

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** About an Early Election  
**Date:** September 12, 2020 9:04:30 AM

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Dear Premier Horgan,

I am writing to you today over my concerns that you may plan to call a snap election this fall, as I have heard numerous news reports hinting that you plan to call for one as early as this month.

As a proud NDP member for nearly ten years now, I am strongly urging you to **not** call for an early election. Even with the BC NDP polling within reach of a majority government recently, the act of calling an election in the midst of a deadly global pandemic is not one I can support. Especially when our province's COVID cases have risen to record levels over the last two months, you would be putting the health and safety of British Columbians at risk for the sake of political points.

I hope that you will commit to not calling for an early election and thus avoid putting the health and safety of British Columbians at risk for the sake of a few extra seats in the legislature. Despite the recent rise in COVID cases, your government's response has overall been very good and I am hoping you will commit to making the right choice for the sake of our health.

Sincerely,

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**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** An election  
**Date:** September 11, 2020 5:07:07 PM

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**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** BC Election Timing  
**Date:** September 10, 2020 4:57:48 PM

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Hello Mr. Premier,

In your time as Premier of BC, I have watched your government's progress with interest and have developed a growing admiration of your leadership style, which I perceive to be serious, sincere and honourable. I am not affiliated with any political party (municipal, provincial or federal), so those sentiments are based solely on what you have said, how you have conducted yourself, and what you have achieved, as Premier.

You have appeared to put the interests of the people of the province ahead of narrow partisan objectives, and have avoided egotistical behaviour which is, unfortunately, commonplace among high profile politicians. And, up to this point, you have ably led an effective minority government that is, I believe, the envy of the rest of the country.

Which brings me to my reason for contacting you. I am a big fan of our province's fixed election cycle; it brings stability and predictability to our governmental structures and processes, and lends a sense of fairness to the political arena. So, in the absence of show-stopping no-confidence votes or other instances of legislative deadlock, no government, whether majority or minority, serves the people well by calling an early election. No matter what reasons are given for such a call, they appear to be rooted in partisan political opportunism, rather than in pursuit of good government.

I realize that fixed terms are not required, in law, and that, in practical terms, you are entitled, as Premier, to take us to the polls when you see fit. I also suspect that you might be receiving lots of advice to do so, imminently.

Not all such advice is wise, though. Given our present situation, many British Columbians might perceive an early election as politically unnecessary, risky to public wellbeing, and unacceptably self serving. History, as in the example of Ontario's former Premier David Peterson, has shown that a reluctant electorate is not to be taken for granted, no matter what the polls suggest.

You have governed well during your time as Premier, and I believe that you are fully capable of doing so through the remainder of this fixed term. By holding off until Spring, you will enhance your stature as a leader who puts people first, and you will increase your likelihood of gaining a solid majority.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my views with you.

Best regards,

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**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** BC Election  
**Date:** September 12, 2020 5:40:25 PM

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Premier Horgan

With reference to the possible upcoming election  
PLEASE do not call an election at this time. We do not need one and do not want to go to the polls at this time just to solidify your foothold.

You have been doing just fine and have handled the current problems very well.

If an election is called for no good reason I would have to vote against your party on principal.

Many thanks and keep up the good work

s.22

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Minister, ENV ENV:EX](#); [Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Climate emergency, elections  
**Date:** September 11, 2020 10:23:59 PM

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Dear Premier Horgan

I mostly stayed inside today avoiding the smoky air which made me feel unwell. My daughter can't go outside due to her asthma.

I am so angry. I am angry at the lack of substantive action on the climate emergency by your government. I am greatly disappointed at what appears to be your personal lack of commitment to this file after 3 years at the helm. I sense that you do not believe that the climate emergency is important. I feel that the lip service and small bits of progress have been solely due to pressure from the BC Greens caucus, not your personal beliefs.

I am so very disappointed and angry that Minister George Herman has not stood up for this grave issue, his mandate.

I am dismayed that Minister Donaldson has chosen now, before a potential election whether now or next year, to announce only modest protections of old growth forests. A bribe for the voting public if in fact the election is imminent. Why now? Huge amounts of old growth forest have been logged in the past three years.

I look out at the smoke and grieve for those suffering in California, Washington and Oregon. Our turn could easily be next.

What are you waiting for? What will you tell your grandchildren when they ask why you didn't do anything to tackle climate change.

And now you're making overtures about an election- during a Provincial state of emergency and pandemic? How calculating and cynical can you and your government be? That's the only way people will read that ploy- not caring about the people of BC and only thinking of your own political future.

Despite your decent handling of the pandemic so far, in large part due to Dr Bonny Henry and Minister Dix with your support, you continue to ignore the slow moving train wreck that is the climate emergency, and it will make the pandemic look like a minor issue.

I am so disillusioned and mad- I urge you to stay the course on the time frame your government was given- and get a grip on a solid plan for the climate emergency. Emergence from the Covid emergency is full of opportunity to do things differently. Please continue to handle Covid carefully and thoughtfully. Do NOT call an election until you must and the people will thank you.

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**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Don't do it!  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 7:38:11 PM

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Dear Premier Horgan,

Yes I will vote for you but will be deeply disappointed in your opportunism if you call an election this fall. Don't do a Dave Barrett ! Don't take the chance. Keep to the high ground.

Congratulations, though, on a terrific job running our province, with the help of your brilliant team of leaders.

How lucky are we in BC!

Best always,

s.22

Always a voter!

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Don't do it... and I'm a supporter  
**Date:** September 11, 2020 6:58:31 PM

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Dear Mr Horgan,

I beg you... don't call an election now.

I'm one of the few NDP among family and friends, who all acknowledge you're doing a good job, even if they don't want to say that out loud. Calling an election now will seem so politically self-serving that you'll lose all that good will.

Wait a year. We'll still be dealing with covid. Your ongoing measured approach is winning you support. That will continue to grow. The changes at ICBC will be in place. If David Eby did something about the 2 for 1 time served before sentencing in light of the Jamie Bacon sentence, you'll be golden.

Please, please, please, don't call an election now.

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**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Don't call an election in the midst of a pandemic  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 10:21:03 AM

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Premier,

Don't do it. Don't call an election. It would be transparently self-serving and shameful.

Let us vote a year from now based on how the government performs over the next 12 months.

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Early election....  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 9:00:11 AM

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I had been feeling quite good again about living in BC, during a period of feeling a security in the sanity of our government....and then I heard you discussing a possible early election....and this was what really frightened me....with a chuckle in your voice! This might be fun for you, but the rest of us have our lives dependent on who is in government...it is not a game to us! It is not a laughing matter.

I have always voted for the NDP even though I am not a member of the party....but this talk seems to me to simply be a very poorly timed little bit of fun for you....taking advantage of the high approval of your government based on the extremely good work done by Dr.Dix and Dr Bonnie.

