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The Citizen's Assembly
555 West Hastings St.
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Re: My support for the Mixed Member Proportional electoral system

To the Members of the Citizen's Assembly on
Electoral Reform:

First of all, thank you for all your time and effort on this important issue.

I feel very strongly that our electoral systems need to change, both provincially and nationally.

I am deeply grateful for this opportunity to make our provincial electoral system in B.C. more democratic.

I have read the literature on different voting systems and I attended the public hearing in Victoria on June 10. Based on what I have learned, I strongly believe that the "Mixed Member Proportional" system would be the best system to adopt in BC. This system would allow for both regional representation as well as party representation in our legislature.

This system, while relatively simple, would create a legislature that fairly represents

^{2/2} the distribution of votes (reflecting different political values) across the province. Our current system allows for a monopoly of the legislature which is very far from democratic.

I believe that the "Mixed Member Proportional" system would make my vote (and everyone else's) count for something.

Thank you again for your time and effort.

Sincerely,
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