

Remembrance Sunday and demonstrations

As a strong believer in democracy and free speech I support people's right to peaceful demonstrations to tell others how deeply they feel about an important issue. I also advise those planning such demonstrations to remember that as they are trying to win over public opinion and the government to their view they need to consider how best to persuade rather than upset.

On Sunday many in our nation will wish to remember all those who died in the service of our country in past conflicts. It would be a good idea for anyone planning a demonstration to avoid the same times and places being used for civic and religious ceremonies for Remembrance Sunday.