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Representatives Rezabek, Ginter

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.

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**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

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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

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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

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WHEREAS, The United States House of Representatives has
passed H.R. 1732, the Regulatory Integrity Protection Act of

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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