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(By email)

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Dear Russell,

Thank you for your letter of 11 February regarding e-petition [752646](#), “Call a public inquiry into pro-Israel influence on politics & democracy”, which I have shared and discussed with the Committee. I want to emphasise the seriousness with which we have considered your concerns.

All petitions are checked against the petitioning standards before publication. Additional time and care were taken to consider the wording of e-petition 752646 due to the sensitivity of the topic and the context of recent attacks against the Jewish community.

The petitioning standards do not prevent petitioners from expressing critical or controversial views, nor do they require petitioners to provide evidence to support their ask. As you note in your letter, no organisations are named in the petition. The standards prohibit petitions about particular individuals or organisations that the UK Government or Parliament is not responsible for.

Prior to opening e-petition 752646, petitions calling for public inquiries were opened relating to Russia ([744215](#)) and China ([751800](#)). No assessment is made of the merits of petition asks and petitions are only rejected where there is judged to be an unequivocal contravention of the petitioning standards.

It is for these reasons that it was judged that the ask and text of the petition complied with the standards and recent precedent. Once petitions have been published, we do not accept requests to remove them such as the request set out in your correspondence.



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E-petition 752646 has reached the 100,000-signature threshold to be considered for a debate in Parliament. If the Committee decides to schedule a debate on the petition, I hope it will be an opportunity for Members of the House to share measured, evidence-based views on this topic. Members who share your concerns regarding this petition will be very welcome to voice this in the debate. I would expect all Members – regardless of their views on the ask of the petition – to have sincere regard for the wellbeing and safety of the Jewish community and the potential impact of the language they use.

Yours sincerely,

Jamie Stone MP

Petitions Committee Chair