

Subject: Repeal Bill 5 and Protect Ontario's Endangered Species Act

Dear [Premier Ford / MPP Name],

I am writing to express my deep concern that your government has recently passed **Bill 5: "Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act"**, and will repeal the **Endangered Species Act (ESA)** in Ontario, despite public, First Nations and expert warnings that doing so is not in the best interest of Ontarians.

For nearly 20 years, the ESA has provided essential, science-based protections for Ontario's most vulnerable species and their habitats. Replacing it with the proposed **Species Conservation Act** significantly weakens these protections at a time when biodiversity is already in crisis.

Introducing the Special Economic Zones Act through Bill 5 stifles the democratic process and sets the stage to infringe on property rights, First Nations rights, municipal authority, and environmental laws, among others.

Real-world implications include the certain loss of critical wetland habitats for species such as the **Blanding's Turtle**, and the steady degradation of forest ecosystems required by endangered plants like **American Ginseng**. These species, among many others, cannot survive without strong habitat protection and science-led recovery planning.

I urge the Ontario Government to **repeal Bill 5 and uphold the Endangered Species Act** to maintain Ontario's commitment to science-based conservation. This is not just about wildlife – it is about protecting the ecosystems that support clean water, climate resilience, and quality of life for all Ontarians.

Please reinstate Ontario's responsibility to protect biodiversity for future generations.

Sincerely,

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