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Hon. John Yakabuski, Minister
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
c/o Alex McLeod, Natural Resources Conservation Policy Branch
300 Water Street, Peterborough, ON K9J 8M5

RE: ERO Proposal 013-4992 Focusing conservation authority development permits on the protection of people and property

Dear Minister Yakabuski,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the proposal to develop a regulation under the *Conservation Authorities Act, RSO 1990* that would focus conservation authority development permits on the protection of people and property.

A conservation authority presence has been part of the fabric of the Sudbury area for 60 years and this has yielded noticeable results indeed. In a year where so many parts of the province have experienced record snowfalls followed by significant flooding, the impact in our area has been minimal thanks in part to the good work of the authority in guiding planning and development away from flood-prone areas. Keeping people and property safe – or safer as the case may be – is one of the key roles that conservation authorities are known for and is the primary driver of the natural hazard protection and management program at our authority.

Our authority fully endorses the submission put forward today by Conservation Ontario. We look forward to a robust regulation emerging from meaningful collaboration with your staff.

Sincerely,

Lin Gibson
Chairperson

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