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Special Committee on Electoral Reform
131 Queen Street
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Dear Colleagues,

In response to your request that I consult with my constituents on electoral reform, I am pleased to let you know that I distributed a mailing to every household in the Calgary Confederation riding.

Before any changes are made to the current system, I thought it important that we get a consensus on how those proposed changes will be legitimized in the eyes of Canadians.

I put the question, "Before changing how we elect our MPs, should the government hold a referendum to get the approval of Canadians?". Several thousand ballots were returned and the results were clear. A clear majority of 73.58% supported having a referendum, 21.59% opposed a referendum and 4.83% were unsure. The margin of error was +/- 2.1%.

It should be noted that a considerable number of people, while supporting electoral reform also wanted a referendum to provide their direct input on any changes. I intend to represent my constituents on these matters and it is my hope that any changes being considered will be put to the people for their consideration and ratification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Len Webber".

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