



April 15, 2015

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

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

Dear Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member DeFazio:

The Virginia Poultry Federation, a statewide trade association representing all sectors of the poultry industry, including hundreds of family farms, would like to offer our support for the Regulatory and Integrity Protection Act.

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.

Poultry farmers in Virginia and across the United States care about water quality and are implementing conservation measures voluntarily and in accordance with state regulatory programs designed to protect water quality. Farmers are concerned about the uncertainty and regulatory burden that could result from the proposed WOTUS Rule. We, therefore, believe the rule should be withdrawn.

We very much appreciate your leadership on this critical issue and are pleased to add our support to passage of the Regulatory and Integrity Protection Act of 2015.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hobey Bauhan".

Hobey Bauhan
President

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