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The Honorable Jim Inhofe  
Chairman  
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works  
205 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Barbara Boxer  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Inhofe and Ranking Member Boxer:

The Arizona Farm Bureau strongly supports the *Federal Water Quality Protection Act*.

Our farm and ranch members have many, significant concerns about the rule jointly proposed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to redefine “waters of the U.S.” under the Clean Water Act and how it will negatively impact their ability to grow crops and raise livestock. The *Federal Water Quality Protection Act* works to address significant flaws in the proposed WOTUS rule and requires the development of a new proposal after the agencies have engaged in meaningful stakeholder consultation. Timing is critical, as the sooner Congress acts, the sooner the agencies can re-craft a rule that more accurately reflects the will of Congress while respecting the concerns of all affected parties. Additionally, by acting before a rule is final, Congress can provide the best opportunity and path to ensure that a final rule is practical, reflects Congressional intent, and safeguards environmental benefits.

We further support this legislation because it establishes sound principles to guide the agencies’ action on a “waters of the U.S.” rule so that the final result reflects the statutory limits created by Congress. This legislation guides the agencies with regulatory principles that, when followed, will achieve greater balance and generate more widespread acceptance of the final provisions. We urge you to give strong support and quick consideration to *the Federal Water Quality Protection Act*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kevin Rogers'.

Kevin Rogers, President  
Arizona Farm Bureau Federation