

June 16, 2015

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE:

The undersigned businesses, organizations, associations, and chambers of commerce strongly support S. 1140, the bipartisan “Federal Water Quality Protection Act,” which would remedy shortcuts taken by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) when promulgating their new “waters of the United States” rule. We applaud the leadership of Senators Barrasso and Donnelly and the bill’s original cosponsors for their leadership on this important legislation. We urge all other senators to cosponsor it.

Finalized on May 27, the proposed “WOTUS” rule asserts new federal jurisdiction over state-regulated waters and land use planning in local, state and tribal jurisdictions. The final rule will have a profoundly negative impact on a large portion of the U.S. economy, as it slows, or brings to a complete halt, numerous projects major and minor across the nation.

EPA and the Corps have not adequately addressed the significant and negative impacts the definition will have on numerous land uses, or the fact that it will undermine and complicate state, tribal and local regulatory programs.

Nor have the agencies adequately demonstrated that their massive new regulatory regime will materially improve water quality or accomplish overarching policy goals in a manner consistent with prior Supreme Court decisions.

Equally important, the agencies finalized the rule without conducting sufficient regulatory impact analyses or adequately consulting with state, local and tribal governments or interested stakeholders.

S. 1140 would address the significant shortcomings of the process which resulted in the WOTUS rule by requiring EPA and the Corps to redo the rulemaking without skipping steps in the process and consideration that should have occurred.

Thanks, again, to Senators Barrasso and Donnelly and the bill’s cosponsors for their efforts to rein in a runaway rulemaking. We look forward to working with the Senate on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Alabama

Alabama Chapter of Golf Course Superintendents Association
Associated Builders & Contractors Alabama Chapter
Birmingham Business Alliance

Business Council of Alabama
Dauphin Island Chamber of Commerce
Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce
Opelika Chamber of Commerce
Shoals Chamber of Commerce
South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce

Alaska

Alaska State Chamber of Commerce
Arctic Slope Regional Corporation
Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce
Juneau Chamber of Commerce

Arizona

Arizona Cattle Feeders' Association
Arizona Cattle Growers' Association
Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Arizona Mining Association
Arizona Rock Products Association
Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce
Bullhead Area Chamber of Commerce
Cactus & Pine Golf Course Superintendents Association
Glendale Chamber of Commerce
Greater Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce
Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce
Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce
Green Valley Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center
Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce
Marana Chamber of Commerce
Mesa Chamber of Commerce
Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce
Tempe Chamber of Commerce
Tucson Metro Chamber
Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce
Yuma County Chamber of Commerce

Arkansas

Agricultural Council of Arkansas
Arkansas Cattlemen's Association
Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce
Associated Industries of Arkansas, Inc.
Horseshoe Bend Area Chamber of Commerce
Rogers-Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce

California

California Cattlemen's Association
California Chamber of Commerce
California Cotton Ginners Association
Camarillo Chamber of Commerce
Central California Golf Course Superintendents Association
Chambers of Commerce Alliance of Ventura & Santa Barbara Counties
Corona Chamber of Commerce
Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce
Fresno Chamber of Commerce
Fullerton Chamber of Commerce
Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce
Golf Course Superintendents Association of Southern California
Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce
Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce
Greater Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce
Hi-Lo Desert Golf Course Superintendent Association
Inland Empire Regional Chamber of Commerce
Inland Empire Golf Course Superintendents Association
Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
Murrieta Chamber of Commerce
Oceanside Chamber of Commerce
Orange County Business Council
Oxnard Chamber of Commerce
Rancho Cordova Chamber of Commerce
Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce
Roseville Chamber of Commerce
Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
San Joaquin Valley Quality Cotton Growers Association
Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce and Convention-Visitors Bureau
Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce
Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce
South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce
South Orange County Economic Coalition
Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce
Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce
Western Agricultural Processors Association
Willows Chamber of Commerce
Trinity Expanded Shale & Clay

Colorado

Associated Builders & Contractors Rocky Mountain Chapter
Colorado Association of Commerce & Industry
Colorado Cattlemen's Association
Colorado Competitive Council
Colorado Livestock Association
Colorado Nursery and Greenhouse Association
Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce
Durango Chamber of Commerce
Fort Collins Area Chamber of Commerce
Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce
Metro Denver Economic Development Corporation
Northern Colorado Legislative Alliance
Rocky Mountain Golf Course Superintendents Association

Connecticut

Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents

District of Columbia

AmericanHort
International Council of Shopping Centers
National Black Chamber of Commerce
Treated Wood Council
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Delaware

Associated Builders & Contractors Delaware Chapter
Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce
Delaware State Chamber of Commerce
Rehoboth Beach-Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce

