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THE SECRETARY

Election Commission of Pakistan
G-5/12, Constitution Avenue
Islamabad.

Subject: **OBJECTION ON PRELIMINARY DELIMITATION OF
PROVINCIAL CONSTITUTIONS OF DISTRICT
LODHRAN. SPECIALLY WITH REFERENCE TO
DEMARCATION OF PP-224 AND PP-228**

Dear Sir,

I am resident of City Kehror Pacca, Tehsil Kehror Pacca District Lodhran. My vote is registered in the said City in Electoral Block 218040504 at Serial No. 166. I have gone through the detail of constituencies of District Lodhran released on the commission website. I have seen the demarcation of boundaries of all the constituencies of the District on an official map of the District obtained from the Election Commission Punjab office on payment **Annexure-A**. After examining the statistical detail and viewing the geographical demarcation on official map I am of the firm opinion that in the crafting of these constituencies specially PP-224 and PP-228 the basic principal set out in Section 20 (1) of the Election Act, 2017 has been totally ignored.

2. The anomalies in the delimitation are floating on the surface of official map **Annexure-A** released by the commission. The official map however does not portray the real geographical shape of PP-224. It does not reflect Patwar Circle Burhan Pur of PP-228 which has been

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left within the boundaries of PP-224 for reasons best known to the peoples involved in the delimitation. In addition to official map provided by the commission **Annexure-A** which is not properly readable I have also used a map obtained from Local District Office prepared in Urdu language which is properly readable to present my case before the commission with statistics based on census 2017 and geographical division shown in different colours.

3. MY SUBMISSIONS ARE AS UNDER:

1. Section 20(1) of the Election Act 2017 has laid down the basic principles for delimitation. As per this section all constituencies for general seats shall so far as practical are to be delimited having regard to the distribution of population.

- a. In geographical compact area.
- b. Physical features.
- c. Existing boundaries of administrative units.
- d. Facilities of communication and public convenience and
- e. Other cognate factors to ensure homogeneity.

2. From the present official map duly colored enclosed at **Annexure-B** and map in Urdu also duly colored enclosed at **Annexure-C** along with summary at **Annexure-C1** and detail of population at **Annexure-C2, C3, C4, C5 and C6** the Honourable members of the commission would kindly appreciate that none of the golden principals set out in Section 20(1) have been applied while delimitating constituencies of

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PP-224 and PP-228. The official map enclosed at **Annexure-A** does not portray the real picture of geographical division of PP-224 and PP-228 which are adjacent to each other.

3. From the perusal of map in Urdu of PP-224 at **Annexure-C**. You would kindly appreciate that it is neither geographically compact area nor homogeneous in character.
4. PP-224 has been crafted in L-shape; starting from border of Lodhran Tehsil touching end of Kehror Pacca Tehsil and then mounting upwards to touch the border of Duniyapur Tehsil. In this process the architect of the constituencies has all together ignored the basic golden principle of homogeneity and geographical compactness. He left Patwar Circle Burhan Pur with population of 12867 in the center of the PP-224 and attached this Patwar circle with PP-228 which is a big anomaly. Leaving Patwar circle in the center of PP-224 the architect of constituencies continued detaching Patwar circles from PP-228 that was previously known as PP-208 without looking into the fact that population of PP-224 is increasing and the population of PP-228 is reducing. Since the population of PP 224 was lesser in comparison of PP- 228 as supported by the facts. There was no need to shift a major Patwar circle of Jibrani Wah, which has a population of 22289. The balance of population can be easily achieved without detaching Jibrani Wah and Pacca from Kehror Qanoogoi and shifting Burhan Pur Patwar Circle (comprising of population of 12867) or any other adjoining Patwar Circle from PP-228 to PP- 224. As this method was used in all other

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previous constituency of Lodhran. This method is in more accordance with the basic principles of Section 20(1) Election Act, 2017 and is more practical with geographic and homogeneity favorability of both constituencies.

5. I have solid reasons to believe that the delimitation of PP-224 has been made person specific and targeted to hamper the interest of me, my family and my tribe who are settled in Jibrani Wah.
6. From the perusal of both official map and map in Urdu language the commission would appreciate that the present delimitation especially PP-224 and PP-228 does not come up to, the parameters laid down in Section 20(1) of the Election Act, 2017. It is neither geographically compact nor homogeneous in character, nor having common facilities of communications. The architects has detached one big Patwar Circle with population of 23289 from PP-224 (Old PP-209) and attached it with PP-228 (old PP-208) and in substitution they have detached Patwar Circle Rind Jadha, Chowki Sobhay Khan, Muhammad Sai and Lal Bagheli from Pp-228 (old PP-208) for inclusion in PP-224. There was hardly any justification for such radical changes. Population difference in both the constituencies could have been adjusted through shifting of one or two Patwar Circles adjacent to the boundaries of the two constituencies PP-228 (Old PP-208) and PP-224 (Old PP-209) as has been done in other constituencies of the district. In last delimitation PP-209

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presently PP-224 was on one side of Lodhran Kehror Pacca Mailsi mettled Road and rest of Kehror Pacca Tehsil area adjacent to border of Tehsil Dunyapur was attached with PP-208 presently numbered as PP-228. The division was symmetrical, homogenous and compact in nature. The present shape of PP-224 is zig-zag and contain a big pocket in shape of Burhan Pur Patwar Circle in the mid. This Patwar circle is attached with PP-228 and is surrounded by PP-224 which is not at all the spirit of the law.

7. In order to facilitate the commission I have attached anofficial map and map in Urdu of previous delimitation at **Annexure-E& E1** alongwith summaryat **Annexure-F** and detail of population at **Annexure-G1, G2, G3, G4 and G5** for comparison. From the perusal of the previous delimitation map the commission would appreciate how it was homogenous, geographicallycompact, having common approach and better shaped in a row. Only small population adjustment was required which could have been easily made on the border of both the constituencies PP-224 and PP-228 to balance the population. I wonder why radical changeshave been made while crafting constituency PP-224 on the formula of pick and choose and ignoring the criteria set out in Section 20(1) of the Election Act, 2017.

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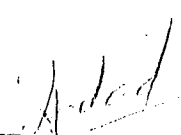
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In view of the anomalies and discrimination pointed out in the above paragraphs I humbly request that the delimitation of the Lodhran District specially PP-224 and PP-228 may be reviewed and re-crafted on the basic principles set out in Section 20(1) of the Election Act, 2017. As directed by the commission an alternative proposal for the delimitation of whole District is submitted for kind consideration of the commission.

PROPOSAL

The proposal containing demarcation of all five constituencies on an official map at **Annexure-H**, map in Urdu at **Annexure-I** alongwith summary of proposed Qanoogoi Halqa and Patwar Circle **Annexure-J** with detail of population at **Annexure-K1, K2, K3, K4 and K5** included in each proposed constituency is submitted herewith for consideration.

Thanking you, I remain.


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