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ATTN: STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

RE: BILL 229 (Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures)), 2020

I am writing to express my concerns regarding Bill 229, and its potential repercussions upon both the province of Ontario and its citizens. I am concerned that the approval of this legislation would serve to irrevocably and irreversibly damage the well-being of our province and our citizens. The measures contained within this Bill that are aimed at stripping away environmental protections in favour of privileging select commercial interests would spell disaster for numerous places and species of ecological significance. In my view, the passing of this Bill with Schedule 6 and Schedule 8 intact would represent nothing more and nothing less than a casual disregard for the ecological well-being of our province.

I would like to wholeheartedly express my support for the statement provided on December 1st by the Canadian Environmental Law Association. I firmly believe that the process of consultation is important, and that strong and enduring conservation and environmental protections are integral to the well-being of our province. Moreover, the fact that the government would actively seek to strip away these protections in a Bill that is being fast-tracked in the name of COVID-19 relief is simply outrageous.

It is frankly unacceptable that the government would seek to dismantle environmental protections during a pandemic and under the guise of economic recovery. I therefore ask the government to remove Schedule 6 and Schedule 8 from Bill 229 in their entirety.

Sincerely,
Veronica Bosco