This is NOT the time to ask us to take our eye off the Covid 19 situation, to try to figure out who to vote for. Because, a trick like this, at this time will certainly work against the person who pushes yet another divisive crisis. (Which is what an election is for BC)

We need to be allowed to complete the full election cycle as we need to continue the relative peace, before running the risk of returning to a liberal party. Let us enjoy this time we have with you....fully. Particularly as it was your government that apparently set the date for Oct 2021. At least stick to that for stability.

Thank you. s.22

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Early Election  
**Date:** September 12, 2020 9:31:16 AM

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Dear Mr. Horgan,

I am emailing you regarding rumours of you calling an early election.

I have always voted NDP, but for the first time in my life, in our last provincial election, I voted for the Green Party candidate in our riding, as I feel the environment is a major priority. I was very happy when you and Andrew Weaver formed a coalition government, and was extremely happy to see the back of the Liberals in power.

I think you have been doing a stellar job for our province, and am very proud of the way BC has been handling the Covid-19 situation. I think you are very deserving of the 'Most Popular Premier in Canada' designation!

That being said, I am extremely disturbed to hear that you may be considering an early election. In the middle of a pandemic how could this ever be considered, in any way, responsible? I was going to vote NDP again, but will not do so under those circumstances. I lament the Green Party's loss of Andrew Weaver, but surely the NDP and Green Parties can still work together? Your popularity will not plummet in the next year before the scheduled BC Election. (Who in their right mind would vote for totally out-of-touch, condescending Andrew Wilkinson?)

It is obvious to me that you are a reasonable man. Please leave well enough alone. Please do not consider holding an election at this time. Fiscally BC has enough to deal with during this pandemic, and so do the voters!

Many thanks for all that you do.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my Samsung Galaxy Tab® S

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**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Election NO WAY  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 3:34:24 PM

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Dear Mr. Horgan,

This is absolutely NOT the time for an election.

Continue doing your work and don't add the stress of an election to us in BC where we have enough to take care of our families, our work, our health.

Why would you need to do this or even add this question to our uncertain lives.

Sincerely,

s.22

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [D'Eith.MLA, Bob LASS:EX](#); [Beare.MLA, Lisa LASS:EX](#); [Eby.MLA, David LASS:EX](#); [Chen.MLA, Katrina LASS:EX](#); [Minister, AG AG:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Election Timing  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 5:22:52 PM

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Dear Honourable members,

I hope this finds you and your families safe during this difficult time.

I am writing to express my concern about a Fall election. I recognize there is a need to fill the seat for the Surrey-White Rock riding. I recognize that polls are showing people currently support the NDP overall.

BUT. Calling an election as covid cases begin to climb again and the back-to-school plans are still being tested and adjusted introduces too great a level of uncertainty for the general public.

Opposition parties will attack you for being opportunistic (and it'll be hard to disagree) and the public will be disillusioned with a political party that is choosing to hold a snap election rather than govern.

You have strong support because you have been governing us by putting our well-being, the public's well-being, first. The minute you call an election that support will likely dwindle. And the NDP can't get re-elected with a disillusioned public that doesn't show up for the polls. Meanwhile Liberal supporters will vote, as they always do.

I have friends and acquaintances who are consistent NDP voters but who do not pay close attention to politics between election cycle. A number of them have told me that they will be really really frustrated and angry if a Fall election, on top of everything else, is called.

Wait until the Spring (I know it's not the best timing with the Budget but it is the best timing with Covid). We will have made it through what will be a hard winter. The public will be ready to think of the future.

Please, please consider a Spring election.

Best,

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**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Election  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 10:18:21 PM

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Please, please, please, please, please, do not call an election this fall.

As tempting as it is when the government is held in high regard, I feel it would damage that high regard unutterably. People have been so pleased that their premier is handling things well, co-operating with others and “rising above” politics (which so many see as a pejorative term).

To rush an election now would be so wrong, Mr Premier. Please do not. Continue doing your job well and get us through the rest of this awful time. Do not jeopardize the good feeling. An election is what all the cynics are expecting. Please disappoint them. Don't disappoint your supporters.

Yours truly,  
s.22

[I know, I know: hardly a bastion of NDP support, but there are many of us here. You'll lose this one if you call an election.]

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**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Election  
**Date:** September 10, 2020 6:30:01 PM

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PLEASE, PLEASE DO NOT CALL AN ELECTION AT THIS TIME. WE HAVE ENOUGH TO DEAL WITH AS IT IS AND THE TIMING IS OFF.



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**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Election  
**Date:** September 10, 2020 8:41:04 AM

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Speaking for myself, I will not support or vote for any party that causes an election while we're still in the pandemic. And if an election is necessary during the pandemic, safer voting alternatives need to be made available.

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**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Election  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 9:49:22 PM

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Although I am fully in support of you and the NDP government in BC and feel that you are doing an outstanding job, especially during difficult times that present many challenges, I am strongly opposed to an election at this time. It is a very difficult time of upheaval for so many. The uncertainty that comes with elections would add an additional burden and expense. Please, NO election at this time.

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**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Election  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 8:32:01 PM

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Dear Premier Horgan:

We want to let you know that we will not be able to support or donate to the NDP party if an election is called during COVID-19.

If you continue to do a good job until the next scheduled election, you should have a very good a chance of forming the government, but not if you make people feel anxious or angry.

Thank you for your work getting us this far along in the pandemic.

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**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Thornthwaite,MLA, Jane LASS:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Election  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 5:45:52 PM

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Mr. Horgan:

There is much rumor in the new media these days about the possibility of a provincial election this Fall. In my opinion the last thing the province needs right now is an election. People have enough to deal with now, the economy, Covid-19, forest fires, the implications of the US presidential election, etc. WE DO NOT NOW NEED AN ELECTION!

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**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Election  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 1:06:47 PM

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Dear Premiere Horgan:

The other day I wrote to you to say I thought you are the best Premiere of BC ever..I meant it and I will mean it just as well next summer or fall..As much as I want you to have the legislature in your control I do not want to have to get out to vote for you in this Pandemic..I am sure there are many older persons like myself that are in the same predicament as I am in. Your loyal vote or maybe catching a bug that will kill me..I am a Christian and am looking forward to seeing my makers face but not this fall..Please say something quickly to alleviate or stress at the thought of facing a vote in a pandemic..

Most Sincerely

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**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Election  
**Date:** September 12, 2020 2:42:42 PM

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Dear Mr. Horgan,

We commend the job you are doing in balancing the conflicting demands caused by the pandemic. We are thankful that you are supporting and working with the health experts.

However, please do not be so irresponsible as to call an election this fall. This is not the time for the uncertainty and distraction of an election, nor is it necessary. Calling one would be opportunistic politics at its worst and will antagonize many voters. Although we have supported your party in the past, we would certainly look elsewhere if you are foolish enough to proceed with an election at this time. Let it wait until next summer at the earliest.

In happier times in the past, you would have been dispensing the mint jelly today. :-)

Sincerely,  
s.22

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Election  
**Date:** September 12, 2020 9:44:18 AM

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Dear Premier, (and my MLA), I voted for you. I strongly recommend that you NOT call an election at this time. People are under way too much stress to have to extend their attention to an election. I believe you and the NDP will loose the confidence of British Columbian's irritated by an election call when they are focused on the education of their children, the health of their families and earning an income. Just keep on doing the good job you are doing. Leave the election date as you had initially agreed for 2021.

