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BY EMAIL & REGULAR MAIL

The Hon. Todd Smith
Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
College Park, 18th Floor
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Dear Minister:

RE: REMOVAL OF SCHEDULE 10 OF BILL 66

Yesterday, the Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, tweeted that when the Legislature resumes sitting in February, Schedule 10 will be removed from Bill 66. Minister Clark indicated that this move was prompted by MPPs, municipalities and stakeholders who raised concerns about Schedule 10.

The Canadian Environmental Law Association strongly supports the deletion of Schedule 10 in its entirety from Bill 66. In our view, Schedule 10 would have put the environment and public health at risk, particularly since the *Clean Water Act* was automatically excluded from applying to open-for-business planning by-laws authorized under Bill 66.

As the Minister who introduced Bill 66 in the Legislature last month, can you please confirm that Minister Clark's tweets reflect the Ontario government's position regarding the removal of Schedule 10?

We look forward to working with your government on other environmental issues and opportunities throughout the province in order to achieve similar positive outcomes for the people of Ontario.

Yours truly,

CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION



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cc. The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks
Dr. Dianne Saxe, Environmental Commissioner of Ontario