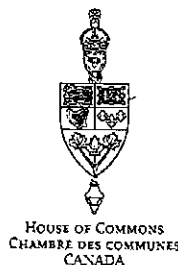


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CONSULTATION(S)			
Date(s) of the Meeting(s)	Time and Length (start time and end time)	Location of Consultation	Total Number of People in Attendance (you may indicate the number of volunteers and employees who assisted with the meeting)
1. October 11/16	2:30 – 4pm	Constituency Office	8 citizens who reached out our office
2.			
3.			
4.			
Form: <input type="checkbox"/> Use of the Library of Parliament's visual presentation - yes <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation from the MP's office - no <input type="checkbox"/> Open microphone - yes <input type="checkbox"/> Question and answer session - yes <input type="checkbox"/> Guest speaker - no <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): Small group discussion			
SUBJECTS DISCUSSED (summary)			
Voting systems: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Replacement of the current voting system: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Voter turnout: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Accessibility and inclusiveness: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Mandatory voting: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Online voting: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Local representation: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	Other (please specify and describe below) <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Voting Leadership dictation of proportional candidates

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
<p>What did participants say about the current system for electing Members of Parliament (benefits/flaws)? Did participants feel that their votes are fairly translated? (suggested limit: 500 words)</p> <p>Antiquated but simple. Not representative of people in the room. Allows for business to drive the after vote governing system. Party system leaves people choosing between candidate and party platform resulting in strategic voting.</p>
<p>Which alternatives to the current system were discussed? Did participants identify specific features that are important to them in an electoral system (for example local representation,</p>

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proportionality, simplicity, legitimacy etc.)? (suggested limit: 500 words)
Discussed all options in Library visual presentation. Feel a lack of clear knowledge of each system Agreed that educating the public on options was paramount.
Did participants discuss why they feel many Canadians choose not to engage in the democratic process? Did they suggest ways to encourage participation? (suggested limit: 500 words)
The attitude of my vote does not count. Discussion of MP Sohi's close 92 vote win left people feeling better about the ballot they cast being important.
Did participants feel that it should be mandatory to cast a ballot? (Can include spoiling a ballot.) (suggested limit: 500 words)
No real support for mandatory voting. Indications of further marginalizing poor and disenfranchised with mandatory voting.
Did participants discuss online voting? Did they express a desire to maintain current voting practices? (i.e. presenting themselves at a polling station, vote secrecy etc.) (suggested limit: 500 words)
Unanimously rejected online voting after one participant involved in the IT world talked about the ability for interference.
Were any other major topics raised by the participants? (i.e. referendum, women/minority representation, accessibility, voter turnout etc.) (suggested limit: 500 words)
Discussion on lowering voting age with divided results. Support for referendum on which system.
SUMMARY OF KEY RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS FROM PARTICIPANTS (suggested limit: 1000 words)
Biggest push from group was for education of public on systems and what other countries have found to work and not work. A KISS (Keep It Simple Stupid) approach that was uniquely Canadian was desired.

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MP's signature: A. Sohi	(Name)	Oct 13/16

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