May 8, 2025

The Honourable Doug Ford

Premier of Ontario

Legislative Building

Queen’s Park

Toronto, Ontario

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Dear Premier Ford,

We are writing on behalf of xxx\* citizens’ groups and our approximately X\* supporters to

express our grave concerns with Protect Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, (Bill 5) and its

destructive impact on our environment and our democracy. First, we are deeply troubled by

the immediate, mid- and long-term impact of this bill on Ontario’s environment. It is clear that

in conjunction with Bill 212, the Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act will destroy 70

years of thoughtful, evidence-based environmental protections. It is distressing that despite a

duty to care for all Ontarians, your government puts business interests above the health of the

environment, communities, workers and our democracy. Without a liveable environment and a

healthy population, economic prosperity is impossible.

Second, we view establishing Special Economic Zones and repealing both the Endangered

Species Act and the Heritage Act as short sighted and dangerous. All current provincial and

municipal laws as well as environmental protections must be respected to ensure the health

and integrity of our environment for current and future generations.

We strongly urge your government to stop the implementation of Bill 5 and consider the

broader and deeper needs of Ontarians for a healthy environment, access to health care,

education, affordable housing, better public transit and improved mental health care.

Finally, we expect your government to ensure that all land use legislation under consideration

honours the constitutional requirement to meaningfully consult with First Nations. That Bill 5

disregards the government’s duty to consult is a serious step backwards in the process of

reconciliation with First Nations.

We look forward to your timely response to our letter.

Sincerely,