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The Honorable Bill Shuster, Chairman
House Committee on Transportation
And Infrastructure
Washington, D.C. 20515

Sent via E-Mail

The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Ranking Member
House Committee on Transportation
And Infrastructure
Washington, D.C. 20515

RE: Support for Regulatory and Integrity Protection Act of 2015

Dear Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member DeFazio:

The Oregon Dairy Farmers Association representing 240 farm family dairy operations respectfully offers support for the Regulatory and Integrity Protection Act as introduced by the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

It is our opinion, the proposed Waters of the U.S. Rule (WOTUS) goes well beyond the jurisdictional scope of the Clean Water Act and significantly impairs the long standing federal, state and local partnership that has existed for decades in protecting water quality.

The agriculture community was not consulted by EPA and the Corps of Engineers in the development of the proposed WOTUS Rule. Furthermore, the two agencies have not provided clarification on the extent and regulatory reach of its actions on farmers and ranchers. We therefore, believe the rule should be withdrawn.

The Oregon Dairy Farmers Association appreciates your leadership on this critical issue and look forward to working with you in securing passage of the Regulatory and Integrity Protection Act of 2015.

Sincerely,

Tami Kerr, Executive Director
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