

PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED  
**ELECTORAL REFORM**

**Whereas:**

- An Angus Reid poll conducted in September found that: 85% of respondents supported a Citizens' Assembly to deliberate on electoral reform; 79% agreed that a National Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform be formed after the 2019 federal election regardless of which party formed government; 90% agreed that parties should cooperate; and 80% agreed that parliament should reflect how people voted;
- The distorted results from the recent federal election clearly illustrate the need for electoral reform;
- An Angus Reid poll in November found consensus support for proportional representation from a majority of voters in every province, all age groups and all major political parties;
- Citizens' Assemblies have been used successfully in Canada, Australia, Belgium, France, Ireland, Scotland and the U.K. to tackle difficult issues; and,
- A National Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform would: give citizens a leadership role in determining electoral reform for Canada; provide meaningful deliberation on electoral reform by a representative group of citizens free from partisan influence and interests; build consensus for any recommended changes to our electoral system; and need to be established as soon as possible to allow time for their recommendations to be adopted before the next federal election,

**We, the undersigned citizens and residents of Canada call upon the House of Commons in Parliament assembled to:**

- Establish a National Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform;
- Require the Citizens' Assembly to complete its work within 12 months; and,
- Adopt any recommended changes to our electoral system before the next federal election

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