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The Honorable Frank Pallone
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The Honorable John Shimkus
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The Honorable Paul Tonko
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Dear Chairman Walden, Ranking Member Pallone, Chairman Shimkus, Ranking Member Tonko, and members of the Energy and Commerce Committee,

Over 1,400 farmers, ranchers, business owners, health experts, concerned and impacted communities, and public interest groups from across the country, write to voice firm opposition to the discussion draft of the “Farm Regulatory Certainty Act.” This proposal is an unacceptable attack on access to the courts for rural communities harmed by toxic waste.

In America, we don’t pick and choose who has access to our courts yet this proposal carves out rural communities from critical federal protections. Access to the courts provides the ability for individuals to vindicate their constitutional right to “petition the Government for a redress of grievances.” Congress long ago recognized the federal government needs average citizens to be partners in enforcing America’s laws, including civil rights laws, voting rights laws, environmental laws, and others. Citizen suit provisions, included in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)—our federal solid and hazardous waste law—allow individuals from across the political and economic spectrum to enforce our laws, ensure government accountability, and prevent abuse. For nearly four decades, RCRA has protected human health and the environment from toxic pollution that fouls our drinking water, rivers, streams, air and soil when there is no other legal recourse.

The “Farm Regulatory Certainty Act” provides the agricultural industry with an unprecedented legal shield against responsibility when they contaminate the public’s air, land and water, by curtailing the right to sue agricultural polluters that store or dispose of waste in a way that imminently and substantially endangers human health or the environment. It accomplishes this by creating a special provision for the agricultural industry that prohibits the filing of a citizen suit against an operation if an “administrative proceeding,” civil action or criminal case is ongoing, without ensuring that the government’s action will alleviate the harm.

A state agency, for example, could issue a notice of violation, letter, or order (without penalties), or even simply have a meeting, directing a polluter to take an action. In the presence of any such administrative act, which often involves negligible effort by a state agency and may never result in protection, a citizen suit to require compliance or cleanup could never go forward. Additionally, the civil and criminal case liability shield in this proposal would bar citizen suits without requiring that the government’s legal action actually addresses the endangerment through an ongoing cleanup, as is currently required under RCRA.

This proposal is unnecessary. RCRA already contains numerous protections against frivolous, duplicative or unnecessary litigation, which have worked effectively for decades, and citizen suits under RCRA are already prohibited when EPA or the State are engaged in diligent prosecution that actually addresses the endangerment.

Agricultural operations, particularly Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs), are a substantial, unaddressed source of pollution across the country. For example, waterways in all 50 states are impacted by nutrient pollution – that is enormous amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus discharged to water that cause toxic algal blooms, create dead zones depleted of oxygen and life, shut down fisheries, cause fish kills, render drinking water unsafe, cause illness and death, and keep people from fishing, swimming and boating.

This alarming proposal will harm rural Americans, who are disproportionately reliant on private well water and also most likely to be located near large industrial agricultural facilities. There is currently no requirement for state or federal monitoring of private well water quality, even when residents lack the resources to perform regular monitoring themselves. One of the most severe problems associated with the mismanagement of agricultural waste is the presence of nitrate in drinking water aquifers, which cannot be seen, smelled, or tasted in drinking water. Nitrate is associated most seriously with harm to infants in the form of “blue baby syndrome,” and is associated with higher levels of miscarriage, birth defects, and certain kinds of cancer. Nitrate is particularly dangerous for young children because boiling water to use for formula feeding, which parents are told to do, can actually increase the levels ingested and the danger to the child.

People in rural communities do not usually want to resort to slow, difficult, and costly litigation, they turn first to their state and local governments or EPA to ask for help. However, when those processes fail, rural communities need the courts as a last resort to protect their only source of clean drinking and domestic water.

