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Dear Minister Eby,

I am writing as the Chair of Fair Vote South Okanagan Similkameen. We are a nonpartisan team of volunteers working to educate residents about proportional representation and to encourage a positive vote in the upcoming BC referendum.

We support the recommendations made by the BC Steering Committee of Fair Vote Canada which were submitted to you on January 23, 2018. We also have the following comments that we would like to emphasize about the proposed BC referendum on voting.

- We suggest either a one or two-part question. If there are two parts, not answering question two on types of proportional representation should not be considered a spoiled ballot. “Not sure” should be a valid option.

**Question 1: two wording suggestions:**

- Do you want to adopt a proportional voting system in which the percentage of the votes closely equals the percentage of seats allocated to a party?
- Should B.C. should adopt a proportional representation voting system?

**Question 2 wording suggestion:**

- Rank voting options in order of preference. Pick as many as you like or mark “not sure”.
- We do not recommend offering Mixed Member Majoritarian and Mixed Member Proportional with closed provincial lists as options.
- **Re: Funding for public education on the referendum:**
  - We believe that an independent body such as Elections BC should distribute information on different voting systems.

Thank you for reading our submission and paying attention to our views.

Sincerely,

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