Sincerely,  
s.22

Sent from my iPad

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Election  
**Date:** September 11, 2020 9:09:33 PM

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I write this as a person who has seen a lot of governments in BC over the years. Your govt is the best yet. It has been responsible, transparent, and honest. A breath of fresh air. So I do not wish it to be imperilled by an opportunistic rush to an election based on polls. We have seen by history how that can backfire. My advice such as it is and what you have paid for it is to dismiss any thoughts of an election at this time. There is no need for one. The covid thing should be given time as it will cause people already fearful of crowds to stay home. 80% of people polled do not support an election at this time. I am one of them. You are doing a good job on all fronts, keep up the good work and you will be rewarded.



**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Election  
**Date:** September 11, 2020 7:14:27 AM

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Dear Mr. Horgan,

First I want to congratulate you and your government on your strong leadership during this crisis. It has been so comforting to know we have people like you and Min Dix and Dr. Henry at the helm.

I am writing to say though that despite strong poll numbers, I hope you won't call an election right now. I fear people will see it as unnecessary and cynical and also dangerous. I am so hoping you win a strong majority and feel that this might harm the possibility.

I was compelled to write after listening to call in radio. I am in s.22 and we don't get much reception, so I sometimes listen to talk radio if I am driving. The media here and in Ottawa seem to be making hay off the possibility of elections and people who called in, albeit most right of centre, were not eager.

I think media are more keen as it makes for conflict upon which most thrive.

Anyway, just wanted to convey my thoughts of encouragement and thanks and my hopes there will be an election next Spring or fall.

Many thanks again and stay safe,

Warm cheers, s.22

Sent from my

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**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Election  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 11:14:49 PM

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Please resist the urge to call an election this fall. We do not need the expense/ distraction of an election amidst the pandemic. I am an NDP supporter, but agree with the green's perspective about a call for an election- not at this time.

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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Election?  
**Date:** September 12, 2020 8:31:26 AM

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Dear Premier Horgan,

I recently answered a survey and indicated that I would vote NDP if an election were held today. But there was no context to the question. I would vote NDP if it were required to hold an election now. However, if an election was called and I believed you were merely trying to take advantage of momentum to get a majority then I most likely would not. We do not need an election during this time of Covid. Holding an election during Covid if law required it would be a different story.

Sincerely,  
s.22

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Horgan.MLA, John](#)  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: My perspective  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 3:58:19 PM

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2020 11:01 AM  
**To:** Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** My perspective

Good Day !

If you call an election in the next few weeks I shall not vote for you. There are more important issues to deal with. Just because the “polls” say the voters think you are doing a good job this does not mean that an attempt should be made (at this time) to secure a majority. There is a lot of hard work to do.

Thank you,

s.22

**From:** [Horgan.MLA, John](#)  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: No early election, please  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 3:58:03 PM

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2020 1:25 PM  
**To:** Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** No early election, please

Dear Premier Horgan,

Though I am not a member of the NDP, I am a long-time supporter of your party. I admire and appreciate the way that you and your team are handling the current pandemic emergency. Your government's approval ratings seem to be very high at present, and deservedly so. I hope to vote to re-elect my NDP MLA in the provincial elections that are scheduled for next year and thus show my approval of your government.

But I am troubled by persistent reports that you might take advantage of your currently high approval ratings to call an early election, perhaps even this fall. Obviously if the opposition wins a vote of non-confidence and makes an election necessary, I would strongly support the NDP. But for you to opportunistically call an unnecessary election in the middle of this pandemic just to take advantage of current poll numbers would be a grave mistake. You would lose a lot of respect and support.

I hope you will ignore any advice you receive about calling an early election. You and your cabinet should focus on continuing to manage the current emergency as effectively as you have done so far. The election should take place at the scheduled time in the fall of 2021.

And don't forget what happened in 1975, when Dave Barrett called an unnecessary election long before the end of his mandate. The NDP lost that election and thus ushered in a decade and a half of Socred government. We don't want something comparable to happen again!

Sincerely yours,

s.22

**From:** [Horgan.MLA, John](#)  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Please don't call an election  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 3:58:12 PM

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From: **s.22**  
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 7:32 PM  
To: Horgan.MLA, John <[John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>  
Subject: Please don't call an election

Dear Mr. Hogan,

I have never voted NDP in my life by during the past three years I have felt that the job done by you and the NDP MLAs has been a really good one. So I planned to vote NDP in the October 2021 election.

I have several friends who feel exactly the same way – all traditional liberal voters who have been very impressed at how you and your party has led the province before the pandemic and certainly since.

However, I am incredulous that BC citizens could be asked to go to the polls in the midst of this pandemic for what is clearly only a self serving move by the NDP party.

I would hope that the NDP party would have more confidence in its governing ability and would respect the citizens of BC and to trust that they all know that there's a heck of a lot of hurt coming our way to pay for the programs needed to deal with this pandemic.

We are all reeling from the effects of this pandemic, terrified about the kids returning to school and we do not need an election now.

I implore you and your colleagues to do the right thing and honor the agreement to hold the election next October.

**s.22**

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Horgan.MLA, John](#)  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: No election this fall!  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 3:58:54 PM

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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 12, 2020 3:20 PM  
**To:** Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** No election this fall!

Dear Premier Horgan,

Seriously, British Columbians have other concerns like, mm, Covid, jobs, climate change. Calling an election this fall would be shooting your party in the foot. Voters will be pissed off! Be patient and wait until 2021.

Cheers,

s.22  
voter



**From:** [Horgan.MLA, John](#)  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Provincial Election 2020 - NO!  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 3:58:55 PM

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From: **s.22**  
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2020 12:54 PM  
To: Horgan.MLA, John <[John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>  
Subject: Provincial Election 2020 - NO!

Dear Premier Horgan,

I am writing to implore you to NOT call a provincial election until the Corona Virus is under control and the people of British Columbia can once again move freely amongst each other.

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> “Just because you can doesn’t mean you should“ is a quote that applies to the NDP Party thinking of calling an election. Until things settle down this is not the time to put people together so your party can get a “better” result or a majority government.

> We will be voting for the party who does NOT cause Canadians to go to the polls for an early election.

