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,

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

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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

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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

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Associated Builders & Contractors Delaware Chapter

Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce

Delaware State Chamber of Commerce

Rehoboth Beach-Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce

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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

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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

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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

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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

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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