



**National Cattlemen's
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January 12, 2016

Honorable William Shuster
Chairman
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
2251 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Peter DeFazio
Ranking Member
Transportation & Infrastructure Committee
2164 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member DeFazio:

The undersigned organizations represent cattle and sheep producers across the country. We urge you to vote in support of passage of the S.J. Res 22, disapproval of the "Waters of the United States" (WOTUS) Rule. This disapproval 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.

In August of 2015, the expansive rule went into effect. In response, two federal courts enjoined the rule and highlighted the rule's flawed process and substance. While the court-imposed stay is relief to our nation's cattle producers, it is only *temporary* relief. The stay could be lifted any day now, pending a decision from the Sixth Circuit on whether it has subject matter jurisdiction to hear the case. And should the Sixth Circuit lift the temporary stay, our members will be placed in regulatory limbo.

Just last month, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) issued a legal opinion finding the EPA engaged in illegal covert propaganda and grassroots lobbying in their advocacy of the rule. While this news is troubling unto itself and it also reveals that the pool of public comments on WOTUS was tainted by EPA's misconduct, the GAO legal opinion is only the *latest* news in an ever-growing dossier of evidence that the WOTUS Rule came from a flawed and, indeed, *illegal* process.

The GAO legal opinion and the temporary nature of the court stay underscore the need for Congress to act now by disapproving the rule. The resolution has broad support from the manufacturing, industrial, and agricultural community. We urge you to vote in support of S.J. Res 22.

Sincerely,

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Public Lands Council

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Arizona Cattle Feeders' Association
Arizona Cattle Growers Association

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Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association
Mississippi Cattlemen's Association
Missouri Cattlemen's Association
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Nebraska Cattlemen
Nevada Cattlemen's Association
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Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association
South Carolina Cattlemen's Association
South Dakota Cattlemen's Association
Tennessee Cattlemen's Association
Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association
Texas Cattle Feeders Association
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Virginia Cattlemen's Association
Washington Cattle Feeders Association
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Wyoming Stock Growers Association



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Honorable Bob Gibbs
Chairman
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Honorable Grace Napolitano
Ranking Member
Water Resources & Environment Subcomm.
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Gibbs and Ranking Member Napolitano:

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