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Habitats League · Environment America · Environmental Law and Policy Center ·
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Friends of the Nanticoke River · Friends of the Weskeag · Freshwater Future · Galveston
Bay Foundation · Great Lakes Environmental Law Center · Great Lakes Committee
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Chesapeake · Izaak Walton League of America · Jesus People Against Pollution · Lake
Erie Region Conservancy · League of Conservation Voters · Little Falls Watershed
Alliance · Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy · Maryland Conservation Council · Midshore
Riverkeeper Conservancy · Milwaukee Riverkeeper · Minnesota Center for
Environmental Advocacy · Montgomery Countryside Alliance · National Audubon
Society · Natural Resources Defense Council · Nature Abounds · Neighbors of the
Northwest Branch, Anacostia River · New York League of Conservation Voters ·
New York State Division, Izaak Walton League of America · Ocean River Institute · Ohio
Environmental Council · Ohio Wetlands Association · People to Save the Sheyenne ·
Piedmont Environmental Council · Potomac Riverkeeper Network · Prairie Rivers
Network (of Illinois) · Protecting Our Waters · River Network · Rock Creek Conservancy
· Shaker Lakes Garden Club · Sierra Club · Southern Environmental Law Center · St.
Mary's River Watershed Association · Surfrider Foundation · Tip of the Mitt Watershed
Council · Virginia Conservation Network · WasteWater Education ·
Waterkeepers Chesapeake · West Virginia Highlands Conservancy**

May 11, 2015

Dear Representative:

The undersigned organizations, and their millions of members and supporters, urge you to **vote NO on H.R. 1732**, the so-called "Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015," when it is on the House floor this week.

This legislation would halt an ongoing rulemaking to clarify Clean Water Act protections for countless water bodies, including streams that contribute to the drinking water of one in three Americans. The Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency are close to completing their Clean Water Rule, but H.R. 1732 would stop this important, scientifically rigorous rule before the public has even had the chance to see the finished product. The agencies have engaged in a very transparent and thorough process, and all stakeholders, including the over 800,000 members of the public who commented in support of these protections, should be given the opportunity to review the final rule.

This troubling legislation blows up the current rulemaking and forces the agencies to go back and solicit input from stakeholders they have already consulted, consider factors they have already considered, and then propose a rule (as they have already done). This rulemaking has essentially been in the making for more than a decade and stakeholders from all sides of the issue have asked for a rule to provide certainty and reliability in the permitting process for waters covered by the Clean Water Act. There is nothing to gain by forcing the agencies to repeat years of analysis and consultation concerning this rule. Rather, this bill is simply a last-minute and thinly-veiled attempt at blocking these crucial protections and leaving our nation's waterways at continued risk of pollution and destruction.

Please oppose this legislation when it is considered by the House of Representatives. Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

Alliance for the Great Lakes	New York State Division, Izaak Walton League of America
American Rivers	Ocean River Institute
American Whitewater	Ohio Environmental Council
Arkansas Wildlife Federation	Ohio Wetlands Association
Audubon Naturalist Society	People to Save the Sheyenne (North Dakota)
California River Watch	Piedmont Environmental Council (Virginia)
Citizens Campaign for the Environment (Connecticut/NY)	Potomac Riverkeeper Network
Clean Oceans Competition (California)	Prairie Rivers Network (of Illinois)
Clean Water Action	Protecting Our Waters (Philadelphia, PA)
Coalition to Protect Blackburg Waterways (Virginia)	River Network
Earthjustice	Rock Creek Conservancy- regional
Earthworks	Shaker Lakes Garden Club (Cleveland/Ohio)
Eastern PA Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation	Sierra Club
Endangered Habitats League (Southern California)	Southern Environmental Law Center
Environment America	St. Mary's River Watershed Association (Maryland)
Environmental Law and Policy Center	Surfrider Foundation
Environmental Working Group	Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council (Michigan)
Friends of Accotink Creek (Virginia)	Virginia Conservation Network
Friends of Dyke Marsh (Virginia)	WasteWater Education -national
Friends of the Nanticoke River (Delaware, Maryland)	Waterkeepers Chesapeake
Friends of the Weskeag (Maine)	West Virginia Highlands Conservancy
Freshwater Future (Great Lakes)	
Galveston Bay Foundation	
Great Lakes Environmental Law Center	
Great Lakes Committee Izaak Walton League	
Gulf Restoration Network	
Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake	
Izaak Walton League of America	
Jesus People Against Pollution (Columbia, Mississippi)	
Lake Erie Region Conservancy	
League of Conservation Voters	
Little Falls Watershed Alliance (Maryland & DC)	
Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy (Virginia)	
Maryland Conservation Council	
Midshore Riverkeeper Conservancy (Maryland)	
Milwaukee Riverkeeper	
Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy	
Montgomery Countryside Alliance	
National Audubon Society	
Natural Resources Defense Council	
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