

**To: Dalton McGuinty -Premier of Ontario**  
**To: John Gerretsen - Minister of Environment, Ontario**  
**To: Maude Barlow -National Chairperson, Council of Canadians**

On behalf of the Continuing Education of Students at Ryerson (CESAR) – Local 105 of the Canadian Federation of Students, **this letter of support asks that you reverse your 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; this letter also calls on you and your government to support a one-year moratorium on Site 41 to allow for an independent peer review of the (Modflow) study on the safety of the dump, having meaningful public consultations, and an assessment of the dump on a fuller criteria of provincial regulations, laws and local impacts.** Scientists have referred to this pristine artesian aquifer in the area as one of the cleanest sources of freshwater in the world, and have been compared to the cleanliness of ancient arctic ice. The water is so clean, that it can be used as a benchmark for gauging the purity of other water around the world.

Several sources, including Environment Canada, agree that Canada is on the brink of a freshwater crisis and in an era where we are already struggling to maintain sustainability - both in our environment and healthy living - it is *incredulous* that such an affront is being made to an existing globally consented effort. **This is a fundamental contradiction to your government's stated goal of moving Ontario "toward a zero-waste future".** Such an act is not only practicing a wasteful attitude to our natural earth, but is being disrespectful to all current life living in the surrounding areas, including natives who reside nearby and whom have not been consulted about a development of this garbage dump – site 41.

We, with our 16,000+ members and other widespread resistance, demand that the County explore alternative measures to manage waste. CESAR is representative in all natures of social justice concerns, and environment sustainability is one area we strongly and consistently advocate to maintain. Lest not it be forgotten, that *it is your* fiduciary duty, as elected Government, to sustain our citizens' trust and well-being at all times by maintaining and considering health and safety issues in the daily lives of Ontarians.