papers with a number that tallies with the number our printed name occurs in their list of voters.

On entering the voting hall/room the voter hands over his/her identity card to the first officer sitting behind table one. On identifying the voter from his list of voters, the officer calls out the voter's name (even though the voter is standing right in front of him).

This is the cue for the other officer sitting at another table (the one who hands out the voting slip) to search for the name of that voter on his duplicate list, identify the number accompanying the voter's name and lightly write this number on the voting slip before tearing it off and handing the voting slip to the voter for him to mark his choice of candidate at the voting booth.

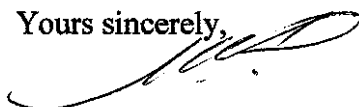
That makes our vote no longer a secret and that makes us a target for later victimization or marginalization by the powers that be, if they so chose to.

It is my hope that this committee will consider this proposal that Election Officers **DO NOT MARK OUR BALLOT SLIP/PAPER.**

I am a Malaysian. It is the right of all Malaysians to a secret ballot. A secret ballot is the norm all over the world.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,



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