

Fair Representation for Nova Scotians: Petition to the House of Assembly

A petition to ensure Nova Scotians have a fair electoral system

We, the undersigned residents of Nova Scotia, draw the attention of the Nova Scotia House of Assembly to the following:

- That fair representation is central to any functioning democracy;
- That women, African Nova Scotians, Acadians, Aboriginals and other cultural and ethnic minorities have historically been under-represented in the House of Assembly;
- That recent electoral boundary changes did not meet the democratic expectations of many electors, and illustrate the need for a wider examination of Nova Scotia's electoral democracy;
- That the Nova Scotia Electoral Boundaries Commission recognized their mandate was limited in such a way that changes would be unsatisfactory to many, and recommended *“the Nova Scotia Legislature initiate a process involving both extensive critical examination and public consultation on the current electoral system as well as possible alternatives to it.”*
- That the Nova Scotia Electoral Boundaries Commission also recommended that the Legislature *“establish a process for consulting with key minority groups, in particular the Acadian and African Nova Scotian communities, for the purpose of determining alternative means for achieving fair and effective minority representation.”*

THEREFORE, your petitioners call upon the Nova Scotia House of Assembly to implement these two recommendations by immediately initiating an open, public, transparent, citizen-driven consultative process to examine voting system options and improving Nova Scotia's democracy.

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PLEASE NOTE: Signatures and addresses must be handwritten originals only. Each signatory must indicate their address. Each petition must be free of changes to the text.

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