

Hi,

The NDP-Green alliance in British Columbia is attempting to radically change the way British Columbians vote through a hastily prepared, and poorly-conceived referendum that will change the electoral system to proportional representation.

Sound familiar? It wasn't so long ago Justin Trudeau was trying to force through a new voting system that stood to benefit the federal Liberals – a lot.

This new system of voting could be the most significant change to our democracy since Confederation, and it should require more consideration than a simple majority in a mail-in vote with no voter participation threshold.

The NDP government is only holding this referendum because the Green Party made it a condition for them to support their minority government.

The Green Party was able to demand this concession because – with only three seats in the legislature – they hold the balance of power.

A Party with **only three seats** in the legislature should not be able to dictate a major shift in a province's democracy.

But if proportional representation gets adopted, expect this to be the norm for future B.C. governments.

Proportional representation often results in smaller, single-issue, and regional parties, meaning larger parties will have to negotiate with these smaller **(sometimes even extremist)** parties to form government.

I don't need to tell you about how extremist parties are a real danger of proportional representation – there's examples of them holding the balance of power in democracies around the world.

Our current system is honest and straightforward, and Canadians can be confident in whom they are voting for on Election Day.

But under proportional representation, coalition governments will be made in back rooms, cloaked in secrecy.

To make matters worse, candidates will no longer be directly accountable to their constituents, as they will be selected by, and thus only accountable to, their political Party.

And to add even more uncertainty into this referendum, the NDP-Green alliance have chosen two proportional representation systems that have never been tested anywhere else in the world before.

This is a recipe for disaster.

They are playing fast and loose with the fundamental way we govern ourselves, and the consequences could be dire.

We must defend our democracy, and stand against this reckless change to our electoral system.

Your referendum ballot should have already arrive in the mail!

Please make sure you vote. It is more important than ever to keep our electoral system honest, straightforward, and democratic!

Also, please consider [making a donation to the federal Conservative Party](#) so that we can fight for responsible government at the federal level!

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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