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The Citizens Assembly,
555 West Hastings St.
Vancouver, B.C. V6B 4N6

To The Assembly,

My wife and I have been active in politics since our teens, we are now 73 and 49, and are shocked to see the voter disenchantment and cynicism of the political process that has developed over the years. It is obvious to us that many people have given up on the democratic process and have simply turned their backs on it. Something must be done to renew the public faith in government. We believe that electoral reform is an absolute must and the only way to introduce fairness to the electoral system. We feel that some form of proportional representation would bring fairness to the system and revitalize public participation in the voting process.

The system should be simple, fair and transparent. Parties should have to run candidates in a large portion of the electoral districts and party list candidates must be chosen democratically and preferentially voted by party membership.

Yours truly,
Mary Jean Hagedorn
Walter E. Hagedorn