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Calgary, AB

Honourable Judge Ernest J. M. Walter
Electoral Boundaries Commission
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Dear Sir:

The thought that this Government wants to increase the number of MLA's from 83 to 87 must outright be rejected as a frivolous waste of taxpayer money.

First of all, we have more than sufficient representation from all parts of the province to represent everyone fairly and equally.
If compared to Ontario, we have already TRIPLE the number of MLA's as they do MPP's per population.

Ontario Pop.	13,100,000	MPP's	107	Representation	122,400
Alberta Pop.	3,600,000	MLA's	83	Representation	43,400

Area considerations, Ontario 917,741 K sq., versus Alberta 661,848 K sq.
Again, another reason we need no further representation.

Poor Management:

A major \$222-million expansion of Peter Lougheed Hospital will not add any new beds to the Calgary medical system when it opens later this month because of budgetary constraints at Alberta's medical superboard. What does this mean? A duplication of hospital beds we already have in place.

It simply means that this government does not know how to manage money.

What did the \$222 Million dollars buy us?

Hugh MacDonald (Lib) noted that after the Alberta Health Services superboard was officially created this year, severance to former health executives totalled \$22.5 million. That includes Jack Davis, the former head of the Calgary Health Region, who receives a pension of \$268,908 annually -- or \$22,409 a month for the rest of his life. Who gives out these contracts?

A former deputy minister, who helped create Alberta Health Services, then ran part of it for nine months, walked away from the cash-strapped department with a \$257,500 bonus

as part of her severance package. The severance deal for Paddy Meade, whose position with Alberta Health Services ended after about nine months, included two years' worth of salary (about \$1 million), and a \$257,500 bonus, the maximum amount possible in her contract. Who is responsible for hiring Paddy Meade, and her hefty contract? The present Conservative Government. Why do they only use her for nine months of a 36 month contract, and then give her walking papers? But must pay out her contract in entirety? Can they not use her as a hall monitor in the hospital system looking for waste? At least then Albertans would have got something for \$2million bucks. And she gets a bonus to boot. Ahhhhhhhhhh!!!

I can write pages on the wasted government spending and wasted taxpayer money. The trend is very obvious.

This is the simple answer. Say NO to adding 4 new MLA's. They are not required for any reason whatsoever. None. We are in a period of need for serious financial cutbacks, and this does not fit in the budget anywhere. The only people benefiting adding 4 seats to the Legislature would be the 4 newly elected lucky Lotto winners (MLA's). A great starting salary and pensions for life.

Alberta law, which this present Government creates, has directed the Electoral Boundaries Commission to review the electoral map of Alberta, and to recommend changes to the Legislative Assembly. Well, by golly, do just that. Adjust the boundaries accordingly, and we're done. At this point you might also consider REMOVING 4 seats from the Legislature, as we Albertans are already over represented in government. And yet, we still are not heard.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Gullett', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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