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Hello. I have been made aware of the effort by the Ford administration to undermine the power of Ontario Conservation Authorities using the Bill 229 budget. I understand why the Ford administration does not want to

consult with the public or the Ontario Conservation Authorities about this - it would result in serious backlash. I am frustrated at this attempt to undermine Ontario's protection of its wetlands by providing the Premier with more power than the Conservation Authorities and making him able to put developments in places that the Conservation Authorities deem unsuitable. We as people have a responsibility to protect the environment, not build and cover all the land we can get our hands on, no matter the consequences. I understand that COVID has taken a lot of things from a lot of people, but doubling down on damaging the environment (especially considering climate change and other environmental issues didn't take a vacation when COVID set in) is not the solution. There must be better ways to improve the economy while maintaining and improving environmental protective practices, and I look forward to the Ford government's green recovery solutions.