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Good day,

Please accept this submission to remove Section 6 in its entirety from Bill 229. I am from Southwestern Ontario. Within my lifetime I have witnessed many changes to land use in this beautiful Carolinian part of Ontario. Everyone I know from all walks of life loves this province. We love its rivers, lakes, streams,

wetlands, marshes, fens, bogs and grasslands. We all know we need the steady, long-sighted guiding hand of our conservation authorities to protect these amazing natural attributes (that are frequently under threat) we all love and want for children and their children.

There are many wonderful builders and developers who protect the land but there are also developers who are extremely profit-driven. In addition, off-shore, non-Canadian developers are buying Ontario land, agricultural land and agricultural fertilizer at a significant rate.

The City of London is a wonderful municipality but specialized knowledge accrued over decades by Conservation Authorities ongoingly is the only way complex environments can be protected for future generations.

Hundreds of thousands of Ontarians take in trails through natural spaces every day. Conservation Authority actions and oversight directly protect our water, air, and food security.

Our city has grown from 100 000 to almost 400 000 in my life time.

My father immigrated to Ontario after World War 2 and loved this province, this country, its people and all of its land with all his heart.

During the pandemic, thousands use our accessible trails in this city. There are so many families with strollers out on a regular basis. The natural areas have kept us healthy.

The Conservation Authorities protect our watersheds better than anyone. Without them we will lose everything that makes our province healthy, resilient and liveable. Please do not sell us out. Please remove Section 6 in its entirety.

Respectfully yours,

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