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The Honorable Scott Pruitt, Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) and the below GCSAA members at golf facilities across the United States appreciate the Trump Administration's efforts to clarify the scope of federal jurisdiction over our nation's waterways. GCSAA and its members support the proposed rescission of the 2015 Clean Water Rule.

Water plays a vital role in golf course operations: Of the 150 acres on an average golf course, 11 are comprised of streams, ponds, lakes, and/or wetlands for a total footprint of 161,183 acres nationwide. Unfortunately, the Clean Water Rule did not clearly clarify how many of those waters would fall under federal jurisdiction – and which would not. If unchanged, the Rule would cause concerns within golf course management.

Further, the Rule did not consider the voluntary conservation efforts already being done to protect water quality. To support EPA's goal of clean water, the GCSAA is in the process of implementing its Best Management Practices initiative, which provides an easy-to-use, step-by-step guide to allow for all 50 states by 2020 to have a comprehensive BMP program focused on protection of water quality.

Golf course superintendents are committed to preserving the environment we live and work in. Therefore, we, the undersigned GCSAA members, look forward to working with EPA to develop a clear, common-sense rule that redefines a "Water of the United States" and brings ensures cooperative federalism.

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