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Petition

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

“WHEREAS large scale water extraction by the water bottling industry can pose a serious risk to long term groundwater quality and quantity, particularly in communities mandated to grow through the Provincial Places to Grow initiative; and

“WHEREAS climate change and recent record droughts add an additional level of uncertainty to future water supply; and

“WHEREAS while water is a finite, shared public resource, Provincial water studies are identifying new areas where aquifers may not be able to sustain themselves with proposed groundwater use; and

WHEREAS the water bottling industry is in large part unnecessary, removes water from the watershed from which it is taken, and is harmful to the environment; and

“WHEREAS the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has a responsibility under its own Statement of Environmental Values to protect the natural environment for present and future generations:

We, the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly to eliminate new permits to take water for commercial water bottling purposes.

Name (printed)	Address (printed)	Postal Code	Signature