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> **s.22**

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> Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Horgan.MLA, John](#)  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Re": election call  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 3:58:53 PM

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Saturday, September 12, 2020 4:43 PM

**To:** Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Farnworth.MLA, Mike <Mike.Farnworth.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Sims.MLA, Jinny <Jinny.Sims.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Singh.MLA, Rachna <Rachna.Singh.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Brar.MLA, Jagrup <Jagrup.Brar.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Bains.MLA, Harry <Harry.Bains.MLA@leg.bc.ca>

**Subject:** Re": election call

Dear Premier

I know you would like to achieve a stronger mandate for your government and that the polls are telling you now is a good time but remember what happened to Theresa May when she called a snap election relying on the polls but was heavily punished for it by the voters. People in this Province are happy with how you have handled the pandemic and other things you have done but most people don't want an election at this time and will not vote for you. One of the best things you can do is to reverse whatever has been planned for Riverview and instead reopen it and take off the streets all those homeless people who need to be treated for mental problems since the policy of earlier Liberal governments of closing Riverview and putting the patients out on the street to self-medicate has been an absolute failure. This would ease the homeless issue and show you can tackle the problem that previous administrations created and did nothing to solve. While this would take money it would also ensure considerable savings in other budgets and allow emergency responders to use their time more fruitfully helping people in need. This would create more goodwill for your government.

The other thing that needs your urgent attention is to pressure the Federal government to change the laws that, at present, make it very difficult and frustrating for the police to take drug suppliers (and I don't just mean the street level dealers) and persistent property offenders off the streets for meaningful lengths of time as voters like myself are becoming increasingly dissatisfied at the way these two issues are worsening day by day in the suburbs.

Yours truly

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**From:** [Horgan.MLA, John](#)  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: election call  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 4:00:20 PM

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**Sent:** Friday, September 11, 2020 5:16 PM  
**To:** Horgan.MLA, John <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** election call

Mr Horgan this would be a total waste of \$!!

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**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#); [Weaver.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX](#); [Wilkinson.MLA, Andrew LASS:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Fall Election?  
**Date:** September 10, 2020 9:23:16 AM  
**Importance:** High

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Good morning gentlemen,

As we recently wrote to Federal political parties, a fall election is nothing BC citizens need right now! Firstly, provincial debt has been mounting for six months – election costs should not be added to this. Secondly, people in the province are variously dealing with health crises, deaths of loved ones, unemployment, personal debt and business failures. Adding an unnecessary election to all this is unconscionable.

Cooperation, conciliation and working together for the good of the province, its citizens and its future should be the order of the day.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our opinion.

s.22

*With respect, I acknowledge that I live and work  
on the unceded traditional lands of the  
Secwepemc (Shuswap) First Nation.*

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Election  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 5:57:24 PM

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**From:** s.22  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 at 5:55:08 PM PDT  
**To:** [john.horgan.mla@leg.bc.ca](mailto:john.horgan.mla@leg.bc.ca)  
**Subject:** Election

Dear Mr Horgan

I am not a constituent in your riding but I am one in this province. I have been extremely impressed with this government and its commitment to the people of British Columbia. I teach government and politics and I see a responsible government with positive intentions and a commitment to the tenets of social democracy. Furthermore, the response to COVID has been exemplary-guided by science and experts.

It is with some disappointment, however, that I read about potential plans for an early election. This is utterly unnecessary - the minority situation has not been a hindrance in the NDP pursuing policy goals and an efficient Covid response. Rather, it comes across to me as utterly political and self-serving. I want the continuation of an NDP government but I fear this strategy may well backfire. I urge you to reconsider this course of action.

Sincerely  
s.22

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: No election this fall!  
**Date:** September 12, 2020 8:00:44 PM

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De : s.22

Date: sam. 12 sept. 2020, à 15 h 20

Subject: No election this fall!

To: <[john.horgan.mla@leg.bc.ca](mailto:john.horgan.mla@leg.bc.ca)>

Dear Premier Horgan,

Seriously, British Columbians have other concerns like, mm, Covid, jobs, climate change. Calling an election this fall would be shooting your party in the foot. Voters will be pissed off! Be patient and wait until 2021.

Cheers,

s.22

voter

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier](#), [Office PREM:EX](#); [Lynda Steele](#); [letters@globeandmail.com](#); [provletters@theprovince.com](#); [sunletters@vancouver.sun.com](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Please don't call an election  
**Date:** September 13, 2020 7:57:21 PM

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>> Dear Mr. Hogan,

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>> I have never voted NDP in my life by during the past three years I have felt that the job done by you and the NDP MLAs has been a really good one. So I planned to vote NDP in the October 2021 election.

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>> I have several friends who feel exactly the same way – all traditional liberal voters who have been very impressed at how you and your party has led the province before the pandemic and certainly since.

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>> However, I am incredulous that BC citizens could be asked to go to the polls in the midst of this pandemic for what is clearly only a self serving move by the NDP party.

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>> I would hope that the NDP party would have more confidence in its governing ability and would respect the citizens of BC and to trust that they all know that there's a heck of a lot of hurt coming our way to pay for the programs needed to deal with this pandemic.

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>> We are all reeling from the effects of this pandemic, terrified about the kids returning to school and we do not need an election now.

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>> I implore you and your colleagues to do the right thing and honor the agreement to hold the election next October.

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>> Sent from my iPhone



**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** I do NOT want an election!  
**Date:** September 12, 2020 8:48:11 AM

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Dear Mr. Horgan

Please do not call an election. All of your time and energy should go in to dealing with the challenges we are facing because of the pandemic.

While your temptation to call an election now is understandable, voters will have more respect for you if you do not succumb but, instead, put the needs of British Columbians first. We do not need the distraction of an election and all the political rhetoric and jousting that it would bring. If there's anything that will increase cynicism, that will. When people have fears around inability to pay rent, sending their children back to school, and other stresses of the pandemic, they may regard any election call as a selfish and power-hungry move on your part.

Please, please DO NOT call an election.

Yours truly

s.22

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#); [Minister, PSSG PSSG:EX](#); [Minister, AG AG:EX](#); [HON.ralph.goodale@canada.ca](#); [premier@govbc.ca](#); [carol.james.MLA@leg.bc.ca](#); [Brar.MLA, Jagrup LASS:EX](#); [Begg.MLA, Garry LASS:EX](#); [Rachna.SinghMLA@leg.bc.ca](#); [harry.baines.MLA@leg.bc.ca](#); [Ralston.MLA, Bruce LASS:EX](#)  
**Subject:** If you will not do Premier..... just maybe The Liberal Party will  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 7:27:43 PM

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Premier Horgan

**If your thinking of an Election**

..... and we in Surrey want accountability asking for a Referendum for RCMP or Surrey Police.

Seeing you will not give us a Referendum mabe Liberal Leader Andrew Wilkenson will listen to us .....

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**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Date:** September 12, 2020 5:31:30 PM

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Just want to share my feelings around calling an election any time soon. DO NOT DO THIS.  
It'd be money spent unnecessarily at a time when it makes no sense at all.

Please go on governing with no election looming over the public. We're having enough to think about already.

