



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)  
Leading Builders of America  
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)  
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