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The undersigned agricultural stakeholders support the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's passage of *The Promoting Efficient Review for Modern Infrastructure Today (PERMIT) Act* (H.R. 3898). The PERMIT Act is a powerful collection of critical reforms that seeks to cut Clean Water Act (CWA) red tape, reduce project delays and costly litigation, and bring much needed regulatory certainty to farmers and other regulated industries.

Clean water is essential to the viability of all agricultural operations and farmers go to great lengths to protect the natural resources with which they have been entrusted. However, the current permitting framework under the CWA often presents unnecessary delays, regulatory uncertainty, and administrative burdens that hinder agricultural production, conservation, and environmentally beneficial projects. Thoughtful reform is urgently needed to ensure that the permitting process remains both environmentally responsible and efficient.

Specifically, our agricultural organizations strongly support the following aspects of the PERMIT Act:

- Establishing a more transparent procedure for the development of water quality criteria by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits;
- Requiring that technology used to develop effluent limitation guidelines is viably commercially available in the United States;
- Requiring clear limits and terms in NPDES permits;
- Amending CWA Section 402 to clarify that agricultural stormwater discharges do not require a NPDES permit; and

- Clarifying that pesticides regulated under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act do not require a NPDES permit.

We appreciate the Committee's consideration of the PERMIT Act, and we urge you to swiftly pass this legislation.

Sincerely,

American Farm Bureau Federation
National Cattlemen's Beef Association
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Milk Producers Federation
National Pork Producers Council
National Turkey Federation
United Egg Producers
U.S. Poultry & Egg Association