



Dear Allyson Jeffs;

Thank you for inviting me to participate in the process to review the electoral boundaries of our provincial governance. I realize that the parameters suggested were to create an even distribution of 87 electoral divisions but I have an alternate proposal that I would like you to consider.

Given that:

- a) Calgary-Mackay, Calgary-McCall, Calgary-Northwest, Calgary-West, Edmonton-Whitemud, and Airdrie-Chestermere, are already governed at a rate of one representative to a least 50 000 persons at no widespread complaint of neglect or dereliction of duty from those thereby governed;
- b) The Canadian province of Ontario is governed at an accepted rate of representation of 122 000 persons per provincial representative (13 million population, 107 MPPs);
- c) The Canadian province of Quebec is governed at an accepted rate of representation of 62 400 persons per provincial representative (7,800,000 population, 125 MNAs);

I propose a rate of 50 000 persons per MLA for Alberta for a total of 72 seats across the Province. With the speed and convenience of modern communication devices the problems of geographical isolation of past generations in our province is no longer an issue and rural jurisdictions can grow exponentially without persons so represented not being able to reach their representative. The savings in office costs, support staff, wages, benefits so realized by this reduction in MLAs could be put towards programs presently deemed unaffordable that would benefit the sick, aged, homeless, disabled, poor,

Sincerely,

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