

## As Introduced

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**Representatives Rezabek, Ginter**

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### **A C O N C U R R E N T   R E S O L U T I O N**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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