



April 14, 2015

The Honorable Bill Shuster  
Chairman  
House Committee on Transportation  
and Infrastructure  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Peter DeFazio  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Transportation  
and Infrastructure  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member DeFazio:

The Waters Advocacy Coalition (WAC) is a broad coalition representing the nation's construction, real estate, mining, agriculture, transportation, forestry, manufacturing, and energy sectors, as well as wildlife conservation and recreation interests. WAC is deeply concerned about the rulemaking jointly proposed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to redefine "waters of the U.S." under the Clean Water Act.

There is substantial and significant disagreement between the federal agencies, the states, local governments, and the regulated community about the scope and effect of the rulemaking. We have therefore urged EPA and the Corps to withdraw the proposed rule and work with state and local officials and stakeholders to develop a proposal that respects the jurisdictional limitations imposed by Congress and affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court.

We believe it is important for Congress to set parameters for further agency action on a "waters of the U.S." rule so that the final result reflects congressional intent. In doing so, we believe it will achieve environmental benefits, ensure our nation's ability to engage in the kind of robust economic activity that sustains and supports Americans working in all sectors of the economy, and gain broad support from state and local officials and the regulated community. By requiring EPA and the Corps to withdraw the proposed rule, the "*Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015*" appropriately re-asserts the role of Congress and initiates a process that will achieve greater balance and generate strong, bipartisan support. We applaud the Committee's leadership in this effort and urge all members to vote for passage of the "*Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015*."

Sincerely,

Agricultural Retailers Association  
American Exploration & Mining Association  
American Farm Bureau Federation  
American Forest & Paper Association  
American Gas Association  
American Iron and Steel Institute  
American Petroleum Institute

American Public Power Association  
American Road & Transportation Builders Association  
Associated Builders and Contractors  
The Associated General Contractors of America  
Association of American Railroads  
Association of Oil Pipe Lines  
Club Managers Association of America  
Corn Refiners Association  
CropLife America  
Edison Electric Institute  
Federal Forest Resources Coalition  
The Fertilizer Institute  
Foundation for Environmental and Economic Progress (FEEP)  
Golf Course Builders Association of America  
Golf Course Superintendents Association of America  
The Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA)  
Industrial Minerals Association – North America  
International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC)  
International Liquid Terminals Association (ILTA)  
Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA)  
Irrigation Association  
Leading Builders of America  
NAIOP, the Commercial Real Estate Development Association  
National Association of Home Builders  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Association of REALTORS®  
National Association of State Department of Agriculture  
National Cattlemen's Beef Association  
National Club Association  
National Corn Growers Association  
National Cotton Council  
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives  
National Golf Course Owners Association of America  
National Industrial Sand Association  
National Mining Association  
National Multifamily Housing Council  
National Oilseed Processors Association  
National Pork Producers Council (NPPC)  
National Rural Electric Cooperative Association  
National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association (NSSGA)  
Portland Cement Association  
Public Lands Council  
Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment (RISE)  
Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association  
Southern Crop Production Association  
Sports Turf Managers Association

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Texas Wildlife Association  
Treated Wood Council  
United Egg Producers  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce