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### **Statement on U.S. House Adoption of an Amendment to Repeal the WOTUS Rule**

(Washington, D.C., May 21, 2018) — The following statement may be attributed to James Edwards, Executive Director, Conservatives for Property Rights:

“We applaud the U.S. House for approving an amendment that would repeal the Waters of the United States rule’s overly broad regulatory definition of ‘navigable waters.’

“The bipartisan 238-173 vote for the Banks amendment to H.R. 2, the farm bill, shows congressional will to appropriately restrain this regulatory taking of private property.

“The WOTUS rule jeopardizes landowners’ property rights because their land allegedly has some vague connection to navigable interstate waters. The rule’s overreach effectively turns the scope of the Clean Water Act into a ‘ditches and drains, ponds and puddles on private land that happens to be in the United States’ standard — which means open season for bureaucratic mischief.

“Congress must now finish the job, by way of the farm bill or some other vehicle, and put WOTUS repeal legislation on the President’s desk.”

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