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As a citizen of Ontario, I would like it known that I would like Schedule 6 and Schedule 8 withdrawn in their entirety from Bill 229.

I feel it is absolutely imperative that the role of Conservation Authorities not be weakened.

Conservation Authorities must continue to be recognized...especially today with the impact Climate Change is having on Ontario Watersheds.

As a resident of Port Perry located in Durham Region, I am aware of many developments taking place on vital Watersheds. For example, the Pickering Casino Resort. And now you want to allow phase 2 of this development which will most certainly alter the very important role the Duffins Creek Watershed plays in such a large urban area.

Please do not remove the Conservation Authorities role to of monitoring watersheds, managing flood plans, ensuring safe drinking water, protecting wildlife habitat and overseeing our Conservation Areas.

In closing I urge you to make two changes to Bill 229:

- * Remove Schedule 6 and the proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and the consequential amendments

- * Remove Schedule 8 and the proposed changes to the Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994

Sincerely,

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