Specifically, CAFO waste generation, storage and disposal have endangered human health and the environment by contaminating groundwater aquifers, releasing pathogenic bacteria into drinking water and recreational waters, increasing the risk of antibiotic resistance, and disposing of heavy metals from feed on lands that can build up and be released into watersheds:

- In the state of Washington, 60% of the population relies on groundwater for their drinking water supply, but several areas of the state with high concentrations of CAFOs have been found to have high levels of toxic nitrates in drinking water. Excessive waste application to land is common at CAFOs, and is estimated to contribute 66% of the nitrate contamination in the Sumas-Blaine aquifer and 58% of the nitrate contamination in the Lower Yakima Valley, which hosts the largest concentration of CAFOs in the state.
- In New York, in 2015 alone, there were over 40 documented cases of water contamination caused by CAFO waste. In March of 2017, one of the largest facilities in the state was responsible for two manure spills in the span of one week — one of the spills entered Cayuga Lake prompting the New York Department of Environmental Conservation to warn people against using or drinking water from the lake.
- In North Carolina, more than 6,500 swine, poultry and cattle CAFOs have contributed to pollution of air and water across the state, disproportionately impacting minority and low-income communities. Scientific studies have documented numerous health impacts from living near CAFOs in North Carolina, such as asthma and other respiratory disorders, exposure to antibiotic-resistant bacteria such as methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), drinking water contaminated with nitrates, and emissions of hazardous gasses causing coughing, nausea, headaches, burning eyes and psychological effects.

- In Ohio, uncontrolled pollution from CAFOs is a significant source helping to fuel the massive toxic algal blooms in Lake Erie, which in 2014 forced the shutdown of Toledo’s water supply. Grand Lake St. Marys, the sole source of drinking water for the town of Celina, is so polluted with toxic algae due to agricultural pollution that the Ohio Health Department has issued an advisory to avoid all contact with the lake. In 2015, a woman was hospitalized after coming into contact with the water while recreating.

The right of communities to protect their health and environment must be protected. We urge you to oppose the Farm Regulatory Certainty Act, as well as all similar bills that weaken federal protections from toxic waste and prevent public access to justice.

Respectfully,

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 League of Conservation Voters
 League of United Latin American Citizens
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 Natural Resources Defense Council
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Farmers/Ranchers/Business Owners:

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Organizations:

Gas Free Seneca
North American Climate
Protect Orange County
Riverkeeper
Seneca Lake Guardian
Sisters of Charity
Swarna Hansa Foundation

NORTH CAROLINA

Concerned and/or Impacted Individuals:

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Organizations:

Cape Fear River Watch
Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation
Coastal Carolina Riverwatch
Crystal Coast Waterkeeper
French Broad Riverkeeper MountainTrue

Green Riverkeeper MountainTrue
North Carolina Environmental Justice Network
Sound Rivers
White Oak-New Riverkeeper Alliance
Winyah Rivers
Yadkin Riverkeeper

NORTH DAKOTA

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Nancy Ferguson
Pamela Kjono
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Rena Elshaug
Robert Hendrickson
Roy Thompson
Sandra Kimmet
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Bonnie Erickson, Reel 'Em Inn Lodge
Gwen Fraase
Janelle Engstrom, Lake Region Concerned Citizens
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Organizations:

South Agassiz Resource Council /Affiliate of Dakota
Resource Council

OHIO

Concerned and/or Impacted Individuals:

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Richard Reiersen
Robert Sachs
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Susan Lohwater
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Theresa Mcgeady
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Farmers/Ranchers/Business Owners:

Lynn Fell, Fell Family Farms
Steve Klosterman, Klosterman Development Corp.

Organizations:

Lake Erie Waterkeeper Lake Erie Foundation
Ohio Environmental Council
Ohio Environmental Stewardship Alliance
Westfield Responsible Agricultural Project

Elected or appointed officials:
Tom Bullock, Lakewood City Council

OKLAHOMA

Concerned and/or Impacted Individuals:
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Farmers/Ranchers/Business Owners:
Dr. Steven Mackie, 98W Farm
Shari Morrison, Real-Ranch

Organizations:
BECAUSE

OREGON

Concerned and/or Impacted Individuals:
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Robin Miller
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Farmers/Ranchers/Business Owners:
Carla Phillips, Phillips Family Farm
Dan Sherwood, Dan Sherwood Photography
David A Keller-Rode, Boundless Farmstead LLC
Dean Claeys, Blue Flower Family Farm
Frank Morton, Shoulder to Shoulder Farm
Hank Keogh and Jo Erikson, Avoca Seed
Jeanadele Wright, Jeanie's Jellies
Leslie Carter, Jo-Le Farms
Matthew Gordon, Cully Neighborhood Farm

Steve Fry, Dick-N-Don Inc.

