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Dear Premier Ford:

The Prince Edward Point Bird Observatory (PEPtBO) expresses deep concern about your government's proposals to reduce the important role Ontario's thirty-six conservation authorities play in protecting shorelines, wetlands, forests and habitats. We are asking you not to impose the measures you propose in the omnibus budget bill Bill 229 (Schedule 6). We believe these proposals put the interests of developers ahead of the health of our province's natural heritage at the expense of public interest.

Instead, for the health of Ontario's citizens and the bird species - endemic and migratory - that grace our lands and waterways, we ask you to strengthen, not weaken, the ability of conservation authorities to protect our precious assets for this generation and generations to come.

For twenty-five years PEPtBO has been monitoring and reporting on bird migration. We also serve as caretaker for the Important Bird and Biodiversity Area (IBA) on the fragile South Shore of Prince Edward County. We experience, first-hand, the role local conservation authorities play in protecting shorelines, wetlands, land uses, and water tables and we respect their reliance on relevant science. Please do not weaken these authorities' ability to protect our most important natural assets, vulnerable as they have become, in the undeniable context of climate change.

Thank you for your kind attention.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie White". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Julie White, President