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Dear Ms. Moore,

Thank you for contacting me about H.R. 1732, the *Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 2015*. I share your concerns about this misguided attempt to dismantle the Clean Water Act which has been critical in protecting our waters from pollution for four decades.

As you know, H.R. 1732 would require the Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to withdraw its proposed rule clarifying the application of the Clean Water Act (CWA). The legislation would instead require the agencies to develop new rules under a series of conditions which are designed to further slow down this rulemaking and ensure that the current regulatory uncertainty surrounding the CWA remains in place.

I've consistently supported the CWA and in 2013 joined several of my House colleagues in writing to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy, urging her to move forward with a strong rule to protect all of our nation's waterways. A copy of that letter is enclosed for you. I'm pleased that the EPA and Army Corps proposed a science-based rule on April 21, 2014, clarifying that upstream waters, such as tributaries and wetlands, are indeed protected from unfettered pollution by the Clean Water Act. After considerable outreach to states and localities, and over 1 million public comments, the rule is currently under final review.

Upstream waters and wetlands were intended by Congress to be protected by the CWA, but complicated Supreme Court decisions in 2001 and 2006 have caused uncertainty regarding which waters are actually protected. I support the EPA's rulemaking because it will clarify application of the Act and uphold the CWA's legacy of protecting our nation's pristine waters for drinking, recreation, and wildlife. Contrary to claims made by opponents of the rule, it will *not* drastically expand the CWA and will *not* lead to any new federal regulation of ditches or common agricultural practices.

Despite my objections, H.R. 1732 passed the House of Representatives on May 12, 2015, by a vote of 261 to 155. The President has threatened to veto the legislation. My unswerving support of the CWA will continue and I will also oppose any irresponsible attempts to weaken it.

Enclosure

Thank you again for writing to me, and if you have any other questions or comments, let me hear from you. I value what my constituents say to me, and I always need your thoughts and

benefit from your ideas.

Most gratefully,



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