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I'm writing today to strongly urge you to remove Schedule 6 from Bill 229. I don't appreciate the way Premier Ford is continually sneaking in anti-environment measures that have nothing to do with the bills they're part of.

This takes away the ability of the public to comment on these measures that will impact us directly now and in the future.

This specific Schedule will take away any control over the protection of our precious wetlands, forests, wildlife habitat and natural spaces from Conservation Authorities, and give huge new powers to developers to push through destructive projects.

Conservation Authorities are a vital line of defence for the natural spaces that mitigate flood risk, provide precious land for hiking, fishing and escape into nature and provide essential habitat for the many species of wildlife, including endangered species that call Ontario home. If we lose these spaces, we can't get them back.

I have some wetlands near my home that are currently owned by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority. I don't want to see those wetlands paved over as this may increase the flood risk to my home and lower property values. I would feel a lot safer if TRCA had the final say in whether projects are safe, not the developers, because they will just take the money and walk away, leaving me with the consequences.

Please stop these sneak attacks on our environment. Please remove Schedule 6 from Bill 229.