

July 25, 2011

Members of the U.S. House of Representatives:

We are writing to express our support for the FY2012 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, as passed by the House Appropriations Committee. The undersigned organizations have great concerns regarding the EPA's regulatory overreach and we applaud the Committee's efforts to rein in excessive, legally questionable regulation and encourage economic growth.

Through a series of rulemakings, the Administration, in particular the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has created a regulatory environment that risks significant adverse impacts on today's fragile economy. At a time when we should be doing everything we can to encourage economic growth and investment, the uncertainty created by endless permitting delays and the promulgation of new regulatory requirements that require costly, unnecessary upgrades to facilities is stifling the ability of domestic industries to create jobs and stimulate our economy. To ensure our economic and national security, the efforts of the Administration to expand its authority and bypass Congress to regulate everything from small to large industrial facilities to small family farms must be stopped.

The FY2012 Interior and Environmental Appropriations bill, as passed by the House Appropriations Committee, attempts to reduce federal spending and regulatory overreach by restricting the Administration's ability to enact job killing regulations that have not been approved by Congress and would harm numerous sectors of our economy. Our industries are continuously working to enhance environmental protection, and the common sense measures to prevent regulatory overreach included in this bill will simultaneously preserve the ability of the affected agencies to carry out their critical missions and allow for continued economic growth. We thank the House Appropriations Committee for its efforts in crafting this legislation and urge its swift passage in the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

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CropLife America
Industrial Minerals Association – North America
National Association of Chemical Distributors
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors
National Lime Association
National Mining Association
National Oilseed Processors Association
National Petrochemical and Refiners Association
Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates
The Aluminum Association
The Fertilizer Institute