

April 14, 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
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Dear Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member DeFazio:

AgriMark, a North East dairy cooperative with 1200 members, would like to offer our support for the Regulatory and Integrity Protection Act as introduced by the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

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 and 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We therefore believe the rule should be withdrawn.

We very much appreciate your leadership on this critical issue and look forward to working with you in securing passage of the Regulatory and Integrity Protection Act of 201

Sincerely,

Robert Foster
AgriMark Director
Chair of AMI's Legislative Committee