



April 29, 2015

FULL HOUSE

Dear Rep:

The Waters Advocacy Coalition (WAC) urges you to support H.R. 1732, the *Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015*. This legislation would require the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to withdraw the flawed “waters of the U.S.” (WOTUS) rule and develop a new proposed rule after engaging in meaningful stakeholder consultation.

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 EPA and the Corps to redefine WOTUS under the Clean Water Act.

There is significant disagreement between the federal agencies, the states, local governments, and the regulated community about the scope and effect of the rulemaking. The introduction of H.R. 1732 follows months of respectful urging of EPA and the Corps to withdraw the proposed rule and work with these stakeholders to develop a proposal that respects the jurisdictional limitations imposed by Congress and affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court.

It is important for Congress to set parameters for further agency action on a WOTUS rule so that the final result reflects congressional intent. By requiring EPA and the Corps to withdraw the proposed rule, H.R. 1732 appropriately initiates a process that will further protect our nation’s environmental assets, assure our ability to engage in robust economic activity, and earn broad support from state and local officials and the regulated community. We urge you to vote for passage of H.R. 1732, the *Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015*, and to oppose any amendments that would weaken the legislation.

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
American Society of Golf Course Architects

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Associated Builders and Contractors
The Associated General Contractors of America
Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM)
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
Florida Sugar Cane League
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 Departments 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)
Southern Crop Production Association
Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association
Sports Turf Managers Association

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