



April 10, 2017

The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As members of the Waters Advocacy Coalition (WAC), we want to express our strong support for your Executive Order (EO) on the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule. We applaud your leadership, Presidential initiative, and prompt attention to a significant regulatory barrier to a thriving economy and strong infrastructure. We believe the EO sets the nation on a path toward pro-growth, pro-jobs, and pro-environment policies that will benefit all Americans. We look forward to working with your Administration to provide much needed clarity regarding the scope of federal jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act. We also support action to withdraw and re-propose the rule, as appropriate and consistent with law, reflecting the principles of federalism and recognizing the important role of the states in protecting our nation's waters.

The Waters Advocacy Coalition represents a large cross-section of the nation's economy including the construction, real estate, mining, manufacturing, forest products, agriculture, energy, recreation, and public health and safety sectors, all of which are vital to a thriving national economy and provide much needed jobs. Many of the Coalition's members construct residential developments, multi-family housing units, commercial buildings, shopping centers, factories, warehouses, waterworks, and other utility facilities. The Coalition's members construct, operate and maintain critical infrastructure such as highways, bridges, railroads, tunnels, airports, electric generation, transmission, and distribution facilities, and pipeline facilities. The Coalition's agricultural members produce virtually every agricultural commodity produced commercially in the United States, including but not limited to significant portions of the U.S. milk, corn, cotton, sugar, egg, pork, and beef supply. In addition, other Coalition members sell and distribute fertilizer, crop protection, and biotechnology products used by American farmers. Coalition members design, build, manage, and maintain golf facilities that generate economic development and tax revenue for thousands of communities across the country. Other coalition members are focused specifically on wildlife and habitat conservation. Coalition members represent producers of most of America's coal, metals, and industrial and agricultural minerals; the manufacturers of mining and mineral processing machinery,

equipment, and supplies; and the engineering and consulting firms, financial institutions, and other firms serving the mining industry. The Coalition also has member groups representing the energy industry that generate, transmit, transport, and distribute our nation's energy to residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional customers.

We look forward to working with your Administration, and in particular with agencies including the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to protect this nation's waters while providing jurisdictional clarity and permitting certainty to the business community.

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
Associated Builders and Contractors
The Associated General Contractors of America
Association of American Railroads
Association of Oil Pipe Lines
California Association of Winegrape Growers
Club Managers Association of America
Corn Refiners Association
CropLife America
Edison Electric Institute
The Fertilizer Institute
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)
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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)
Public Lands Council
Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment (RISE)
Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association
Texas Wildlife Association
United Egg Producers
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

cc: Administrator Scott Pruitt