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I am writing in defense of Ontario's Conservation Authorities and in definite opposition to the proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act set out in Schedule 6 of Bill 229. Our Conservation Authorities

have a crucial and unique role to play in watershed planning and management. As independent public bodies, these groups take a long-term, science-based approach to the entire watershed they manage. They work across municipal boundaries to understand and address environmental concerns, such as flooding, and to weigh the interests of the environment -- its wetlands, woodlands, farmlands -- against those of development.

Living in Guelph, I am able to make good use of the public access areas managed by the Grand River Conservation Authority and the Halton Region Conservation Authority. As a canoeist, I am also aware of the very serious flooding of the Grand River in the past and of the importance of our Conservation Authority in working to prevent any such recurrence. That all the Conservation Authorities be able to continue to act without the impediments Schedule 6 would impose is even more important now, given climate change, with its increased flooding risks and biodiversity loss.

It seems to me terribly short-sighted to introduce Schedule 6 and I urge you to remove it in its entirety from Bill 229, as well as removing Schedule 8, with its proposed changes to the Crown Forest Sustainability Act, 1994.