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Dear Mr Rosenthal

**SECRET BALLOT BY BLIND PERSONS AND ELECTORAL ACT**

In response to your letter dated 14 October 1993 regarding the above we would like to express our appreciation for your prompt reply and the assurance that the matter will receive the necessary attention in the new draft Electoral Bill.

The only comment that we would like to make is that our experience in the past has led us to believe these sections of the act were not always applicable to municipal elections. In view of this our request is that these clauses should be applicable to ALL elections and referendums - whether they be Parliamentary, regional/ provincial/federal, or municipal.

We are also concerned about a recent newspaper report that special votes are to be abolished in future. We appeal to the Technical Committee most urgently that this means of voting should be retained - a necessity for many more voters besides blind and disabled.

Yours faithfully

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