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Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission
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By e-mail only

To the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission,

**Re.: February 10, 2023 Federal Electoral Boundaries
Commission of Ontario Recommendations**

I am writing to express my serious concerns regarding the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission of Ontario's recommendations released on February 10th, 2023.

Last year the Commission consulted with the community on a set of proposed boundaries, and heard concerns from many residents of Scarborough. The revised boundaries, which were released in reaction to this feedback, are of equal concern to the residents of Don Valley East. Yet they have no opportunity to provide feedback.

I find this approach to be inconsistent, unfair, and lacking in transparency. My constituents are outraged by the utter disregard for their opinions and analysis. The consultation process is flawed: **it favoured one community above another.**

Don Valley East residents deserve the same opportunity to provide feedback on the remodeled boundary plan as was provided to the residents of Scarborough.

Given the opportunity to provide feedback, I know that Don Valley East residents would raise several issues, including:



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- The disruption to provincial, city and school board representation for years to come
- The risk to our hard-won successes in supporting newcomers, young families, and retired seniors
- How their sense of history, identity, and civic engagement as an important part of North York will be impacted

But Don Valley East residents must be allowed to speak for themselves. They must be heard.

It is simply not fair to give one community the opportunity to be heard, and ignore another for the sake of expedience. I strongly encourage the Commission to press “pause” on its proposed redistribution boundaries, and listen to the public before moving ahead with these revised recommendations.

Yours truly,

Jon Burnside
Chair, TTC and Councillor, Ward 16 – Don Valley East