Florida

Associated Builders & Contractors Florida East Coast Chapter
Calusa Golf Course Superintendents Association
Central Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association
Everglades Golf Course Superintendents Association
Florida Cattlemen's Association
Florida Chamber of Commerce
Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association
Florida West Coast Golf Course Superintendents Association
Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce
Gulf County Chamber of Commerce
Holmes County Development Commission
JAX Chamber

North Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association
Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce
Palm Beach Golf Course Superintendents Association
Ridge Golf Course Superintendents Association
South Florida Golf Course Superintendents Association
St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce
Suncoast Golf Course Superintendents Association
Treasure Coast Golf Course Superintendents Association

Georgia

Columbia County Chamber of Commerce
Georgia Agribusiness Council
Georgia Chamber of Commerce
Georgia Cotton Commission
Georgia Golf Course Superintendents Association
Georgia Green Industry Association
Greater Hall Chamber of Commerce
Greater Rome Chamber of Commerce
Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce
Moultrie-Colquitt County Chamber of Commerce
Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce
Southern Cotton Growers, Inc.
Southern Crop Production Association

Hawaii

Hawaii Cattlemen's Council
Molokai Chamber of Commerce

Idaho

Coeur d'Alene Chamber of Commerce
Idaho Association of Commerce & Industry
Idaho Cattle Association
Idaho Golf Course Superintendents Association
Pocatello-Chubbuck Chamber of Commerce

Illinois

Associated Builders & Contractors Illinois Chapter
Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce
Greater Oak Brook Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Partnership
Illinois Association of Aggregate Producers
Illinois Beef Association
Illinois Chamber of Commerce
McLean County Chamber of Commerce
Naperville Chamber of Commerce

Northwestern Illinois Golf Course Superintendents Association
Pike County Chamber of Commerce
Tuscola Stone Co.
Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce

Indiana

Greater Elkhart Chamber of Commerce
Indiana Chamber of Commerce
Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce
Mulzer Crushed Stone, Inc.
Southwest Indiana Chamber
St. Joseph County Chamber of Commerce
Wabash County Chamber of Commerce

Iowa

Ames Chamber of Commerce
Dubuque Area Chamber of Commerce
Greater Cedar Valley Alliance & Chamber
Iowa Association of Business and Industry
Iowa Cattlemen's Association
Iowa Chamber Alliance
Iowa Golf Course Superintendent Association
Iowa Seed Association

Iowa/Illinois

Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce

Kansas

Grant County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism
Kansas Agribusiness Retailers Association
Kansas Chamber of Commerce
Kansas Livestock Association
Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce

Kentucky

Greater Louisville Inc.
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce
Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

Louisiana

Associated Builders & Contractors New Orleans/Bayou Chapter
Associated Builders & Contractors Pelican Chapter
Chamber Southwest Louisiana
City of Central Chamber of Commerce

Crowley Chamber of Commerce
Jeff Davis Chamber of Commerce
Lafourche Chamber of Commerce
Louisiana Association of Business and Industry
Minden-South Webster Chamber of Commerce
Natchitoches Area Chamber of Commerce
Houma-Terrebonne Chamber of Commerce

Louisiana/Mississippi

Louisiana/Mississippi Golf Course Superintendents Association

Maine

Maine Arborist Association
Maine Landscape & Nursery Association

Maryland

Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce
Baltimore Washington Corridor Chamber
Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents

Massachusetts

Fall River Area Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Golf Course Superintendents Association of Cape Cod

Michigan

Associated Builders & Contractors Western Michigan Chapter
Michigan Cattlemen's Association
Michigan Chamber of Commerce
Michigan Golf Course Superintendents Association

Minnesota

Dakota County Regional Chamber of Commerce
Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce
Litchfield Area Chamber of Commerce
Minnesota AgriGrowth Council
Minnesota Crop Production Retailers
Minnesota Golf Course Superintendents Association
Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association
Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce

Mississippi

Area Development Partnership – Greater Hattiesburg
Associated Builders & Contractors Mississippi Chapter
Cleveland-Bolivar County Chamber of Commerce

Delta Council
Monroe County Chamber of Commerce
Olive Branch Chamber of Commerce

Missouri

Associated Builders & Contractors Heart of America Chapter
Fred Weber, Inc.
Heart of America Golf Course Superintendents Association
Missouri Agribusiness Association
Missouri Cattlemen's Association
Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce
St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce

Montana

Billings Chamber of Commerce
Kalispell Chamber of Commerce
Montana Chamber of Commerce
Peaks & Prairies Golf Course Superintendents Association

Nebraska

Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce
Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce
Lincoln Chamber of Commerce
Nebraska Cattlemen Association
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Nebraska Golf Course Superintendents Association
Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce

Nevada

Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Reno, Sparks, and Northern Nevada
White Pine Chamber of Commerce

New Hampshire

New Hampshire Business and Industry Association

New Jersey

Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey
MIDJersey Chamber of Commerce
Morris County Chamber of Commerce
New Jersey State Chamber of commerce
Weldon Materials