Again. NO, NO NO ELECTION

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#); [Horgan.MLA, John LASS:EX](#); [James.MLA, Carole A LASS:EX](#); [Minister, FIN FIN:EX](#)  
**Subject:** NO ELECTION!  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 2:59:32 PM

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I am opposed to you calling an election in the very near future. You have led the NDP in enacting some wonderful progressive legislation and conducted yourselves so well in governing BC so far. Please don't call an election now. It smacks of opportunism. I know how it works politically - my thoughts are that the NDP government has handled the virus situation very well and I fail to see how any other party would be able to challenge the NDP on this issue. Why would voters choose another party now or next year? what are you afraid of? Don't be cynical. Do politics differently.

s.22

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** NO Snap Election  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 6:14:19 PM

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Dear Premier:

I am a long-time NDP member, donor and election worker. I think a snap election at this time is completely ill-advised. I find that my family, neighbours and friends are exhausted by having to navigate COVID over these past months. They are engaged in restructuring their work, figuring out how to support others, how to keep elders safe, how to protect their children and their community. And election will simply add to the stress. If an election is called, I will not donate, nor will I work on the election.

With respect,

s.22

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** NOT the time for an Election!  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 8:41:59 PM

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Premier Horgan,

Thank you very much for all the hard work you're doing.

I just want to say this isn't the time to be thinking of an earlier election. I'd much rather you concentrate your efforts on helping people and businesses find a way through these very tough times.

s.22

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** No early election, please  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 1:54:12 PM

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Dear Premier Horgan,

Though I am not a member of the NDP, I admire and appreciate the way that you and your team are handling the current pandemic emergency. Your government's approval ratings seem to be very high at present, and deservedly so. I hope to vote to re-elect my NDP MLA in the provincial election that is scheduled for next year and thus show my approval of your government.

But I am troubled by persistent reports that you might take advantage of your currently high approval ratings to call an early election, perhaps even this fall. Obviously if the opposition secures a vote of non-confidence and makes an election necessary, I would strongly support the NDP. But for you to opportunistically call an unnecessary election in the middle of this pandemic just to take advantage of current poll numbers would be a grave mistake. You would lose a lot of respect and support.

You and your cabinet should focus on continuing to manage the current emergency as effectively as you have done so far. The election should take place at the scheduled time in the fall of 2021.

And don't forget what happened in 1975, when Dave Barrett called an unnecessary election long before the end of his government's mandate. The NDP lost that election and thus ushered in a decade and a half of Socred government. We don't want something similar to happen again!

Sincerely yours,

s.22

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** No fall election  
**Date:** September 13, 2020 6:15:36 PM

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Please do not call a fall election. I support you now but I will not be able to if you call a fall election.

Do it in the spring.

Sincerely,  
s.22



**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** No wasteful fall election, please  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 6:26:44 PM

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Hello, Premier Horgan:

Thanks for the work you do.

I am very, very concerned about an election being called this fall in the middle of a pandemic and a financial crisis, seemingly just to consolidate the premier's and NDP's power. This is a wasteful, juvenile power play when so many community members need you all to work together and compromise like adults. It is incredibly upsetting that at the absolute tipping point on the climate disaster, your party is only thinking of consolidating your power over a longer term, as if the NDP and their plans and ideas will always be right and the best thing for BC. I am so sick of this garbage from governments. Politicians will be wrong and will be right. Please, for the love of god, look past your own party's power and truly create a province that is for the people – while we still have a chance!

Thank you,

s.22

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#); [Horgan.MLA, John LASS:EX](#); [Ma.MLA, Bowinn LASS:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Not time for a Fall Election  
**Date:** September 12, 2020 7:30:37 PM

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Hello Mr Premier and Ms MLA,

The Fall is not the time for an election. Your government's and both your own personal actions during these difficult times have been exemplary and that is reflected in the confidence shown in the government and your party.

If you choose to call a Fall election, I foresee a significant negative reaction.

No one has heard hide nor hair from the Liberals, basically since you took office and they have been even more silent since the Pandemic gripped the province (other than the occasional whine from MLA Jas Johal) . There are certainly no signs the Liberals will suddenly come to life in the Spring with any sort of plan or vision.

I urge you and the government to continue to focus on the work you are doing to sustain the economy' and our health and to see this through the Fall and Winter. When greater certainty to the future is known, then your government can present a solid long term plan built on a realistic financial footing in the Spring.

If you can't reasonably wait until Oct 2021 for the election, at least please wait until the Spring. There is no upside to rushing things.

Regards,  
s.22

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** One voter's view  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 1:03:31 PM

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Premier Horgan,

I'll try to be brief.

I am 70 years old, with a lifetime habit of voting in every election, at every level.

I have never voted NDP, despite growing up in a blue collar union home.

That said, I am more than impressed with the performance of your government for these past three years. In addition to doing a few things that I was strongly for (elimination of bridge tolls and MSP premiums come to mind) your performance through the pandemic crisis to date is to be admired. Minister Dix in particular has also surprised me greatly.

If things continue in this vein I will find myself voting NDP in fall 2021 for the first time in my life.

That is, UNLESS you decide to call an election before the mandated time. Doing so, during the discomfort of pandemic measures, would tell me and others that you are more interested in the fortunes of your party and office than you are the welfare of all British Columbians.

PLEASE, don't undo the goodwill you have earned over three years by reverting to typical partisan political behaviour. Stay the course and take us to the polls at the legislated time in 2021. You will have my vote.

Sincerely,

s.22

Sent from my iPad

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Opposed to fall election  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 10:38:48 AM

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I would like to strongly discourage the government from calling a fall election.

The government should be focused on the pandemic response.

Calling an election in these circumstances feels self serving and irresponsible.

I currently support the government and have voted NDP for more than 30 years. I would not support the party if an election is called this fall.

Thank you for your attention to this email.

s.22

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX](#)  
**Subject:** PLEASE DO NOT CALL AN ELECTION THIS FALL  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 9:49:02 AM

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Dear Premier Horgan and Minister James,

I am a long-time NDP supporter, donor and volunteer. I'm writing to urge you NOT to call an election this Fall. Please don't add another layer of uncertainty and anxiety to what the citizens of BC are already coping with: the pandemic, rising number of Covid-19 cases and our struggle to rebend the curve, children going back to school, our compromised air quality because of all the US fires, the shakiness of the economy, winter coming and a second wave of Covid-19 .... I could go on and on. There are a lot of really good reasons not to call an election and so far, the only reasons I've heard for calling an election sound like the old "politics as usual" cynical, self-serving kind of thing I'm used to hearing from the Liberals, Conservatives and other parties. I wish I had more eloquence at my disposal - but all I can do is urge you to continue on the path you're on right now: continue the sensible, science-based, intelligent, inspiring and compassionate leadership shown by both of you and your government. Please don't call an election this fall.

Yours sincerely,

s.22



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**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Please - NO ELECTION during Covid  
**Date:** September 11, 2020 5:10:17 PM

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**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Please do not vall an election this fall  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 5:31:18 PM

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Dear Mr Horgan

Please do not call an early election this fall. It will look so opportunistic.

Your government has done a fine job on the high-profile Covid file. Please keep stability in that effort and let MLAs concentrate on that work - and let citizens focus on keeping safe. People will remember this time next year that you did a fine job. To call a vote now puts all that into instability, and risks citizens being too distracted to engage in the democratic process.

