

**From:** Jamie Higgins [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2014 10:42 AM  
**To:** Ross, Alison  
**Subject:** E-Petitions in Northern Ireland

To Alison,

I am writing to express my support for the introduction of electronic petitions to the Northern Ireland Assembly. I believe this would be a valuable mechanism of enhancing the Assembly's public engagement, providing additional opportunities for people to influence the debate and express their views on issues that matter to them.

The major complaint I hear is that people don't have time to make their views heard and a simple, straight forward, and at hand approach like e-petitions would open up politics to a huge number of Northern Ireland residents,

Regards,  
Jamie Higgins.