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Special Committee on Electoral Reform 131 Queen Street Ottawa; Ontario K1A 0A6 ERRE@parl.gc.ca

Dear Committee Members:

From April to October 2016 I have reached out to the residents in my riding of Kamloops – Thompson – Cariboo seeking their feedback on Electoral Reform. In a riding-wide survey in the spring, our survey found that 76.8 % of residents want a referendum on changing Canada's voting system. In October we conducted a random telephone survey reaching 8800 residents, and these numbers once again confirmed the desire for a referendum with 66.3% in favour. What was important to note was 59% of the respondents also didn't want the current system to change.

Further, over the summer I met with residents in community forums and direct contact on this issue. The message I heard loud and clear was that the Canadian people should determine how Canadians elect their governments and they want a direct say in this process.

My results are clearly different from another submission you will receive from the riding. This submission was based purely on one town hall and very limited outreach. The participants were self-selected engaged individuals with a passion for electoral reform, as opposed to my process which reached the general population.

If you require any further information regarding the surveys that were conducted, please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

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