Thank you

s.22

(an NDP supporter)

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; sheila.malcolmson@bcndp.ca](#)  
**Subject:** Please, NO election right now!  
**Date:** September 12, 2020 12:19:58 PM

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**[EXTERNAL] This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.**

Hi,

I'm a lifelong NDP supporter and live in s.22                      Pleeeeee do NOT call an election right now, it will look like a cynical ploy to exploit the pandemic, at a time when everyone is already struggling.

Nobody in their right mind wants to have to deal with voting right now, when they are already dealing with so much. Calling an election unnecessarily could very easily backfire on you and you could lose overnight the support you've so rightfully gained. Please don't blow it. Do not hold an election during a pandemic!

Voters are volatile as heck right now, please don't mess with them.

Thanks,  
s.22



**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Possible Election  
**Date:** September 12, 2020 8:11:56 AM

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Do you seriously feel BC can afford an election? Just one reason why it would be irresponsible to call an election.

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**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Possible Election  
**Date:** September 10, 2020 12:08:01 PM

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The Honourable John Horgan  
Premier of the Province of British Columbia

Dear Premier Horgan;

There has been a significant amount of comment through the media recently about the possibility of an election being called prior to the required date of October 2021. As a supporter of your government I am asking that you not take the opportunity to call a snap election prior to the required date.

In my opinion, your government has done an outstanding job since taking office three years ago and a particularly excellent job in the face of the COVID 19 pandemic. While I do not know how the working environment of your coalition with the Green Party may have changed since the resignation of Andrew Weaver I can only imagine that his departure cannot make governing any easier for you. If this is the root cause of your considering an early election I sincerely hope you can find a way to work through this until your current mandate is completed. I understand that with your government's and your personal popularity in such high standing why you are tempted to seek a new mandate from the voters. Once again, I ask you to resist this temptation, especially at this time.

Your government will receive my support when you do call an election and I hope the rest of the voters in the province will recognize the outstanding job that has been done under your leadership.

I look forward to another four years of government that cares about the people.

Your sincerely,

s.22

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Possible Election  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 10:11:35 AM

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I will try to be brief as you are a very busy person. I have never voted for an NDP government in 42 years, in fact I was a member of the Young Socreds of BC.

I believe I am fair and objective, you and your team have done a great job in handling this minority government since you have been given the power. You and your teams' work during the Pandemic has made most if not all of us proud of the unity you have created.

Please do not call an election at this time because it seems to be the right thing for your party. I had already planned to vote for you which is hard to admit, but I am hesitant now, when it seems this is an opportunistic election. If you call an election I believe it lowers you to thinking politically and not what is best for our province and the residents of it. As a fellow lacrosse player, (people that can fight it out on the floor when they have too, but shake hands and do what's best for the game after) do not do call an election. You are doing a great job just keep it up and you will win next time being true to our province

Thank-you

s.22

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Possible Fall Election  
**Date:** September 12, 2020 10:26:50 AM

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Dear Premier,

I'd like to thank you for the good job I feel you've been doing during your term as Premier.

My views on a fall election however are that I believe it may not be the best idea.

Our Covid numbers are at an all time high and you just closed banquet halls, bars, and reduced hours of other bars/restaurants (which by the way I fully support).

After putting in more restrictions I'm not sure how it can be justified to call an election which would force groups of people to the polls. Don't get me wrong, I'd come out and vote for you, I just wouldn't fully support that particular decision.

Also, wanted to say I'd like the province to be a little more thoughtful about buying up property for the homeless and how it affects us around them. That is the one thing you've done that I do not support. I'm sure you're aware of what that decision has done to those neighbourhoods and all the condensed crime it has created. I worked at s.22 which was forced to close permanently because of that decision and as such I'm still not working, not a lot of restaurants hiring servers right now.

Thank you for your consideration,

s.22

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Possible fall election  
**Date:** September 12, 2020 7:21:28 PM

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I urge you not to do this, especially because it is only about political expediency. You can continue to do a good job for the upcoming year and then call an election.

Please, please DON'T DO IT

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Possible fall election  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 7:50:35 PM

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Dear Sir;

It is with great dismay that I listen to rumours of a possible fall election. Do not.. I repeat DO NOT call a snap election this fall. It is beyond irresponsible to do so in the face of rising Covid 19 numbers in this province. We cannot afford to have voters standing in crowded public facilities waiting to vote. This is wrong and irresponsible on so many levels. I for one would seriously consider not voting for any candidate who puts the health and safety of my community ( a swing riding, I would like to point out) at risk.

I appreciate your desire to secure a majority government in light of recent polling that shows your party/ leadership in a positive light. As premier, you have done a great job balancing the delicate demands of Limiting the spread of Covid 19 with economic and other public needs; but I implore you. don't blow it in your desire to form a political majority. There are many bigger needs to meet than political egos at the moment. As a retired public health professional, my recommendation is to put the greater need for public health safety as the priority. I am sure your chief provincial medical health officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry would agree with the need to contain Covid 19 spread and continue to make health and safety our priority.

Regards,  
s.22

Sent from my iPad

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Possible upcoming election  
**Date:** September 11, 2020 8:41:55 PM

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Good evening,

Having been a public school teacher in Quebec and BC for the past s.22 I have always proudly voted NDP provincially. My husband is a business owner and was consistently a staunch Liberal supporter. This last election he voted NDP provincially and has been surprisingly satisfied with the NDP government's handling of the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. However, he is adamant that if an election is called at this time that is not required, he will "be so pissed off by the waste of money and focus" that he'll vote Liberal again. Surprisingly, I find myself in agreement with him on this point.

Please reconsider during this challenging time.

Regards,

s.22

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Simons.MLA, Nicholas LASS:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Potential Election  
**Date:** September 13, 2020 5:59:02 PM

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I am writing with regard to the speculation around a potential snap election.

Please do not do this. Please, especially do not have a voluntary election in the middle of a pandemic.

I write this for several reasons.

One – having worked the most recent federal and municipal elections as a poll worker, I can attest that the vast majority of poll workers are retired. Many are over 70. Many have underlying conditions that will make them loathe to work an upcoming election. It will be difficult to get enough people to man the polls. I know that in the last federal election, they had difficulty in recruiting for election day (separate from advance polls).

In fact, despite the fact that advance poll workers are supposed to count their own ballots on election day and therefore not work the actual election day, we were indeed asked to come in and work on election day due to a shortage of staff. This may not happen in larger population centres but in small communities is a real potential problem.

Two – I would like you to understand my own personal situation. s.22

s.22

All 3 of them have underlying conditions that have essentially kept them housebound for the past several months other than for required medical appointments. The added risk of voting in a pandemic likely means not voting rather than taking the risk to go to either an advance poll, regular poll, or to the local office to request an early ballot.

While we are all following Bonnie Henry's advice and keeping our bubbles tight, I feel it would be both irresponsible and counter to sound advice to force a premature election.

I will admit that I did not vote for the NDP in the last election. However, during the past months, the discussion in our house has been along the lines of "Holy crap. They are doing such a fabulous job. I actually am going to have to vote NDP next time around". An early election for cynical political calculus will not go over well. I'm sure there are many others that feel the same and, no doubt, your polling confirms this.



