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Signing of the petition concerning the legislative amendments adopted in

December 2011 was held yesterday, at the hotel Courtyard Marriot, within the framework of the campaign It Affects You.

The event was spearheaded by the editor-in-chief of Liberal magazine, Shorena Shaverdashvili who introduced the text of the petition to the audience and called for signatures. The meeting also featured the discussion of the planned activities of the campaign, including one of their highlights – submission of the legislative proposal to parliament today, at 2:00 pm.

The legal draft adopted in late December 2011 by the parliament, more specifically amendments to the Law of Georgia on Political Unions as well as the Code of Elections and the Criminal Code have significantly deteriorated the pre-election environment.

The legislative amendments that have been adopted are rather ambiguous even for lawyers and allow for broad interpretation.

Therefore, representatives of NGOs specializing in elections, most of the media outlets and experts strongly believe that the existing situation should be improved and certain activities should be carried out for improving the pre-election environment. To this end, the campaign It Affects You was launched.

The petition is open for signatures. It is available online for signatures at <http://www.petitions24.com/esshengexeba>

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