



Declaration of Voters' Rights – Politicians' Pledge

I, _____,

elected representative (or candidate) for the electoral district of

leader (or leadership candidate) for the party

_____ declare that:

I believe that the current winner-take-all voting system suppresses Canadians' fundamental democratic rights;

I believe that the current winner-take-all voting system has contributed to the needless polarization of our politics to the detriment of our democratic discourse;

I believe that all Canadians should be able to cast an equal and effective vote and to be represented fairly, regardless of political belief or place of residence;

I believe our legislatures and parliament should have an electoral system where the share of seats held by each political party closely reflects the popular vote;

I believe the need for reform is urgent, that Canadians need assemblies that represent the political and social diversity of Canada;

and therefore I pledge:

- 1) that, if my party forms government or supports a minority government, I will advocate for public consultations to amend elections laws to incorporate the aforementioned vital democratic rights;
- 2) that, following this consultation, I will support reforms to add a suitable element of proportional representation to the election of representatives to our legislative assemblies.

Signature

Date