

The Honorable Barack Obama
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

July 5, 2012

Dear Mr. President:

Attached is a list of 187 farmers from across the country who have spoken out in favor of quickly finalizing your proposed guidance and conducting a rulemaking to restore critical Clean Water Act protections for America's waterways.

From strawberry farmers to dairy farmers, ranchers, and winemakers, these farmers support your guidance because they understand how critically important clean water is to their livelihood and the vitality of their communities. Farmers rely on clean water to sustain their crops and livestock, and for drinking water and the wellbeing of their families. They have a close relationship with the tributaries and wetlands that feed into major waterways; stewardship of these water resources is integral to their economic success.

But our waters' health is in crisis. Beginning in 1972, the Clean Water Act protected all of the nation's waters, from small, unnamed streams to our cherished waters like the Great Lakes and the Colorado River. But now, because of two bitterly divided Supreme Court decisions (SWANCC in 2001 and Rapanos in 2006), legal uncertainty puts many of the headwater streams, lakes, tributaries, and wetlands that feed into and filter our cherished waterways at risk of unregulated pollution.

The threat is enormous. According to EPA data, the drinking water sources of 117 million Americans may no longer be protected because the streams that feed these sources are seasonal or intermittent. Similarly, nearly 60% of America's streams and 20 million acres of wetlands may be completely vulnerable to unlimited pollution. Because of their economic dependence on these water sources, the threat to farmers is especially grave.

These farmers believe, by restoring the Clean Water Act, your administration can put us back on track to becoming a country where all farmers can depend on clean water for their crops and livestock, and all Americans will have access to water that is safe for swimming, fishing, and drinking.

We hope you move quickly to ensure America's waterways are protected for years to come.

Sincerely,

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Elkins, AR

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Bentonville, AR

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Proctor, AR

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Bean Mountain Farms
Deer, AR

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Cedar Creek Farm
Cedarville, AR

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Pocahontas, AR

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Jacksonville, AR

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Willow Springs Market Garden
Little Rock, AR

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Garner Hill Farm
Harrison, AR

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Elizabeth, CO

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Palisade, CO

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Nederland, CO

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Black Forest, CO

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Boulder, CO

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Delphi Alpacas
Coaldale, CO

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Berry Patch Farm
Brighton, CO

Ian Chamberlain
Farm-i
Durango, CO

Becky Elder
Blue Planet Earthscapes
Colorado Springs, CO

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Cherry Creek Alpacas
Larkspur, CO

Kerry Kalarney
Green Place Ranch
Olathe, CO

Katie Rosing-Miller
Heritage Belle Farm
Calhan, CO

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Sprout City Farms
Denver, CO

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Steamboat Springs, CO

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White Buffalo Farm
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Woolley Alpaca Ranch
Buena Vista, CO

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Five Angels Ranch
Loveland, CO

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Barnstormers
Helena, MT

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Roundup, MT

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Sponseller
Ten Spoon Vineyard and Winery
Missoula, MT

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North Frontier Farms
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Steve and Cindy's Garden
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Edendell Farms
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Ty Wolosin
Windy Hill Farms
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Skinny Lane Farm
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