

Alberta Electoral Boundaries Commission
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To Whom It May Concern:

As a resident of Alberta I am extremely concerned about what I perceive to be the lack of representation of urban centres in the Alberta legislature. There are numerous ridings around the province which have too many people in them. Besides many city ridings having too many people, there are numerous rural ridings which have far too few people. The result of these large swings in percentages is that urban Alberta, which continues to grow, is totally underrepresented in the Alberta legislature.

This under representation leads to extreme dissatisfaction and a sense that the system is "rigged" against the urban population of Alberta, which tends to be more liberal. The last election is a good example, despite wide spread dissatisfaction in urban centres with the ruling Conservatives, they handily won the election.

I believe the skewed ridings also affect policy decisions at the highest level. Why are urban hospitals receiving significant cuts when there are rural hospitals which are barely used in comparison which are virtually untouched?

I hope that the commission recommends making the Alberta electoral boundaries more fair and representative of what Alberta really looks like.

Sincerely,

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