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**Re: *Bill 66 Improving Ontario's Competitiveness Act***

Dear Mr. Petersen,

The Council of the Corporation of Tay Valley Township passed the following motion directing staff to express Council's concerns with *Bill 66, Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act*:

"THAT, staff be directed to provide comments on *Bill 66, Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act* through the Ontario Regulatory Registry, that express concern with:

- its potential to allow development that would impact the safety of drinking water;
- its lack of transparency in notifying the public or allowing appeals; and
- its potential to impact the ecosystem services (green infrastructure) provided by the Greenbelt (including climate change mitigation, flood and drought attenuation, etc.) that would be orders of magnitude more expensive to provide through engineered grey infrastructure; and
- to provide suggestions of other less harmful ways of streamlining development approvals."

Council is particularly concerned about the removal of the provisions of Section 39 of the ***Clean Water Act*** with respect to "open-for-business" zoning by-laws. Section 39 requires land use planning decisions to protect drinking water safety and the health of Ontario residents. Council does not want Tay Valley residents travelling to other parts of the province and being made ill from water contamination because source water protection plans were weakened by an open-for-business zoning by-law.

Council members remember the Walkerton tragedy and do not want to see it repeated. The Walkerton inquiry specifically identified overzealous provincial deregulation, budget cuts and staffing reductions as major contributing factors that resulted in the deaths of