

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE RESOLUTION

No. 76 Session of 2023

INTRODUCED BY BROOKS, VOGEL, MARTIN, ROTHMAN, BARTOLOTTA,
HUTCHINSON, PENNYCUICK AND STEFANO, MARCH 15, 2023

REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, MARCH 15, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Opposing the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule imposed by
2 the President of the United States, the United States
3 Department of the Army and the United States Environmental
4 Protection Agency.

5 WHEREAS, On December 30, 2022, the United States Department
6 of the Army and the United States Environmental Protection
7 Agency announced the "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the
8 United States'" rule, which will become effective on March 20,
9 2023; and

10 WHEREAS, This rule puts our farmers, ranchers, small business
11 owners, landowners and families at risk for the possibility of
12 excessive fines, per day, from the Federal Government in a
13 flagrant example of government overreach; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2015, the presidential administration enacted a
15 WOTUS rule that essentially gave the Federal Government
16 jurisdiction over every body of water in the country; and

17 WHEREAS, Now, the current administration is implementing a
18 new WOTUS rule that will create more uncertainties and problems
19 for our rural communities; and

1 WHEREAS, Zippy Duvall, President of the American Farm Bureau
2 Federation said, "As farmers, we understand that those of us
3 closest to the land, whose livelihoods depend on clean water,
4 clean air and healthy ecosystems, are the best stewards of our
5 resources - not the Federal Government. We should not need teams
6 of attorneys to determine whether we can plow a field or make
7 improvements to our land. Unfortunately, that will be the
8 reality with a return to burdensome and confusing water rules";
9 therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 oppose the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule; and be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
14 the President of the United States, the United States Department
15 of the Army and the United States Environmental Protection
16 Agency.