

Sir or Madam:

As advised by phone this morning, below are my comments re the above.

I have just heard that our province will now be divided into different areas, and we will eventually have more MLA's representing us than at present. Who has come up with this unbelievable idea? Our population is less than our larger provinces who are doing with less MLAs they are functioning. We have a giant deficit, and the plan is to have more MLAs who will be getting more offices, more staff , more expense at a cost to me, the tax payer. I very much am against this plan.

I would suggest that you cut the number of MLAs in Alberta, giving the larger populated areas more representation, and the vast unpopulated areas less. I have heard that a large area is hard to visit, but just how often does anyone visit, now that anyone can be reached via Email, Cell phones, etc. They are not using a horse and buggy anymore. I am appalled that the province would be spending such a vast amount of money on your group, to do this study of increasing the cost of running the government, when in actual fact, you should be looking at way to cut the number and save money which is so badly needed in other departments, namely: Health care. Please do not go ahead with this increase, but consider a decrease. Please pass this information on to our Premier as well as my MLA for Edmonton Goldbar.

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