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Dear;
Premier Ford, Steward of Ontario;
Minister Philips, in charge of Finances;
Minister Clark, in charge of our Municipalities and Housing;
Minister Yakabuski, in charge of our Forests and Ontario's Natural Resources;
Minister Yurek, in charge of our Environment and Parks and overall Conservation;
My MPP, Jim Wilson,

Dear Premier, Ministers and MPP Wilson,

In light of the Bill 229 proposing to change the role of Conservation Authorities, who will properly look after protecting Ontario's naturalized lands, water, soil and our collective well-being that includes being able to enjoy the natural forests, streams, flora and fauna in the face of development pressure that bulldozes forests and farmland, turning that into the wasteland of urban sprawl. and turns streams and rivers into concrete ditches?

I see what you are about to do is open the door for lobbyists (snake oil salesmen) to have their way for huge profits while destroying the natural landscape. It is obvious what is happening along the highway 400 between Toronto and Barrie and beyond, perfectly good land for growing food is being paved for motor vehicle traffic right at a time when the consumption of fossil fuels needs to be reduced to reduce smog and improve health. The covid problem is a sad indictment about the general state of health, yet continuing urban sprawl is bad for health. All coal plants have been shut down, but every day/every month/ every year more fossil burning vehicles are on highways due to urban sprawl. I bet none of you know that because all you are stuck in your home offices and you never get into the real world.

Instead of urban sprawl, cities need to grow up, and politicians need to grow some brains and think about the impacts of changes in legislation impacting on the quality of life.

I ask that you respect our natural environment, and all that the Conservation Authorities do to help protect our spaces, water and natural habitats. There needs to be analysis and a voice to protect the land that offsets the forces that would otherwise be too free to destroy our land...we have already seen too much of that, eg. wind turbines.

You should not be dismantling the importance of the Conservation Authorities as proposed in the changes to the Conservation Authorities Act, Schedule 6 of Bill 229.

Hiding this drastic change in the Budget Bill is not right....what happened to election promise about transparency? So how is this proposed change to the operation of Conservation authorities going to impact the budget? Does it? Or does it not? I anticipate that this proposed change has little or no impact on the budget, therefore this needs to be a separate Bill. I suspect this is just another case of somebody in government trying to pull a fast one, again.

Your role is to provide hope for our future not to destroy it.

I am speaking up both for myself and also for friends who may not be taking the time to send a letter.

Thank you.

Eric as,

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“Knowing is easy; it is the doing that is difficult. The critical issue is not what we know but what we do with what we know. The great end of life is not knowledge, but action.” Admiral Hyman Rickover