Organizations:
Columbia River Estuary Action Team
Friends of Family Farmers
Oregon Environmental Council
Rogue Riverkeeper
Tualatin Riverkeepers

PENNSYLVANIA

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Matthew Moyer
Mychal Ozaeta
Nancy Dickson
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Patricia Risso
Paul Johnson
Raymond Kizina
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Farmers/Ranchers/Business Owners:

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Organizations:

Friends of Family Farms Montgomery Township
Juniata Valley Audubon
Kaltreider Restoration
Lower Susquehanna RIVERKEEPER Association
Mountain Watershed Association
Youghiogheny Riverkeeper

RHODE ISLAND

Concerned and/or Impacted Individuals:

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SOUTH CAROLINA

Concerned and/or Impacted Individuals:

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Organizations:

Edisto Riverkeeper
Waccamaw Riverkeeper

SOUTH DAKOTA

Concerned and/or Impacted Individuals:

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Jane Grant
Janice Palmer
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Mike Widmark
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Farmers/Ranchers/Business Owners:

Paula Haiwick, Haiwick Heritage Ranch
Robbie Ray, Johnson Farms

Organizations:

Sierra Club of South Dakota

TENNESSEE

Concerned and/or Impacted Individuals:

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Daniel Boone
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Joyce Coombs
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Organizations:

Farms Not Arms
Harpeth Conservancy
Tennessee Scenic Rivers Association

TEXAS

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John Young
Kelly White
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Leslie Spurling
Marianne Lynch
Michele May

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Farmers/Ranchers/Business Owners:

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Organizations:

Environmental Stewardship, a Waterkeeper Alliance Affiliate

UTAH

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VERMONT

Concerned and/or Impacted Individuals:

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VIRGINIA

Concerned and/or Impacted Individuals:

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Grace Holden
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Olivia Lowery
Pamela Townsend
Polly Lazon
Robert Leggett
Stacie Hickman
Teresa Gladden
Todd Schindler
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Farmers/Ranchers/Business Owners:

Kenneth Dufty, Windhorse Farm

Organizations:

Citizens for A Better Eastern Shore
Contract Poultry Growers Association of the Virginias
Potomac Riverkeeper
Potomac Riverkeeper Network
Protect Our Shores
Shenandoah Riverkeeper
Shore Wildlife Rehab

WASHINGTON

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Kristen Brickey
Mary Hunt
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Peter Holcomb
Robin Chalfie
Sammy Low
Suzanne Hamer
Tyra Wallace
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Farmers/Ranchers/Business Owners:

Fritzi Cohen, Tabard Corporation/Moby Dick Corporation

Organizations:

Concerned Citizens of the Yakama Reservation
Puget Soundkeeper Alliance

RE Sources for Sustainable Communities
Spokane Riverkeeper

WEST VIRGINIA

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Organizations:

Coal River Mountain Watch
OVEC-Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition
West Virginia Headwaters Waterkeeper

WISCONSIN

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Bill Leichtnam
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Ed Cohen
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Gene Lemmenes
Glory Adams
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Katy Aamodt
Kim Dupre
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Farmers/Ranchers/Business Owners:

David Ellringer, Kubb Farm
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Genie Metoyer, Metoyer-Brown Farm
Jim Goodman, Northwood Organic Farm
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Organizations:

Crawford Stewardship Project
Family Farm Defenders
Farms Not Factories
Midwest Environmental Advocates
Milwaukee Riverkeeper
Religious Coalition for the Great Lakes

Sustain Rural Wisconsin Network

WYOMING

Concerned and/or Impacted Individuals:

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Judith Wilson

Organizations:

Upper Green River Network