

To All Ontario Municipalities:

The Regional Municipality of Niagara's Council, at their meeting of December 20, 2007, endorsed the following motion, which is being circulated to all municipalities in Ontario for endorsement:

"WHEREAS one of the founding principles of Confederation is the fair and equitable representation in the House of Commons:

WHEREAS the formula proposed by the Federal Government in Bill C-22 will add seats to the House of Commons, in an inequitable manner,

WHEREAS under the proposed legislation Members of Parliament from Ontario will continue to represent a greater number of constituents than Members of Parliament in other provinces, effectively reducing the representation of Ontarians;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional Municipality of Niagara recognizes that despite the Federal Government's efforts to improve the representation of growing provinces in the House of Commons, the proposed formula is unfair to Ontario and calls on the Federal Government to amend Bill C-22 to provide Ontarians with their fair share of seats in the House of Commons while maintaining the constitutionally protected seat guarantees of smaller provinces;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty and all Niagara MPs and MPPs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for their endorsement."

Yours truly,

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