In closing I repeat: Please do not do this. Please, especially do not have a voluntary election in the middle of a pandemic.

Regards

s.22

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Horgan.MLA, John LASS:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [Ma.MLA, Bowinn LASS:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Premier Horgan, please do NOT drop that writ  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 12:38:48 PM

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14 Sept. 2020

Dear Premier Horgan;

These thoughts are my thoughts and my thoughts alone. With that Mr. Premier<sup>s.22</sup> here. I'm going to ask that you please do NOT call an election - aka "drop the writ". Mr. Premier sir, the good guys holding the line for TransLink really do not need more reckless election talk right now.

The TransLink forces are on tenuous ground for more bus lanes in Vancouver, and an election call could partisanize those efforts. Some of these Mayors and City Councils are going to have to think about BCLib spun up opposition to bus lanes if you drop that writ Mr. Premier. Therefore I don't see calling a snap election as helpful for TransLink this autumn.

Then there's the safety of the public to think about here. This could turn into a real Covid-spreading disaster really fast - just look at my US. A world without BadAssBowinn Ma would be congested, dark and sad. Something to think about.

So again I ask you please park your writ in a nice and secure spot. Maybe put the writ under your USS Voyager model for safekeeping... LLAP.

Very thoughtfully;

s.22

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Provincial Election 2020 - NO!  
**Date:** September 12, 2020 1:02:48 PM

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Dear Premier Horgan,

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> I am writing to implore you to NOT call a provincial election until the Corona Virus is under control and the people of British Columbia can once again move freely amongst each other.

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>> “Just because you can doesn’t mean you should“ is a quote that applies to the NDP Party thinking of calling an election. Until things settle down this is not the time to put people together so your party can get a “better” result or a majority government.

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>> We will be voting for the party who does NOT cause Canadians to go to the polls for an early election.

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>> s.22

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>> Sent from my iPad

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Provincial Election Musings  
**Date:** September 13, 2020 9:44:09 PM

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The Honourable John Horgan, M.L.A.  
Premier of British Columbia

Dear Premier:

There has been considerable speculation in the last few weeks of you calling a snap election this fall. I am writing you to encourage you not to call a provincial election this fall.

I am 67 years old and have been a supporter, and at times a member, of the NDP ever since I was first able to vote. Many of my friends, as well as my children and their friends, share similar political leanings and I can honestly state there is no one who I have talked to who is interested in or supportive of having a fall election. Their concerns lie with maintaining their physical and mental health during this pandemic, keeping their employment, and worrying about their children being able to continue with their development and education in a safe and secure environment. It is those issues that are taking their energy and attention, and there is little appetite for what many consider as an unnecessary and unwelcome imposition on their lives in these stressful and uncertain times.

Like many British Columbians, I have been very impressed by your leadership and what your government has accomplished under the most difficult and challenging conditions. And I, like many other British Columbians, am very supportive of the direction and tone that your government has demonstrated in working collaboratively with the other parties. I believe that British Columbians want your government to continue to govern at this stage of the pandemic and recovery and do so without the politics and partisanship of an election distracting and interfering with the act of governing. While I understand the motivation in wanting to obtain another mandate to continue the work and direction of your government, I think it would be a mistake to initiate an early election.

I am reminded of Justin Trudeau's promise of electoral reform when first elected in 2015. When he reneged on his commitment, he also lost, permanently, a contingent of the non-Liberal voting public, especially among Millennials, who were willing to give him the benefit of the doubt and, in fact, were hoping that he was a politician true to his word and would lead and govern differently than his predecessors. I believe the cynicism that followed Mr. Trudeau's decision to abandon one of his key platforms was one of the factors that contributed to a minority federal government in 2019.

I would be saddened to see a similar reaction to an unwanted election at this time and, as a result, undo so much of the admirable work that your government has achieved over the past three years. When you seek a renewed mandate at the end of the four year term, I am sure you will be rewarded with a majority government from a grateful electorate for having provided stability and

excellent leadership during one of BC's biggest crisis.

Thank you for your attention to my comments and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

s.22

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Re Fall Election  
**Date:** September 12, 2020 7:03:48 AM

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Mr. Premier

I believe you and your government have done a commendable job with handling the covid pandemic to date.

It appears as if the fall and winter seasons will be difficult ones.

A fall election would not be appreciated. I would view it as opportunistic at best and a risk to the health of many British Columbians at worst.

I have voted NDP in the past. I am not in favour of an early election and would cast my ballot accordingly.

Sincerely,

s.22

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Re: election?  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 3:36:31 PM

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Mr. Horgan:

As a long time NDP supporter, (& campaign worker, and scrutineer) I am writing to you to share my personal opinion, regarding growing rumours of a provincial election.

IMHO it would be a very, very bad idea, to call an election in the near future.

I think a majority of BC voters would see it as a bad time, that could put many lives at risk.

Plus, I think many would see it as cynically trying to take advantage of the current pandemic.

s.22

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Re: potential election during pandemic  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 6:42:05 PM

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Dear Premier Horgan,

Don't do it! I can see why you might want to, but I think it would be extremely foolhardy.

I'm a longtime supporter of the NDP in BC and very much appreciate how the government has been conducting the business of the province since winning power in the last election, and especially your willingness to work with the Green Party in holding the line against the encroachment of the BC Liberals.

That being said, I cannot support any move to hold an election during the pandemic, at least until one is mandated by law.

If you do move to an election, you will lose my vote.

Sincerely  
s.22



**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Yes to an election soon  
**Date:** September 12, 2020 6:54:27 PM

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**[EXTERNAL] This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.**

Dear John Horgan,

I am writing to let you know that I would love to see the BC ANDP remain in power.  
Whenever the election takes place, I will vote for the NDP.

s.22

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** You will lose my vote if you call an election early!  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 8:31:17 AM

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**[EXTERNAL] This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.**

Dear Premier Horgan,

I have very much appreciated what you have been doing for the province and I thought you cared about us more than politics.

However, your talk about calling an early election is very disillusioning to me. Put your effort into supporting your province and figuring out how to work with the other elected officials.

There is a reason for creating a set election date. . . . . exactly so people wouldn't do what you are doing and use it as a political tool.

**Elections BC cited guidance from Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry that “elections represent a significant public health risk, and...should be deferred until such time in the future that they can safely be held.”**

You have lost my vote if you go ahead with the early election and focus on getting yourself elected rather than serving your people.

Sincerely,

s.22

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** "Snap Election" chatter  
**Date:** September 13, 2020 5:57:09 PM

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Dear Premier Horgan,

Esteemed reporters are speculating about the possibility of a fall snap election.

This may be chatter by the press but I do want to share my concern around such an idea. BC citizens are currently facing so much: COVID-19, schools re-opening, a recovering economy, climate concerns.

I urge you to stay the course, continue the good work of yourself and your ministers, remain steady and calm.

Our mandated election slated for 2021 is well-timed.

