

# DECLARATION OF VOTER'S RIGHTS



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## **PETITION GUIDELINES**

1. Petitions must not be altered or have any text added.
2. Petitions can be either double-sided, or have a blank back page.
3. A petition should contain signatures of residents of Canada only.
4. There is no minimum age requirement for anyone signing a petition.
5. Each petitioner must sign, not print, their name directly on the petition.
6. If a petitioner cannot sign because of illness or a disability, this must be noted on the petition and the note signed by a witness. Aside from this exception, you can only sign for yourself.
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**PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED**

**DECLARATION OF VOTER’S RIGHTS**

We, the undersigned, citizens of Canada draw the attention of the House to the following:

**THAT, WHEREAS** Canadian citizens demand the following basic democratic rights:

- To cast an equal and effective vote and to be represented fairly in Parliament, regardless of political belief or place of residence,
- To be governed by a fairly elected Parliament where the share of seats held by each political party closely reflects the popular vote,
- To live under legitimate laws approved by a majority of elected Parliamentarians representing a majority of voters,

**WHEREAS** the current winner-take-all system is absolutely inconsistent with these fundamental democratic rights, and Canada is faced with a spiraling democratic deficit as a result; and

**WHEREAS** the need for reform is urgent, and Canadians need a Parliament that represents the political and social diversity of Canada;

**THEREFORE, YOUR PETITIONERS** call upon the House of Commons to immediately undertake a public consultation to amend the Canada Elections Act to incorporate these vital democratic rights and, after this consultation, quickly implement a suitable form of proportional representation.

**Signature**

**Full Address with City and Province**

**Email**

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