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The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
1233 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
233 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan and Democratic Leader Pelosi:

The National Association of REALTORS® (NAR) strongly supports S.J. Res. 22, a Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolution, disapproving the Waters of the U.S. rulemaking by the U.S. EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers to define which U.S. water bodies are regulated under the Clean Water Act. NAR urges you to support the measure when it comes to the House floor this week.

This legislation would disapprove the rule and states that the regulation shall have “no force or effect”. NAR is deeply concerned that this controversial rule will impede economic development and hurt property rights in communities across the country.

There is significant disagreement between the federal agencies, the states, local governments, and the regulated community about the scope and effect of the rulemaking. The confusion is so significant that the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals has imposed an unprecedented temporary nationwide stay on implementation of the rule while the court gathers additional information on the rule’s legality and impacts.

NAR supports this CRA Resolution because it stops the rule from going forward and further undermining the nation’s economy and the rights of property owners. Accordingly, NAR urges your support for S.J. Res. 22 and opposition to any amendments that would weaken the resolution when it is considered by the full House.

Sincerely,



Tom Salomone
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