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The Honourable Doug Ford

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*Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1*

Re: An urgent appeal for the removal of schedule 6 from Bill 229.

Dear Premier Ford,

The Mono Mulum Citizens' Coalition is a group of taxpayers (approximately 300 members) in the Town of Mono and the Township of Mulmur. We act as a watch dog over all the many land-use situations which develop in our rural area. We work with local councils to ensure they are aware of the feelings of their constituents when problems or opportunities arise in their respective municipalities. We are also concerned when decisions at the provincial level may have a deleterious effect on the life styles of our residents. It is on this point that we wanted to express our concerns regarding the current bill 229 that the Conservative government is expediting through parliament.

Over the years, we have seen the value of our Conservation Authorities in protecting the fragile state of our environment. We are blessed with having three CAs that we work with, Nottawasaga, Credit Valley and Toronto District. We are very concerned about the recent budget reductions enforced on them by the provincial government and now with what is contained in schedule 6 of Bill 229, the province is virtually gutting their mandate.

The CAs are one of the very few provincial agencies that closely monitor our precious water resources and are one of the main authorities to challenge poor land use by developers and in some cases, local citizens on their respective properties. We are recommending that the province remove schedule 6 from this bill and restore the previous funding levels to our local Conservation Authorities.

While we appreciate the government's efforts at trying to bring our provincial budget into a balanced state, we think the focus on Conservation Authorities is going to have a very serious impact on the future of our critically important rural landscape. We thank the province for hearing us and we trust that you will take the time to seriously investigate the long-term effects your decisions will have on our communities. We look forward to your reassessment.

Sincerely yours,



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On Behalf of the Board of Directors and Members

cc.

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