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Attn: Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs

I am writing to request that the government remove schedule 6 and remove schedule 8 from bill 229. This bill is being expedited without proper consultation with the public and First Nations peoples. With growing environmental concerns amidst the current climate change crisis, this bill would only serve to accelerate the

risks to our environment including endangered species and other species at risk.

Bill 229 will further propel the relentless privatization of land by removing conservation authorities power to exert public influence. This can lead to a lack of adequate oversight of new land developments on areas like protected wetlands. For instance, Schedule 8 removes the ability of the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks to issue a species protection order or a habitat protection order to halt or alter forestry operations. Southern Ontario has lost over 70% of its wetlands, which means more strain on municipal water filtration plants which needs billions in repairs and upgrades every year.

Among the commitments in the Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan was a promise to “protect species at risk and their habitats.” Climate resilience is crucial in Ontario and bill 229 minimizes public and First Nations attention on this issue by attempting to expedite changes to environmental laws.

Protect our watershed and our land by removing schedule 6 and schedule 8 from bill 229.

Thank you,

Emma Palumbo