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Dear Bob Posner, Chief Executive of the Electoral Commission

In July 2018 the Electoral Commission released the findings of its investigation into the Leave campaign. The Commission found that Vote Leave broke legal limits on campaign spending, breaching their £7million spending limit.

Later findings have revealed that the money that was undeclared was spent on a Canadian company called Aggregate IQ, which targeted Facebook users with misinformation using illegally harvested data. Aggregate IQ's services were, according to Vote Leave's campaign manager Dominic Cummings, crucial in the success of the Brexit campaign (1).

Our democracy process – and the very pillars of our country - is being undermined, and people are losing faith in their public institutions.

In light of this, we ask you on behalf of the public, what will the Electoral Commission be doing to prevent such abuses of democratic process in the run up to the European elections and in the event of a second referendum?

Any election undertaken now will be at risk of being subverted undemocratically and therefore working against, rather than for, the very people it is meant to represent.

We need urgent reassurance of preventative measures being taken to prevent this from happening again.

Yours sincerely,

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(1) <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/mar/31/aggregateiq-canadian-tech-brexit-data-riddle-cambridge-analytics>