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Dear Committee Members,

I am a concerned citizen who is alarmed by the reports of the possible impact that this Bill, and Schedule 6, will

have on our Conservation Authorities.

Given the importance of our Conservation Authorities to the health and safety of Ontarians, and in particular their crucial role in protecting the provincial watersheds, I would urge you to slow down, take a step back and consider again the possible negative long term consequences of some of these proposed changes. For now, please remove the changes affecting Conservation Authorities from this Bill.

While there may very well be good reasons for some of the changes, there are lots of other reasons why these proposed changes may severely impact our environment and our health. Please do not rush these changes through without appropriate public consultation, including the advice of environmental experts. Conservation Authorities were established over 70 years ago for public health and environmental health reasons, and they have done great work reversing years of neglect. We can all be proud of their work. Changes made precipitously may result in health or environmental disasters that will negate all of the good work of these authorities and certainly reflect badly on the government.

Thank you for this opportunity to address your Committee.

Theresa Morrissey