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The Honorable Tom Cotton
United States Senate
124 Russell Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Cotton:

On behalf of the 1.3 million members of the National Association of REALTORS® (NAR), thank you for sponsoring an amendment to the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 that repeals the current Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule and offers a commonsense replacement that protects water quality and encourages economic development.

The 2015 WOTUS rule, if fully implemented, would have swept more waters under the jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act and harmed many sectors of the economy - including real estate development, agriculture, energy production and transportation - through overregulation, time-consuming permitting procedures and the loss of property rights.

Your amendment would immediately repeal the current WOTUS rule and put in place a definition of WOTUS that will reduce pollution, promote economic growth and minimize regulatory uncertainty, while respecting the roles of the federal government and the states under the statutory framework of the Clean Water Act.

NAR urges the Senate to vote yes on your amendment to repeal and replace the 2015 WOTUS rule.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Mendenhall
2018 President, National Association of REALTORS®



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