

April 21, 2016  
The Honorable Senator Warner  
United States Senate

Dear Senator Warner,

I am writing today to ask for you to support Sen. Hoeven's amendment to the Senate Energy and Water Appropriations bill to block funding for EPA's controversial and harmful Waters of the United States Rule. NUCA of Virginia represents utility contractors and excavators in the great state of Virginia, who will be adversely affected by EPA's overreaching rule.

WOTUS would extensively broaden the EPA's jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act which will add significant and unnecessary costs and bureaucracy to NUCA members working in or around any wetlands in Virginia, and indeed, our nation. Under the guise of environmental protections, the EPA's WOTUS rule will regulate streams, tributaries, and ditches outside the purview of the intent of the Clean Water Act at the expense of businesses, development, and agriculture. The Clean Water Act was intended to limit water pollution, not prevent development in or around all wetland areas.

It is imperative that we work together to keep Virginia's, and our Nation's, industry healthy and act now to put an end to EPA's bureaucratic overreach.

Sincerely,



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