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On October 10, 2007, as part of the next Provincial election, Ontarians will be asked if they want to replace our current electoral system with a “Mixed Member Proportional” (MMP) form of voting.

To achieve proportionality, the proposed MMP system **shifts power from local voters and ridings to party headquarters at Queen’s Park.**

Do you want...

17 fewer local ridings, covering more territory, with less contact with your local representative?

39 politicians chosen by *other* politicians ... not you?

Closed door party deal-making, for weeks *after* elections, to decide who governs the Province?

Tax dollars paying for 22 more politicians and their staff at Queen’s Park?

A confusing ballot and vote counting system?

A weaker, indecisive Ontario?

Fringe parties holding the balance of power with 2 or 3 seats?

On October 10th

*Vote to keep
our present voting
system!*

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MMP Myths and Facts

Proponents of the “Mixed Member Proportional” voting system claim that, if it is approved in the **October 10th Referendum**, MMP will cure most, if not all of Ontario’s political ills. Here are the realities:

MMP will not produce higher voter turnout.

Declining voter turnout levels are a global problem and affect both MMP countries and First Past the Post (FPTP) countries equally. New Zealand switched from FPTP to MMP in 1996 and is now posting their lowest voter turnouts in history.

MMP will not increase diversity in the Legislature.

MMP can increase diversity only if parties choose to appoint women and minority candidates to their party lists. Otherwise, the effort to achieve a diverse Legislature is the same as under the current system. In fact, the number of women in the Scottish National Parliament actually went down in their last MMP election.

MMP will not bring harmony to the Legislature.

MMP will open the possibilities for more back-scratching and backroom deals between political parties to decide who has power. MMP will do nothing to improve the bickering and partisan rhetoric in the legislatures that we see in minority governments these days.

Our current voting system is not out of step with the rest of the world.

Canada and each of its Provinces, the United States, the United Kingdom and India, which together represent 45% of the world’s population living in democracies, use systems similar to our own.

**Join a growing number of people
across Ontario opposed to MMP.**

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