



# **Chairman Hal Rogers**

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## **House Committee on Appropriations**

**FY 2017 Interior Appropriations Bill – Full Committee**  
**June 15, 2016**  
**Opening Statement**

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The fiscal year 2017 Interior and Environment Appropriations bill invests just over \$32 billion in federal programs to help address critical current needs and to guarantee a brighter future for our nation.

This funding will promote the responsible use of our natural resources, fight devastating wildfires, and improve the quality of life for families across the country.

The bill also stops many harmful and unnecessary regulations that destroy economic opportunity and kill jobs.

As we make these investments in effective and necessary programs, it's important that we also take a look at what isn't working within our federal government.

Without a doubt, the EPA's regulatory agenda is not working – certainly not for coal-mining communities, for American businesses and industries, or for hard-working Americans who rely on having good jobs and reasonable energy bills to take care of their families.

Specifically, the bill prevents the implementation of the “Water of the United States” rule, new greenhouse gas emissions standards for coal-fired power plants, and the Stream Protection Rule.

These rules – among others – would be harmful and expensive, and run contradictory to our pro-growth agenda.

In all, I believe this is good legislation that invests tax dollars in the right priorities, helps our nation thrive, and protects against the Administration's job-killing regulatory policies.

I want to thank Chairman Calvert and the rest of the Subcommittee for their work on this bill.

I encourage the Committee to support it today.

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