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H. C. R. No. 24

Representatives Rezabek, Ginter

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To encourage the United States Senate to take legislative 1
action opposing a clean water rule proposed by the 2
United States Environmental Protection Agency. 3

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
OHIO (THE SENATE CONCURRING):**

WHEREAS, The United States Environmental Protection Agency 4
(USEPA) has proposed a new clean water rule to include small 5
streams, wetlands, and source waters under the protection of 6
USEPA and the United States Army Corps of Engineers; and 7

WHEREAS, The new USEPA rule would increase the regulatory 8
power of USEPA and require farmers to obtain expensive permits 9
for routine tasks, subject farmers to large fines for current 10
drainage measures, and decrease the value of farmland; and 11

WHEREAS, The proposed rule would negatively impact the 12
rights of Ohio's small businesses, farmers, and manufacturers 13
and would unilaterally expand federal power over waters in a way 14
that presents serious consequences for Ohio's economy, 15
threatening jobs, inviting costly litigation, and restricting 16
the ability of landowners to make decisions about their 17
property; and 18

WHEREAS, The United States House of Representatives has 19
passed H.R. 1732, the Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of 20
2015, to preserve existing rights and responsibilities with 21

respect to waters of the United States by requiring USEPA to 22
withdraw the proposed rule; now therefore be it 23

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the 131st General 24
Assembly of the State of Ohio, encourage the United States 25
Senate to pass legislation similar to H.R. 1732 that requires 26
USEPA to withdraw the proposed clean water rule; and be it 27
further 28

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 29
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 30
Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection 31
Agency, the President Pro Tempore and Secretary of the United 32
States Senate, the members of the Ohio Congressional delegation, 33
and the news media of Ohio. 34