Mencap would like to offer its support to the submission made by NCVO on behalf of the voluntary sector to the Commission on Civil Society and Democratic Engagement, .

We agree that as it stands the lobbying bill has yet to achieve the right balance between introducing necessary elements of transparency and establishing a proportionate regime that captures the type of activity that may have an undue influence on the political process.

As such the submission we feel captures the very real issues and concerns of the sector, and in doing so provides tangible considerations which we hope will go a long way to improving the Bill.

Kind regards

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