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Mr. Vijay Thanigasalam

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Mr. Thanigasalam,

I am one of your constituents and, as of the last provincial election, a supporter of the PC Party of Ontario, I want to convey my serious objection to the inclusion of Schedule 6 within the recently tabled Bill 229.

It is my strong belief that proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act and Planning Act warrant public consultation and should be subject to any amendments that such hearings may indicate.

In its present form, Schedule 6 would remove far too much responsibility away from skilled, experienced persons previously entrusted with the management and safe-keeping of conservation lands assigned to them. The point is significant because what is at stake is the protection, maintenance and restoration of our natural resources many of which have already been lost to citizens of this province and future generations.

As someone whose own riding contains one of the largest watersheds within the GTA the effective, vital work of the TRCA and other similar organizations is something I trust you are more than a little familiar with. Whether from natural disasters or the never-ending threats of unchecked development, those who respond to these threats must always be able to do so with a long-term view that looks far beyond the interests of any political party of the day. I look to you and the Progressive Conservative government to ensure this will continue to happen.

With this in mind, I urge you and all who have a stake in this proposed legislation to remove Schedule 6 from Bill 229 pending further discussion and public response.

Sincerely,

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