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Dear Citizens' Assembly,

As our federal election looms closer, and I and my friends and neighbors contemplate the "best" way to vote, I am heartened to discover the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform. It appears that finally there could be a system of voting in this province/in this country whereby my vote (and every vote) could be meaningful and translate into what we, the people, really want. Wow, we could be truly represented... what a wonderful concept!

Though not perfect (nothing ever is), the Mixed Member Proportional System by far transcends our present, antiquated adversarial, usually 'disproportionate' voting system.

I grew up in an interior rural piece of BC, and now live in another 'rural' paradise on Vancouver Island. Because there would be a 'party/second' vote, I think "rural" values would be generally supported in party platforms, so we would have representation.

The MMP system seems fairer, would ensure elected governments that more accurately represented voters' wishes, and, so, would encourage more involvement (less apathy) with our citizens.

I am surprised and delighted that our BC liberal government has endorsed this process.

Thank you, each and every one of you for any part you have had (and will have) in moving this monumental project forward!

Sincerely,

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