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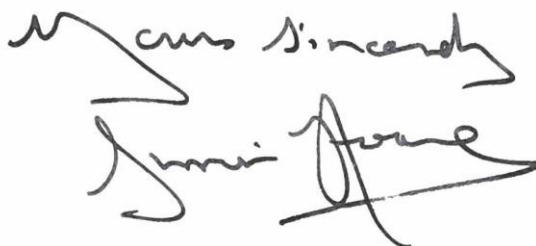
Dear Hansard Editors,

I would like to clarify a remark I made during the Westminster Hall Debate on 20 March 2024, which was recorded in volume HC 747.

During an exchange with Wendy Chamberlain MP (volume 747, column 2339) I said, "There is a very long list of qualifying documentation for voter ID, and 99% of all voters have at least one form of acceptable ID, and many have more. There is also the Voter Authority Certificate, which is free and lasts for three years. That meets the needs of the 1% of the population who do not have an acceptable form of ID."

I should have instead said: "There is a very long list of qualifying documentation for voter ID, and **at least 96%** of all **electors** have at least one form of acceptable ID, and many have more. There is also the Voter Authority Certificate, which is free and **which does not expire**. That meets the needs of the **small proportion** of the population who do not have an acceptable form of ID."

I am copying this letter to Wendy Chamberlain MP. I will place a copy of this letter in the House of Commons library.



Yours sincerely  
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