

February 7, 2023

The Honorable David Rouzer
Chairman
U.S. House Committee on Transportation
and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water
Resources and Environment

Dear Chairman Rouzer and Members of the U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment:

On behalf of Associated Builders and Contractors, a national construction industry trade association with 68 chapters representing more than 21,000 members, I write to comment on the U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment Hearing, Stakeholder Perspectives on Impacts of the Biden

ABC applauds the subcommittee for calling this important hearing to gather stakeholder perspectives.

joint resolution of disapproval on the Biden a

WOTUS rule under the Congressional Review Act and urges the U.S. House of Representatives to swiftly consider the legislation.

As a member of the <u>Waters Advocacy Coalition</u>, ABC filed <u>comments</u> on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corp <u>proposed rule</u> to revise the definition On Jan. 18, 2023,

the agencies released a <u>final rule</u>, effective March 20, that unfortunately entirely disregarded the concerns expressed by ABC and the WAC coalition in the comment letter.

The rule would repeal the Trump administration's Navigable Waters Protection Rule and codify a definition that reflects the pre-2015 regulatory regime that the agencies are currently implementing. Raising numerous important concerns, the coalition urged the agencies to withdraw the proposed rule, reco