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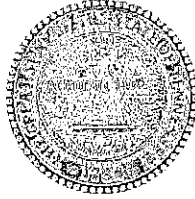
The Honorable Herbert Slatery, Jr.  
Attorney General  
425 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. North  
Nashville, TN 37243

Dear Sir:

Due to the extreme consequences of the regulations and definitions in the new EPA and Army Corps of Engineers "Waters of the U.S. rule", we, the undersigned, request that you join 27 other states who are challenging the rule that was finalized in May and would take effect at the end of August.

The rule violates the Clean Water Act, the Administrative Procedure Act, the U.S. Constitution and usurps the authority of the states for the primary responsibility of management, protection and care of intrastate waters and land. We are also requesting that you ask our federal judge to declare the rule illegal and issue an injunction to prevent the agencies from enforcing it. The agencies need to draft a new rule that is not egregious to our farmers, homeowners and other entities.

West Virginia Attorney General, Patrick Morrisey wrote, "This rule is a staggering overreach by the federal government and violates the very law it claims to enforce. It will have dire consequences for homeowners, farmers and other entities by forcing them to navigate a complex federal bureaucracy and obtain costly permits in order to perform everyday tasks like digging ditches, building fences or spraying fertilizers." He went on to call it, "regulation lunacy."



You realize, as well as we all do, that there is strength in numbers and we are asking that you join these 27 other states as well as a coalition of trade industries, the Water Advocacy Coalition, the cattle industry and a host of others who are challenging this rule across the United States. We are requesting that you act swiftly on behalf of the citizens of the State of Tennessee.

My Best,

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Sheila Butt  
State Representative  
64<sup>th</sup> District

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Senator Mae Beavers

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Senator Brian Kelsey

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Senator Delores Gresham

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Senator Paul Bailey



*Ferrell Haile*

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*Jim Tracy*

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*Janice Bowling*

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*Becky D. Massey*

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*Joey Hensley*

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*Mike Bell*

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Senator Mike Bell



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Senator Mark Green

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Senator Frank Nicely

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Representative Rick Womick

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Representative Billy Spivey

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Representative Mary Littleton

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Representative Jeremy Faison



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Representative Tilman Goins

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Representative Curtis Halford

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Representative Leigh Wilburn

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Representative Andy Holt

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Representative Debra Moody

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Representative Susan Lynn



*Kent Calfee*

Representative Kent Calfee

*Ron Lollar*

Representative Ron Lollar

*David Byrd*

Representative David Byrd

*Dan Howell*

Representative Dan Howell

*Mike Carter*

Representative Mike Carter

*Mark A Pody*

Representative Mark Pody

*Mark White*

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*Barry Doss*

Representative Barry Doss



Dale Carr

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Jimmy A. Eldridge

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Bill Sanderson

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Martin Daniel

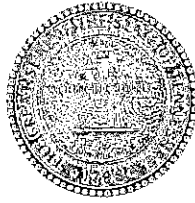
Representative Martin Daniel

Bryan Terry

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James E. Smith

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*Jerry Sexton*

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*J. C. Matheny*

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*David Alexander*

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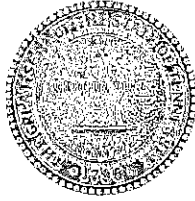
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Representative Ron Travis

*Terri Lynn Weaver*

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*Courtney A.D. Rogers*

Representative Courtney Rogers

*Micah Van Huss*

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*Dennis Powers*

Representative Dennis Powers



*Curtis Johnson*

Representative Curtis Johnson

*Roger Kane Jr.*

Representative Roger Kane

*Marc Gravitt*

Representative Marc Gravitt

*Dawn White*

Representative Dawn White

*S. Kumar M.P.*

Representative Sabi Kumar

*David A. Shepard*

Representative David A. Shepard



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Representative Jon Lundberg

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Representative Pat Marsh

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Representative Steve K. McDaniel

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Representative John DeBerry, Jr.

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Representative Patsy Hazelwood

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Representative Harry Brooks



Art Swann  
Representative Art Swann