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Dear Members,

As a member of the Golf Course Builders Association of America (GCBA), I am writing to ask you for your support for H.R. 5078, the “Waters of the United States Regulatory Overreach Protection Act”. This resolution would prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers from continuing with the development of the proposed “Waters of the United States” rule.

Our company, Landscapes Unlimited supports the Clean Water Act, but this proposed regulation is not the answer. There definitely needs to be some clarification on jurisdiction, but this proposal goes too far. The golf course industry already faces many hurdles and imposing costly permits for any land management or land use decisions along any body of water within the United States. Our industry has been highly committed to protecting the bodies of water on golf courses across the U.S. and subjecting them to an expensive federal permitting process, which at times can be unpredictable, could result in the elimination of a significant number of golf courses, most of which are small businesses that generate jobs and tax revenue.

H.R. 5078 would require the EPA and Corps to work with state and local officials to formulate a new rule. This is a better alternative to categorically subjecting most waters in United States to federal oversight, which is what the proposed rule would do. We urge the EPA and Corps to work with all local organizations including golf course superintendents, owners and operators to devise a better regulation to protect “Waters of the United States.”

Please consider the H.R. 5078, the “Waters of the United States Regulatory Overreach Protection Act,” an important piece of legislation for the U.S. golf course industry.

Sincerely,



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