

November 3, 2015

**STATEMENT OPPOSING LEGISLATIVE ATTEMPTS TO ROLL-BACK THE CLEAN WATER RULE AND
THE CLEAN WATER ACT**

Allagash Brewing Company (Maine) * Andersonville Brewing Company (Illinois)
Arbor Brewing Company (Michigan) * Arcadia Brewing Company (Michigan)
Bear Republic Brewing Company (California) * Brewery Vivant (Michigan)
Brooklyn Brewery (New York) * Central Waters Brewing Company (Wisconsin)
Corridor Brewery & Provisions (Illinois) * DryHop Brewers (Illinois)
Engrained Brewing Company (Illinois) * Founders Brewing Company (Michigan)
Great Lakes Brewing Company (Ohio) * Greenstar Brewery (Illinois) * Half Acre Beer Company (Illinois)
Harmony Brewing Company (Michigan) * Hops & Grain Brewing Company (Texas)
Horse and Dragon Brewing Company (Colorado) * KelSo Beer Company (New York)
Lagunitas Brewing Company (California and Illinois) * Lakefront Brewery (Wisconsin)
Maine Beer Company (Maine) * New Belgium Brewing Company (Colorado and North Carolina)
Oak Park Brewing Company (Illinois) * Odell Brewing Company (Colorado)
Old Bust Head Brewery (Virginia) * Portsmouth Brewery (New Hampshire) * Revolution Brewing (Illinois)
Right Brain Brewery (Michigan) * Rising Tide Brewing Company (Maine)
Sierra Nevada Brewing Company (California and North Carolina) * Short's Brewing Company (Michigan)
Smuttnose Brewing Company (New Hampshire)
Temperance Beer Company (Illinois) * Two Brothers Artisan Brewing (Illinois)
Wild Onion Brewery (Illinois)

Our breweries cannot operate without a reliable, clean water supply. That is why we urge you to oppose two legislative actions that are sweeping attacks on the Clean Water Act, one of our nation's bedrock environmental laws.

Senator John Barrasso's bill, the Federal Water Quality Protection Act (S1140), would gut the Clean Water Rule, ignoring the nearly 900,000 public comments that supported the agencies' efforts and ignoring the copious scientific evidence about how different types of waters are connected. This will not only waste time and resources, but it will also roll back historic protections for waterways.

The "Resolution of Disapproval" under the Congressional Review Act would prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from doing "a new rule that is substantially the same" as the Clean Water Rule. That could be read to prohibit EPA and the Army Corps from issuing any rule that establishes protections for waters that the Clean Water Rule protects, like lakes, streams, and wetlands.

Our breweries – and the communities in which we operate – need a strong Clean Water Act, as well as the clarity provided by the Clean Water Rule.

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