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Dear People :

I have read your Spring 2004 Newsletter and appreciate your efforts. I support the MMP system and currently have a New Zealander person staying with us. Her observations of MMP are positive, adding that people feel their vote counts and minority groups are more likely to have a representative in parliament. She feels, however, that there are problems when an elected party member decides to change party or become an independent member.

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One reason my son (age 28) chooses not to vote is that he feels it is a waste of time because his choice (the Green Party) will not be elected. MMP would count and he would vote. Having 47% of B.C. seats with 58% of the vote (with a much lower percentage of total eligible voters) is not democracy. We must have electoral reform federally as well as provincially!

Sincerely,

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