

114TH CONGRESS
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Expressing the sense of the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate that the rule relating to the definition of the term “waters of the United States” under the Clean Water Act will have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. VITTER submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

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Whereas the Office of Advocacy in the Small Business Administration was established by the Act of June 4, 1976 (15 U.S.C. 634a et seq.); and

Whereas the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate finds that the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration—

(1) concluded that the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Chief of Engineers im-

properly certified under chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the “Regulatory Flexibility Act”), the rule entitled “Clean Water Rule: Definition of ‘Waters of the United States’” (May 26, 2015);

(2) found that the rule would have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities; and

(3) recommended that the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Chief of Engineers—

(A) withdraw the rule; and

(B) conduct a small business advocacy review panel relating to the definition of the term “waters of the United States” under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) (commonly referred to as the “Clean Water Act”): Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Committee on
2 Small Business and Entrepreneurship of the Senate
3 that—

4 (1) the rule will have a significant economic im-
5 pact on a substantial number of small entities; and

6 (2) Federal regulatory agencies shall comply
7 with chapter 6 of title 5, United States Code (com-
8 monly known as the “Regulatory Flexibility Act”),
9 in drafting rules that will have a significant eco-
10 nomic impact on a substantial number of small enti-
11 ties.