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Dear Ms. White

We received your letter, dated September 15, 2022, and thank you for inviting The Association of Yukon Communities to participate in the ongoing work of the Special Committee on Electoral Reform. We discussed this letter as a collective and, while we believe we have input to provide, unfortunately the September 30th cut-off is too short of a deadline to properly consult with our membership regarding such a submission. It is due to this that we are not presently in a position to provide our direct input regarding this process.

Despite this, and while the issue of electoral boundaries may not be a primary question your committee is considering, I did want to take the opportunity bring some feedback I received on this topic to your attention. Over this past summer I had visited each municipality to meet with their council and in several of those communities the topic of the *Electoral Districts Boundaries Act* amendments that were defeated in 2018 arose. Specifically: several communities had questions and concerns about the defeat of those proposed amendments.

In closing, I would like to thank you and the Special Committee on Electoral Reform for their hard work over the past several months and for engaging with Yukoners on this topic.

We thank you again for seeking the views of the Association of Yukon Communities on this matter.

Yours sincerely,


Ted Laking
President
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