

July 12, 2011

The Honorable John Boehner  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**Urging Swift Passage of the Clean Water Cooperative Federalism Act (H.R. 2018)**

Dear Speaker Boehner and Minority Leader Pelosi:

The undersigned 121 organizations, representing a broad cross-section of the American economy, are united in their strong support for the Clean Water Cooperative Federalism Act (H.R. 2018), a bipartisan bill passed by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee on June 22.

The bill would reaffirm the decades-old state-federal relationship set out in the Clean Water Act (CWA) by addressing the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) ongoing regulatory overreach. We urge all House members to vote for passage of this important legislation when it is considered on the House floor later this week.

H.R. 2018 has important job creation, economic security, and federalism implications. Over the years, EPA has repeatedly challenged states' authority and expertise under the CWA and asserted its control as the sole arbiter of evolving CWA permitting requirements and standards. The agency's actions jeopardize more than \$220 billion of annual economic activity subject to CWA Sec. 402 and 404 permits.

H.R. 2018 would help put people back to work and create new jobs in the sectors our members serve by restoring the proper balance between EPA and the states in regulating the nation's waters, protecting the CWA's system of cooperative federalism, and preventing EPA from second-guessing or delaying a state's CWA permitting and water quality certification decisions.

We urge swift enactment of H.R. 2018 and look forward to working with you to accomplish that important objective.

Sincerely,

Agricultural Retailers Association  
Alabama Cattlemen's Association  
American Concrete Pavement Association  
American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association  
American Farm Bureau Federation  
American Rental Association  
American Road & Transportation Builders Association  
American Sugarbeet Growers Association  
Arizona Farm Bureau Federation  
Arizona Rock Products Association  
Associated Equipment Distributors  
The Associated General Contractors of America  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers

Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Chamber of Commerce of the Mid-Ohio Valley  
Chemical Producers & Distributors Association  
Colorado Cattlemen's Association  
Colorado Livestock Association  
CropLife America  
Dairy Producers of New Mexico  
Deep South Equipment Dealers Association  
Delaware State Chamber of Commerce  
Edison Electric Institute  
Equipment Distributors Association of Minnesota  
Far West Equipment Dealer Association  
Farm Equipment Manufacturers Association  
The Fertilizer Institute  
Florida Cattlemen's Association  
Florida Sugar Cane League  
Georgia Construction Aggregate Association  
Georgia Mining Association  
Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce  
Idaho Cattle Association  
Illinois Association of Aggregate Producers  
Illinois Chamber of Commerce  
Illinois Coal Association  
Industrial Minerals Association - North America  
Iowa Cattlemen's Association  
Iowa Limestone Producers Association  
Iowa-Nebraska Equipment Dealers Association  
Kansas Aggregate Producers Association  
Kansas Livestock Association  
Kansas Ready Mixed Concrete Association  
Kentucky Association of Manufacturers  
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce  
Kentucky Coal Association  
Kentucky Crushed Stone Association, Inc.  
Lodi Chamber of Commerce  
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce  
Manhattan Beach Chamber of Commerce  
Michigan Aggregates Association  
Mid-America Equipment Retailers Association  
Midwest Equipment Dealers Association  
Minnesota-South Dakota Equipment Dealers Association  
Missouri Cattlemen's Association  
Montana Equipment Dealers Association  
Montana Stockgrowers Association  
National Asphalt Pavement Association  
National Association of Home Builders  
National Association of Manufacturers

National Cattlemen's Beef Association  
National Corn Growers Association  
National Milk Producers Federation  
National Mining Association  
National Pork Producers Council  
National Precast Concrete Association  
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association  
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association  
National Water Resources Association  
Nebraska Cattlemen, Inc.  
North American Equipment Dealers Association  
North Dakota Implement Dealers Association  
Northeast Equipment Dealers Association, Inc.  
NUCA Representing Utility and Excavation Contractors  
Ohio Aggregates & Industrial Minerals Association  
Ohio Chamber of Commerce  
Ohio Equipment Distributors Association  
Ohio-Michigan Equipment Dealers Association  
Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association  
Pacific Northwest Hardware & Implement Association  
Palm Desert Area Chamber of Commerce  
Pennsylvania Aggregates and Concrete Association  
Pennsylvania Cattlemen's Association  
Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry  
Portland Cement Association  
Public Lands Council  
Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment  
Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce  
Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce  
South Dakota Agri-Business Association  
South Dakota Cattlemen's Association  
South East Dairy Farmers Association  
SouthEastern Equipment Dealers Association  
SouthWestern Association  
Tennessee Concrete Association  
Tennessee Road Builders Association  
Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association  
Texas Cattle Feeders Association  
Tucson Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce  
U.S. Cattlemen's Association  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
United Egg Producers  
USA Rice Federation  
Utah Cattlemen's Association  
Utah Farm Bureau Federation  
The Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration  
Utah Wool Growers Association  
Virginia Agribusiness Council

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Virginia Poultry Federation  
Washington Aggregates & Concrete Association  
Washington Cattlemen's Association  
Washington Farm Bureau  
West Virginia Chamber of Commerce  
West Virginia Coal Association  
West Virginia Manufacturers Association  
Western Business Roundtable  
Wyoming Ag Business Association  
Wyoming Crop Improvement Association  
Wyoming Stock Growers

c.c. All members of the U.S. House of Representatives