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Honourable Gerard E. Mitchell
Chair, Electoral Boundaries Commission
125 North River Road
Charlottetown, PE C1A 3K7

Dear Honourable Mitchell,

As you know, our Government has committed to undertaking a referendum on electoral reform in conjunction with the next Provincial General Election. Fundamental in the process, and in our responsibility, is to ensure clarity, fairness and fulsome participation in the referendum.

This includes the preparation of legislation to guide the referendum, including a clear question to present to electors and the rules required for a fair and transparent process, to be tabled in the Legislative Assembly in 2018.

In the Speech from the Throne, Government committed to the creation of an independent map that lays out the eighteen geographic boundaries inherent in the mixed member proportional representation model put forward in the 2016 plebiscite. To that end, we would formally request that the Electoral Boundaries Commission undertake this advisory work. This will ensure a level of public education essential on a matter of such fundamental importance as our democratic process. The map should be prepared prior to the spring sitting of the Legislative Assembly.

The Electoral Boundaries Commission has the appropriate knowledge and expertise to develop the map. The independent work of the Commission is widely regarded, including the recent re-drawing of the twenty-seven electoral districts unanimously supported in the Legislative Assembly.

Thank you for addressing this, and for the ongoing role of the Commission in strengthening the democratic process for the Province of Prince Edward Island.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wade MacLauchlan".

Wade MacLauchlan
Premier of Prince Edward Island