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Elections Alberta Chief Electoral Officer Suite 100. 11510 Kingsway NW Edmonton, AB T5G 2Y5

Dear Mr. Ressler,

I am writing to bring to your attention potentially confusing messaging regarding voter registration that I am hoping your office will be able to immediately address.

According to the Elections Alberta website and advertising on social media, every voter must be registered in order to vote. The way this is being communicated has raised some concerns that the messaging may unintentionally keep some voters from participating in the election on May 29, 2023.

The <u>voterlink.ca</u> site indicates that a voter must be registered to vote, and provides an opportunity to register or update registration. However, it is silent on additional opportunities to register, including on the ability to register <u>on election day, at the polling station, and the ability to have another voter attest for you.</u>

This information is contained on a separate Elections Alberta site and is not easy to locate, specifically for voters whose first language is not English. Furthermore, the main voter registration page is only available in English.

To rectify this, I am hoping that your office will:

- Update the voterlink.ca landing page to make it more clear, accessigle and voter friendly by including more complete information on the ability to register at the polling station.
- 2. Revise social media ads to reflect the same, accessible voting provisions, and run radio ads to correct and clarify the information that has circulated to date.
- Make the voterlink.ca site available in multiple languages, as is the case for the main Elections Alberta site.

I look forward to your immediate response in the above matters, and to continue working together to ensure the democratic process is available to every Albertan in May.

Sincerely,

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President

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