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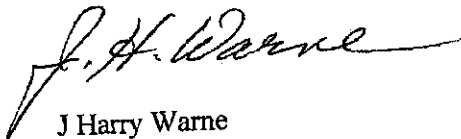
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Subject: Shaping The Electoral Map Of Alberta

Attached is a copy of the e-mail I sent to address shown on the pamphlet we received in the mail but could not be delivered. I am therefore faxing my comments to you.



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Harry Warne

From: "Harry Warne" [REDACTED]
To: <info@altaebc.ab.ca>
Sent: September 13, 2009 5:09 PM
Subject: Shaping The Electoral Map of Alberta

Dear Sirs;

I am concerned about the intentions of the Alberta Government's wish to add 4 more Electoral Divisions in the Province. My concerns are as follows:

1. The province currently has an operating deficit and is expecting greater efficiencies in all government programs. The same efficiencies should be expected from our elected officials.
2. The province has invested capital in new hospitals, such as the Peter Lougheed hospital in Calgary, but they are not able to make use of the space because of reduced operating budgets. Adding four new Electoral Divisions would lead to requiring modification of the Legislature and acquiring and furnishing four more offices for the new MLAs.
3. I do not believe there should be a need for more MLAs in Calgary and Edmonton than the number of elected aldermen and councillors. At present Calgary is represented with 23 MLAs and the City of Calgary is administered by 14 Aldermen. In Edmonton the city is represented with 18 MLAs and 12 Councillors.
4. The State of California which has a similar area to Alberta has a population of 36,756,666 and is represented by 80 Assembly Districts while Alberta has a population of 3,632,483 and 83 Electoral Divisions. Alberta should not need more Electoral Divisions when it has a tenth of the population.
5. In the last few years there has been major improvements to our methods of Communication the area served by each MLA is not as critical as it was twenty-five years ago. I believe it is time to consider establishing a set number of Electoral Divisions as is the case in some of the US States. Perhaps it is time to consider reducing the number, to help reduce our deficit, rather than considering increasing the number.
6. When establishing guidelines for Electoral Districts consideration for both the population and area served needs to be made when establishing boundaries.

Yours truly

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