



April 30, 2015

The Honorable Jim Inhofe
Chairman
Senate Environment and Public Works Committee
205 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Inhofe,

On behalf of Oklahoma's largest agricultural organization, thank you for your leadership in introducing the *Federal Water Quality Protection Act*. We are gratified to see the Senate take action on this important issue. As you know, Oklahoma Farm Bureau members have 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.

The *Federal Water Quality Protection Act* addresses significant flaws in the proposed WOTUS rule and requires the development of a new proposal after the agencies have engaged in meaningful stakeholder consultation. We applaud 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.

We believe that adoption of this common-sense legislation will ultimately ensure protection of private property rights for Oklahoma's farmers and ranchers, while safeguarding the quality of our Nation's waters.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Buchanan', written in a cursive style.

Tom Buchanan
President

cc: Oklahoma Farm Bureau Board of Directors