Respectfully,

s.22

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** election opinion  
**Date:** September 11, 2020 10:40:11 AM

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To the Honourable John Horgan,  
From: s.22

Dear Premier Horgan, I have never voted NDP in my time in BC (since 1984), but just answered an opinion poll that I would vote NDP in the next election which surprised me when I thought about it later.

When I talk about politics with my family I have said that you are a man of INTEGRITY and that you don't crave the spotlight and that you seem to be very humble and focussed on what is BEST for British Columbians. I admire that very much and you stand as a great foil to President Trump.

I am sure that you are under a great deal of pressure from your party to call an election now. However, I feel this would be a BIG mistake because:

- 1) It brings into question all the things I listed above re your integrity and doing what is best for BC
- 2) It is an unnecessary expense at this time
- 3) It is a health risk to have people campaigning and voting when it is not necessary
- 4) No other party will vote against you in the foreseeable future as they are totally unprepared for an election.

So I think you should take the high ground and publicly denounce a snap election as NOT BEING WHAT IS BEST FOR BC NOW, even though it might be best for your party. I think this position will gain you even more votes in the next election!

With thanks for all your hard work and efforts during this crazy time, and thanks also to all your hard working ministers and staff, especially Carol James, Adrian Dix, David Eby and Dr. Bonnie Henry!

s.22

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Election  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 11:14:49 PM

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Please resist the urge to call an election this fall. We do not need the expense/ distraction of an election amidst the pandemic. I am an NDP supporter, but agree with the green's perspective about a call for an election- not at this time.

s.22

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** no cynical election please  
**Date:** September 12, 2020 2:47:39 PM

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Premier Horgan,

It has been a gratifying 3 years, to witness the productive and mostly harmonious conduct of a cooperative minority government.

The example your government has set is testament that good governance can arise in a minority legislature, and provides much needed evidence to counter common claims to the contrary.

I'm also pleased this period of good governance has done much to rehabilitate the reputation of the BC NDP after years of being tarnished by a propaganda machine intent on keeping the NDP out of government.

Calling or forcing an election this Fall will undo all this good work.

It would be a move of such obvious self-serving cynicism that no PR campaign could help paint a pretty face on it.

Your government may even survive because the alternatives are stark, but the NDP's reputation would be sullied and the good will you have built up would be spent.

The people of BC trust you. Opinion polls are going your way because you doing a good job. We, your supporters, want you to simply stay the course.

Please consider the benefits of continuing to fulfil our expectations of good governance, and eschewing short-term political gamesmanship.

Please consider making a point that you are working for all British Columbians and that you are confident we will reward your good work when election time comes.

Please continue to model effective, collaborative, pan-partisan decision making, at a time so many governments have devolved into a stalemate of partisan bickering.

Please don't call or force an election this Fall. We don't need an election. We don't want an election. And you may find many of your supporters take dim view of the cynicism it would reveal -- it would certainly cause me to seriously reconsider voting NDP again.

thank you for reading.

best wishes.

s.22

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** please call an election  
**Date:** September 12, 2020 11:37:05 PM

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Hello, Mr. Horgan;

I just read a news piece that you might consider a snap election. I hope you do, it's great timing. I agree with what is reported as your view that the agreement with the Greens is no longer valid due to the circumstances of Covid, etc.

You have my support. Good job so far, let's get another mandate for the NDP.

I am not a party member but am a strong supporter of the NDP. I don't see the Liberal party as in a great position right now and recent comments by their leader make me think that is the case. Therefore even better timing.

Go for it!

Best of luck.

Regards,  
s.22

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [Horgan.MLA, John LASS:EX; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Cc:** s.22  
**Subject:** please no election !!!  
**Date:** September 9, 2020 2:19:56 PM

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Hello John,

I think your Government is generally doing a fine job, and I like the way that you handle yourself and delegate responsibility and visibility to Ministers.

However, I'm disturbed by rumours that you are weighing the possibility of a "snap" election.

I realize this may simply be a way to demoralize the Opposition but I consider it unlikely that an unnecessary election in the midst of a global pandemic would be a "snap", unless one means that it would snap your ability to continue governing.

I have contributed more to NDP party (rather than individual MLAs) than ever since 1995 or 1996. That is in recognition of general good government, despite certain reservations. I am within \$100 of my personal limit for total contributions for 2020.

However, if you now call an election, I doubt I would be able to persuade my wife or children to open their cheque books or credit cards.

Although I have participated actively for the NDP in almost every provincial and federal election since 1968, I would also **NOT be willing to participate in campaign** (phone, let alone canvassing or election day work), beyond voting. This is not an idle notion - I'm not willing to exhaust myself and/or risk my health for anything non-essential. Even my patients have seen very little of me since March 13th.

I hope you will be listening to the grassroots, rather than exclusively to the "boys in short pants" or "girls in short pants", or your pollsters.

s.22



**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** provincial election  
**Date:** September 14, 2020 9:31:06 AM

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**[EXTERNAL] This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.**

Dear Premier,

Please do not pursue an early provincial election. This is no time for politics.

It is time for governance.

Your government's fine leadership through the COVID-19 crisis has engendered great public goodwill. This goodwill will persist until the scheduled election date. Seeming to play politics by considering an early election is quickly evaporating this goodwill.

Of course politics is necessary in our party-based system, but the public resents these games, and resents being sent to the polls even in normal times. Your government's current popularity is due to the bipartisan, non-political leadership it has offered during the crisis. Please do not squander this public goodwill.

More importantly, BC needs even more solid leadership to guide us through the delicate back-to-school transition, through the coming flu season, and through a potential second wave of COVID.

The imperative of leadership (to save lives!) trumps any need for re-election. Re-election will take care of itself at a later date, if your government continues to rise above politics and continues to steer the province through these difficult times as it has been doing so well to date.

Be brave. Stay the course.

Yours sincerely,  
s.22

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** snap election  
**Date:** September 11, 2020 12:13:40 PM

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PLEASE MR. HORGAN,

DO NOT CALL A FALL ELECTION !!!!

WITH OUR CASES RISING EVERY DAY RE: COVID 19, AND THE WORRYING OF SO MANY PARENTS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS IN RETURNING TO SCHOOL, I STRONGLY FEEL THAT WE DO NOT NEED THIS ELECTION HAPPENNING NOW. YOUR APPROVAL RATE IS 63% AND I AM VERY SATISFIED WITH YOUR LEADERSHIP.

SO MANY OF US ARE COMPROMISED/WORRIED/UNSETTLED AND INSECURE ABOUT THE COMING FALL AND WINTER SEASON; ITS ABOUT THE UNKNOWN.

SINCERELY,  
s.22

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** s.22  
**To:** [OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX](#)  
**Subject:** Early election  
**Date:** September 12, 2020 7:24:31 PM

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Good Evening

Just to let you know that I do not think calling an early election is a good idea

- we need the money to deal with the CoVid pandemic
- you need to concentrate on the CoVid pandemic, **not** an election
- **you would lose my vote and respect by calling an early election**

s.22