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Ministry of Attorney General of B.C.

Recommendations from MoveUP on 2018 Referendum on Electoral Reform

MoveUP is a union in British Columbia that represents more than 11,000 union members in the public and private sector.

Our union plays an active role in ongoing community concerns including our desire for a fair voting system. We continue to see decreases in voter participation and are concerned that our voting system is broken in B.C. We believe it is time for action to make the system fair and a system that encourages citizens to participate because they believe that their vote truly counts.

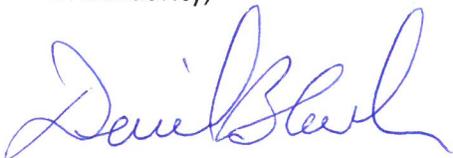
We are responding to the Attorney General's request for public input on the process for the upcoming referendum on proportional representation. MoveUP is endorsing the submission to the Attorney General by the organization "Make Every Voter Count" (MEVC). Please see attached MEVC submission to the Attorney General.

To be clear, regarding the process of the referendum, we are endorsing the following three key recommendations from MEVC:

1. **Ballot Question:** The ballot should include a specific question requesting a public mandate to adopt proportional voting that is linked to a transparent public process to choose a specific proportional system.
2. **Timing of Referendum:** The referendum campaign should not overlap with the fall municipal election campaigns.
3. **Campaign Finance and Third-Party Advertising Regulations:** The referendum should be subject to regulations that limit the influence of big money.

We look forward to your decisions.

In Solidarity,



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