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Policy Update - Submissions on Bills 5 and 2

AMO's Bill 5 Standing Committee Submission

AMO has [submitted comments on Bill 5](#), *Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act* to the Standing Committee on the Interior. While we understand the need to try different approaches to supporting economic projects, important objectives such as health, safety, environmental protection, community well-being, and Indigenous rights and relations must be upheld. AMO's submission outlines the importance of:

- Ensuring that the use of Special Economic Zones to override local bylaws should only occur with host municipal support, and in cases of extraordinary need;
- Ensuring continued protection for the environment, including species-at-risk and natural habitats; and
- The critical opportunity for Ontario to demonstrate its commitment to reconciliation and stronger relationships with Indigenous rights holders.

AMO's Bill 2 Standing Committee Submission

AMO has [submitted comments on Bill 2](#), *Protect Ontario Through Free Within Canada Act* to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs.

AMO applauds the government for taking action to enhance labour mobility and interprovincial trade and highlights the need for continued engagement with AMO to address any impacts on municipal standards and by-laws arising from new mutual recognition frameworks for goods and services.

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