

Dear Members of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs:

I respectfully request that you strike-out Schedule 6 of Bill 229 in its entirety.

I am writing as an individual who is deeply concerned about the breadth of the planned amendment to the Planning Act.

We live in a world with an ever-changing climate, and thusly we need to be ever more careful with the beautiful lands of our province as to not make things work. Curtailing the abilities of the Conservation Authorities will not help protect the province, and I fear that it will contribute to more ecological and economic problems down the line.

I understand the desire to create more opportunities for growth, and how more development could lead to more jobs and help in economic recovery during these times, but this is just not the way to do it.

Conservation Authorities help protect people and the natural beauty (and natural resources) of our province. They need to continue to be able to do their jobs and make sure we are working towards building a sustainable Ontario.

I urge the government to withdraw Schedule 6, and for the committee to strike out Schedule 6 completely so a better way forward can be found.

Thank you for your time and I hope you are all staying safe in these trying times.

Cheers,

Pete Jones