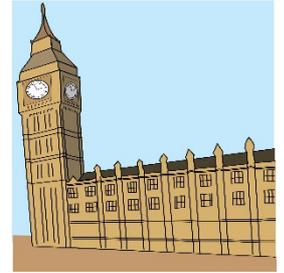


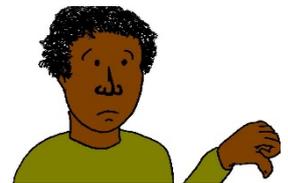
Protect the human rights of people getting care and support



Petition text:

To: Caroline Dinenage, Minister of State for Care and the UK government

What we are asking: No one should be **deprived of their liberty** because of their disability. Don't make protections weaker.



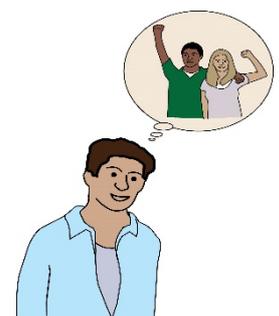
Deprived of liberty: this means taking someone's freedom away. It could mean that someone is always under supervision or control by others, someone is not free to leave, or someone is forced to live in a certain place

These protections are there to make sure that people's wishes are respected if they are not able to make their own decisions about the support they get.



Why this is important:

"We are not a problem that needs solving, we are people who have rights and those rights are taken away from us".



We all have a right to choose how we live - living with dementia, learning difficulties or brain injuries doesn't change this. It should not mean your feelings and wishes are ignored when it comes to the support you get.



But right now, the government is putting forward a new law. The new law will make it easier to deprive someone of their liberty if it is decided that they cannot make decisions for themselves.



It could mean people are forced to live in care homes because it's cheaper and easier for the local council. This could happen even when it is not what the person wants or needs.



Right now decisions like these are made with the help of an **independent assessment**. This makes sure a person's wishes are listened to and the care that is given, is what the person needs.



Independent assessment: this is where someone looks at a person's care and support needs to see what support they need or to see whether anything has changed. It is independent when it is done by someone that is not linked to a person's care or support.

The new law, in most cases will get rid of people's right to have an independent assessment. It also puts a lot of decision making power in the hand of care home managers, who probably want people to stay in their care homes.



No one should be deprived of their Liberty. This should not happen unless their safety is at risk and all other **less restrictive** options have been looked into.

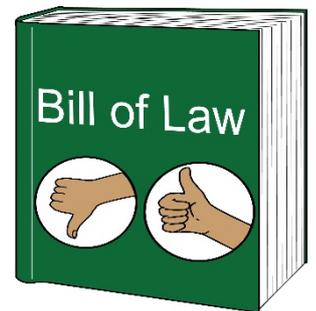


Less restrictive: here this means ways of doing things that take away a person's freedom as little as possible.

But the changes to the law going through parliament right now will make it more likely that people will be deprived of their liberty. This will be done to make life easier for local councils and care home staff - not because it's what's best for the person.



Experts have said that it is “not fit for purpose”. The only way to make sure the human rights of disabled people are respected is to change the **bill** now going through parliament.



Bill: this is a copy of a planned new law to be talked about in parliament.