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Electoral Boundaries Commission

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RE: Submission to the Commission's Public Hearings

Several electoral divisions in Calgary are seriously under-represented in the Legislature. This did not happen by accident: the previous Commission ignored the population growth trends and favoured the rural areas.

The Commission is now allowed to use "more recent population information", not just the 2006 census (Electoral Boundaries Commission Act as amended 2009, section 3.) This allows the Commission to consider growth projections, especially for the margins of Calgary. These areas should be designed smaller than the present provincial average in order that they will not be seriously under-represented five years from now.

The previous Commission designed all but four of the Edmonton and Calgary ridings to be larger than the provincial average. This clearly disregarded the growth trends of these two cities. Please do not make the same bias this time.

If the Commission's recommendations make most rural divisions below average and most urban divisions above average, this will be a flagrant assault on democracy. It's called gerrymandering.

Sincerely,



David Fisher

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Chief Electoral Officer