

January 20, 2013

My name is Brenna Anne Gibson. I am 12 years old and attend Walsh Public School in Ontario. On January 5 of this year, **Nextera Energy** (a foreign based wind turbine company) cut down an active Bald Eagle nest in Haldimand County. They were given a permit to do so by the MNR the evening before, on January 4 after 5pm, leaving no time for public comment or review.

This is unacceptable.

We the undersigned demand an explanation as to why a “species of special concern” was not spared from the interests of big business and our provincial government.

We also demand an apology by Premier Dalton McGuinty who professes to protect the biodiversity in our province.

Here is a quote by Michael Gravelle, Minister of Natural Resources (news release on Dec. 3 2012 on the MNR website regarding McGuinty’s action plan to protect biodiversity):

“We all have a responsibility to protect Ontario’s rich and abundant biodiversity. I am proud that Ontario has the most progressive biodiversity strategy in Canada, and I am pleased that we now have this collaborative implementation to see it through.”

Who do you define as “we” Minister Gravelle? You did nothing to protect an active Bald Eagle nest from being cut down and you did not allow the public time to comment. Also, you mention protecting Ontario’s abundant biodiversity. Does this mean that the less abundant species, such as Bald Eagles, do not deserve protection?

The provincial government has not made me or the undersigned confident that wind turbines are a “green” environmental solution for our energy needs, now and in the future, when it directly impacts nature in such a devastating way.

The petition for demanding an apology for cutting down an active Bald Eagle nest, an explanation as to why an alternative solution was not found to protect the eagles **and** what will be done to actually protect our resources from big business and from all the politicians involved in the wind turbine industry will be sent to:

Former Premier Dalton McGuinty

David Peterson (former Liberal Premier of Ontario) – Senior partner and chairman of Cassels, Brock and Blackwell (a law firm hired by Nextera to lobby the McGuinty government) and board member of two wind energy companies (Ventus Energy Inc. and Ventus Energy West Cape Windpower LP)

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Former MNR Minister Michael Gravelle – Minister of Northern Development and Mines

MNR Parliamentary Assistant Mike Colle

Mike Crawley (former leader of the federal Liberal Party) – President of International Power Canada Inc. (a wind turbine company) and board member of the Association of Power Producers of Ontario

