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# TUSCOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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## RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HR 5078

WHEREAS, in April 2014, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) released a 371-page draft regulation for Definition of Waters of the U.S under the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, both agencies are seeking a rule change to give the federal government more authority by expanding the definition of "navigable waters" in the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, the rule change proposed by the EPA and the Corps would subject almost all physical areas with a connection to downstream navigable waters, including features such as ditches, natural or man-made ponds, and flood plains, to the jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rule change, if adopted, will cause significant harm to local farmers, stall the development of businesses, take control of land used for sustainable food production out of our local providers' hands, and negatively impact county-owned and maintained infrastructure such as roadside ditches and county drains; and

WHEREAS, the cost to our farms, municipalities, and taxpayers will be enormous; and

WHEREAS, HR 5078 prevents the proposed "Waters of the U.S." rule from moving forward and requires the EPA and Corps to consult and collaborate with state and local governments on the "Waters of the U.S." rule development process; and

WHEREAS, this Board concurs with HR 5078.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners wholly supports HR 5078 preventing the furtherance of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers proposed rule expanding the definition of "waters of the United States" and requiring these agencies to work with state and local governments on rule development; and

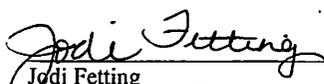
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to Representative Terry Brown, Senator Mike Green, Governor Rick Snyder, the Michigan Association of Counties, Congressman Dan Kildee, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Senator Carl Levin, and the National Association of Counties.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Thom Bardwell, Chairperson  
Tuscola County Board of Commissioners

I, Jodi Fetting, Tuscola County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Tuscola County Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting on October 17, 2014.

Date 10/21/14

  
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Jodi Fetting  
Tuscola County Clerk