



## We can't oppose Trump's visit to the UK

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Readers might recall that I proposed a government petition a few weeks ago to oppose Trump's planned state visit to the UK.

I have just got this email:

We rejected your petition "Withdraw the invitation for a state visit to the UK by President Trump"  

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to richard.murphy ▼

Dear Richard Murphy,

Sorry, we can't accept your petition – "Withdraw the invitation for a state visit to the UK by President Trump".

It calls for an action relating to a particular individual, or organisation outside of the UK Government or Parliament.

We cannot accept petitions that call for an action relating to a particular individual, including the President of the United States.

We only reject petitions that don't meet the petition standards:  
<https://petition.parliament.uk/help#standards>

If you want to try again, click here to start a petition:  
<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/check>

Thanks,

The Petitions Team  
House of Commons

That, apparently, is democracy in action. We can't ask parliament to consider something of importance for fear of upsetting the powers that be.