



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
of BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Dear Premier Horgan,

We are writing you concerning today's introduction of the *Electoral Referendum Act, 2018*, a piece of legislation that will enable a province wide referendum that will ask British Columbians whether BC should adopt a voting system based on a form of proportional representation.

As part of this announcement, it was outlined that the Attorney General will be acting as an independent official and that his office will be responsible for drafting the referendum process and question. It was further outlined that in order to ensure independence, the Attorney General will be recusing himself from Cabinet and/or caucus discussions regarding the referendum.

We want to express our support for these measures that will ensure a fair, transparent, and legitimate referendum process and question can be developed.

This question of independence also touches on the agreement outlined in the Confidence and Supply Agreement signed between our two caucuses, which creates a relationship that includes consultation on key policy measures.

To further ensure that the Attorney General's office can operate with independence, we want to confirm in writing that the BC Green Caucus will not seek to consult with the Attorney General's office when it comes to evaluating submissions that are made to the ministry during the engagement phase, or on the subsequent decisions regarding the development of a referendum process and referendum question.

We look forward to working with you and your caucus on directly engaging with British Columbians about the importance of changing to a system of proportional representation, and strongly campaigning in support of this once the process has been developed by the Attorney General.

Sincerely,

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