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Hon. Doug Ford  
Premier's Office  
Room 281- Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
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Premier Ford,

I am writing to you today about Bill 229, the *Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act* (Budget Measures), 2020, and the changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* proposed in Schedule 6.

**I am calling on your government to withdraw Schedule 6, return to the public and all stakeholders and complete a proper consultation before any further changes are made to the *Conservation Authorities Act*.**

I believe in transparency and engaging meaningfully with all stakeholders when making changes to legislation. Frankly, I do not believe this was done for Schedule 6.

Across Ontario, Conservation Authorities manage local watersheds, protect people and property from flooding, and other natural hazards, and help conserve our shared natural resources for economic, social and environmental benefits.

Conservation Ontario has identified numerous problems with the proposed changes, and many stakeholders in my own riding and across Ontario are passing resolutions against Schedule 6 or asking for a longer implementation. I am concerned the proposed changes will add red tape, threaten the independent watershed management of Conservation Authorities, and effect the province's ability to protect Ontarian from natural hazards and safeguard their drinking water.

I urge you to withdraw Schedule 6 from Bill 229.

Sincerely,

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c.c. Minister Yakabuski, MNRF  
c.c. Minister Clarke, MAH



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c.c. Minister Yurek, MECP  
c.c. Conservation Ontario  
c.c. Council of the Municipality of Neebing  
c.c. Lakehead Region Conservation Authority  
c.c. MPP Arthur  
c.c. MPP Tabuns  
c.c. MPP Burch