



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