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The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20004

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Dear Administrator Regan,

The National Grange is writing today to express the sentiments of rural America and the agriculture community about the EPA's plans to revise the 'waters of the United States' (WOTUS) rule. Since our founding in 1867, the National Grange has worked with administrations of both parties to create policies which support agriculture and rural America. Today, the National Grange serves as the national voice of over 150,000 rural Americans from all across the country. In this mission, we hope to work with you and the Environmental Protection Agency to create a WOTUS rule which protects the environment, property rights, and the farm economy.

While we understand that it will be many months before a revised WOTUS rule is put into place, it is important that the process of revising the rule be done correctly. The inclusion of the agriculture community early and often in each phase of the regulatory process, from drafting to comment to implementation, will be essential to ensuring that a new WOTUS rule is durable and does not unduly burden farmers.

So far, we are encouraged to see that the administration is following a standard regulatory process and has committed to vigorous engagement throughout the process. We hope to see these commitments turn into concrete engagement with the agriculture community soon and look forward to participating in the revision process.

Respectfully submitted,

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