

Office of the President

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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
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The Honorable Pat Roberts
Chairman
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and
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109 Hart Senate Office Building
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The Honorable Debbie Stabenow
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and
Forestry
731 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Inhofe, Ranking Member Boxer, Chairman Roberts and Ranking Member Stabenow:

Kansas Farm Bureau strongly supports the *Federal Water Quality Protection Act* and is committed to working with the bill's cosponsors to urge its swift consideration by the Senate.

Kansas Farm Bureau has been a vocal opponent of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) proposed joint rule to redefine "waters of the U.S." under the Clean Water Act. The *Federal Water Quality Protection Act* addresses many of our concerns and, significantly, requires the agencies to hold substantive meetings with the industries and civic entities affected by the proposed WOTUS rule.

Prompt action on the bill will allow EPA and the Corps to re-draft the proposed rule to reflect our concerns and Congressional intent and ensure the final rule is practical and environmentally sound.

The legislation gives sound guidance to the agencies so that a final "waters of the U.S." rule reflects Congress' statutory limits and regulatory principles that will achieve greater balance and prompt more widespread acceptance of the final rule.

Kansas Farm Bureau urges strong support for and quick consideration of the *Federal Water Quality Protection Act*.

Sincerely,



Richard Felts
President