

Committee on Agriculture
U.S. House of Representatives
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1. Name: Ellen Steen

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American Farm Bureau Federation

3. Please list any occupational, employment, or work-related experience you have which add to your qualification to provide testimony before the Committee: _____

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5. If you are appearing on behalf of an organization, please list the capacity in which you are representing that organization, including any offices or elected positions you hold:

On behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation.
General Counsel and Secretary for AFBF

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Ellen Steen

Ellen Steen is General Counsel and Secretary for the American Farm Bureau Federation and its affiliates. As chief legal officer for AFBF, Ms. Steen advises on both general corporate matters and public policy issues. Prior to joining AFBF, she was a partner in the Environment and Natural Resources group of Crowell & Moring LLP.

Ms. Steen's law practice primarily focused on policy litigation, enforcement defense, and administrative advocacy concerning federal water quality law, particularly issues involving Clean Water Act programs and requirements applicable to agriculture, forestry, construction, and other land uses. She litigated some of the most influential cases in this area while in private practice during the 1990s through 2010 and has continued to be actively engaged in Clean Water Act policy litigation matters as general counsel for AFBF. Clean Water Act cases in which she has been involved include: *Pronsolino v. Natri*, 291 F.3d 1123 (9th Cir. 2002); *League of Wilderness Defenders/Blue Mountains Biodiversity Project v. Forsgren*, 309 F.3d 1181 (9th Cir. 2002); *National Cotton Council v. EPA*, 553 F.3d 927 (6th Cir. 2009); *Decker v. Northwest Environmental Defense Center*, 133 S. Ct. 1326 (2013); *Waterkeeper Alliance v. EPA*, 399 F.3d 486 (2d Cir. 2005); *National Pork Producers Council v. EPA*, 635 F.3d 738 (5th Cir. 2011); *Lois Alt v. EPA*, 979 F. Supp. 2d 701 (N.D. W.Va. 2013); *American Farm Bureau Federation, et al. v. EPA*, No. 13-4079 (3rd Cir.) (pending litigation over EPA's "total maximum daily load" for the Chesapeake Bay).

Ms. Steen earned her J.D. from the University of North Carolina, in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and her B.A. from Tulane University, Newcomb College, in New Orleans, Louisiana. Her family roots are in central Mississippi, where she and her family still own and manage a family tree farm.