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Dear Honourable Member of Parliament,

As a vote or other action by Parliament on the issue to support formation of a Canadian citizens' assembly for electoral reform is likely to take place imminently, the YWCA Edmonton and YWCA One Woman One Vote wish to express support for any proposal in Parliament that an education, deliberation and decision-making process on a new voting system:

- be owned and driven by citizens without interference or undue influence by the Government, political parties and elected officials,
- be transparent and objective
- maximize opportunities for all Canadians to learn about the role and types of voting systems
- allow Canadians to make the final decision by majority vote through a binding referendum, and
- be done in a timely fashion, allowing adequate time for public discussion and education, but without undue delay and with the referendum being held within the next three years.

It is our wish that, based on the above principles developed by Fair Vote Canada, a citizen assembly and referendum process based on the current model used in British Columbia, be used.

Sincerely

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