

PETITION

TO The Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

WHEREAS there are over 150 species at risk including Woodland Caribou, American Eel, Blanding’s Turtle, Lakeside Daisy, Eastern Hog-nosed Snake, Acadian Flycatcher Ontario that need meaningful protections to prevent their extinction;

WHEREAS protecting special concern, threatened and endangered wildlife is critical to maintaining Ontario’s biodiversity and meeting its commitments under the International Convention on Biodiversity

WHEREAS making sure species at risk are protected is central to achieving sustainability objectives in the province;

WHEREAS when Ontario’s new *Endangered Species Act* was ushered in in 2007, it was applauded as the gold standard in North America;

WHEREAS sweeping exemptions to the Endangered Species Act were brought in a couple years ago through Ontario Regulation 176/13. This is a tremendous blow to species protection and guts the Endangered Species Act. The regulation threatens species by allowing major industries — including forestry, energy transmission, housing, oil and gas pipelines, mineral exploration and mine development, transit, wastewater management — to avoid strict standards intended to protect endangered and threatened species and their habitats.

WE the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

To re-affirm your support for stopping threats to and promoting the recovery of species at risk in Ontario through the implementation of the *Endangered Species Act* in keeping with the spirit and intent and purposes of the Act.

First and Last Name (printed)	Postal Code and Address (printed)	Signature	EMAIL*

