PETITION

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:

Whereas The Ontario Government has granted permission to drain water from the aquifer at Site 41 in Simcoe County to allow for a landfill to be built on the site; and

Whereas scientists have referred to the pristine artesian aquifer in the area as one of the cleanest sources of freshwater in the world, comparable to ancient arctic ice; and

Whereas there is widespread resistance to the proposed dump site within the communities around the aquifer. The citizens and First Nations of Simcoe County are demanding that the County explore other options to manage waste by implementing waste reduction strategies, upgrading the 50 existing landfills, and recycling recyclable products lying in older landfills; and

Whereas several sources, including Environment Canada, agree that Canada is on the brink of a freshwater crisis. It is important that we make the protection of freshwater sources -- not the placement of new landfills -- our first priority; and

Whereas all life drinks from the springs that will be drained: beaver, bear, wolves, deer, fox, coyotes, turkeys, eagles, ducks and many others. The draining of the aquifer at Site 41 will also affect the Wye River and Wye Marsh -- an important bird sanctuary in Ontario; and

Whereas building a dump site on a pristine aquifer fundamentally contradicts the Government of Ontario's stated goal of moving Ontario "toward a zero-waste future."; and

Whereas the native peoples have not been consulted about the development of a garbage dump known as Site 41. This includes those in the territories of Georgian Bay and the Ojibwe, Chippewa, Métis, Wendat (Huron) and Mohawk Nations.

Therefore, we the undersigned, respectfully petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows: That the Government of Ontario reverse its decision granting permission to drain water from the aquifer at Site 41 in Simcoe County to allow for a landfill to be built on the site. Put a stop to Dump Site 41!

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