New Mexico

New Mexico Association of Commerce & Industry
Silver City Grant County Chamber of Commerce
Springer Chamber of Commerce

New York

Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce
Associated Builders & Contractors Empire State Chapter
Buffalo Niagara Partnership
Central New York Golf Course Superintendents Association
New York State Turfgrass Association
North Country Chamber of Commerce
Northeastern Golf Course Superintendents Association
Rochester Business Alliance
The Business Council of New York State

North Carolina

Greater Hyde County Chamber of Commerce
Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce
North Carolina Aggregates Association
North Carolina Cattlemen's Association
North Carolina Chamber
Roanoke Valley Chamber of Commerce
Thompson Contractors, Inc.
Wilmington Chamber of Commerce

North Dakota

Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce
Greater North Dakota Chamber of Commerce
North Dakota Stockmen's Association

Ohio

Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber
Darke County Chamber of Commerce
Lima/Allen County Chamber of Commerce
Northern Ohio Golf Course Superintendents Association
Ohio Aggregates & Industrial Minerals Association
Ohio AgriBusiness Association
Ohio Cattlemen's Association
Ohio Chamber of Commerce
Richland Chamber of Commerce
Willoughby Western Lake County Chamber of Commerce

Oklahoma

Greater Oklahoma City Chamber

Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association
State Chamber of Oklahoma
Tulsa Regional Chamber

Oregon

Albany Area Chamber of Commerce
Associated Oregon Industries
Klamath County Chamber of Commerce
Oregon Association of Nurseries
Oregon Cattlemen's Association
Oregon Farm Bureau
Oregon Golf Course Superintendents Association
Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center

Pennsylvania

Central Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendents Association
Chester County Chamber of Business and Industry
Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership
Harrisburg Regional Chamber
International Raw Materials, LTD
Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry
Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents
Pocono Turfgrass Association
Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce
Warren County Chamber of Business & Industry

Rhode Island

Associated Builders & Contractors Rhode Island Chapter
Rhode Island Golf Course Superintendents Association

South Carolina

Carolinas Golf Course Superintendents Association
Charleston Metro Chamber of Commerce
Clemson Area Chamber of Commerce
Greater Summerville/Dorchester Chamber of Commerce
Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce
North Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce

South Dakota

Sioux Falls Area Chamber of Commerce
South Dakota Agri-Business Association
South Dakota Cattlemen's Association
South Dakota Golf Course Superintendents Association

Tennessee

Associated Builders & Contractors Greater Tennessee Chapter
Johnson City Tennessee Chamber of Commerce
Kingsport Chamber of Commerce
Rogers Group Inc.
Tennessee Cattlemen's Association
Tennessee Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Texas

Abilene Chamber of Commerce
Andrews Chamber of Commerce
Associated Builders & Contractors South Texas Chapter
Associated Builders & Contractors Texas Coastal Bend Chapter
Bay City Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture
Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce
Dallas Regional Chamber of Commerce
Dimmit County Chamber of Commerce
East Parker County Chamber of Commerce
Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce
Granbury Chamber of Commerce
Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce
Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce
Kerrville Area Chamber of Commerce
Lone Star Golf Course Superintendents Association
Longview Chamber of Commerce
Lubbock Chamber of Commerce
Odessa Chamber of Commerce
Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.
Rolling Plains Cotton Growers, Inc.
South Padre Island Chamber of Commerce
South Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association
Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association
Texas Ag Industries Association
Texas Association of Business
Texas Cattle Feeders Association
Texas Vegetation Management Association
Trinity Construction Materials, Inc.
Trinity LW, LLC
Victoria Chamber of Commerce
West Chambers County Chamber of Commerce

Utah

Carbon County Chamber of Commerce
Intermountain Golf Course Superintendents Association
Mountain West Equipment Performance
Salt Lake Chamber

Virginia

Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce
Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce
Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce
National Association of Landscape Professionals
National Stone, Sand, and Gravel Association
Virginia Agribusiness Council
Virginia Cattlemen's Association
Virginia Chamber of Commerce
Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
Virginia State Dairymen's Association

Washington

American Exploration & Mining Association
Associated Builders & Contractors Inland Pacific Chapter
Associated Builders & Contractors Western Washington Chapter
Association of Washington Business
Greater Pasco Chamber of Commerce
Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce
Moses Lake Chamber of Commerce
Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce
Washington Cattle Feeders Association
Washington Cattlemen's Association
Washington Retail Association

West Virginia

West Virginia Chamber of Commerce

Wisconsin

Beaver Dam Chamber of Commerce
Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce
Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce
Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce

Wyoming

Powell Valley Chamber of Commerce
Wyoming Ag-Business Association
Wyoming Crop Improvement Association
Wyoming Stock Growers Association
Wyoming Wheat Growers Association