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Hello,

Thank you for signing our Bill 66 Action Alert – your voice was heard. The provincial government announced yesterday that it will be removing Schedule 10 from [Bill 66](#). [Schedule 10](#) opened the door to “open-for-business” by-laws that would have overridden protections for water, natural heritage and farmland in municipalities across Ontario.

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The government said that it removed Schedule 10 after hearing from the people. Those people include you – nearly 8,000 of you who signed our Action Alert. Your MPPs received your emails and, in many cases, heard from you at protests and follow-up calls.

This is a [major victory](#) for land, people, water and wildlife across the province.

You stood alongside community groups, municipal leaders, environmentalists, farmers and other citizens. Together, we rallied and sent a loud and clear message that clean water, healthy ecosystems and local food lands are what sustain us and are not negotiable. By removing Schedule 10, we didn't just save the drinking water, farmland and natural heritage of the Greenbelt and surrounding areas – we saved it in every municipality across Ontario.

With so much at stake, the public outcry was nothing short of inspirational. You made the difference. We worked closely with many other environmental organizations to mobilize and coordinate the opposition to Schedule 10. I cannot overstate the role of our Nature Network of 150 member groups that are deeply rooted in communities across Ontario. We were joined by the many municipalities and farm organizations that spoke out against this proposed attack on our lands and waters.

You showed just how powerful people power really is. We thank you for standing with us.

Sincerely,



*Caroline*

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P.S. Thanks to Ontario Nature members we're able carry out this important work. If you aren't already a member, please consider [joining](#) us today.



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