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Statement on H.R. 4394, Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act

This statement on H.R. 4394, the U.S. House Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, may be attributed to James Edwards, Executive Director, Conservatives for Property Rights:

“Conservatives for Property Rights strongly commends House appropriators for exercising the power of the purse in their FY24 Energy and Water appropriations bill. Most notably, CPR applauds Section 109, which renders the Biden administration’s ‘Revised Definition of “Waters of the United States”’ of no force or effect.

“This WOTUS rule amounts to regulatory takings of private property. The Environmental Protection Agency and President Biden should have learned the limits of the Clean Water Act’s statutory authority. The U.S. Supreme Court recently taught that lesson in *Sackett v. EPA*.

“Thankfully, the party in power of the House can check Uncle Sam and the Administrative State through appropriations bills. The House is standing up for American land owners through H.R. 4394. Also, the FY24 Energy and Water appropriation constrains federal agencies from pushing woke ideological indoctrination with taxpayers’ dollars.

“The narrow House majority can only achieve so much. It’s unlikely to cut spending levels as much as we might want against the other party’s White House and Senate majority. But prohibitions on funds for certain purposes are more likely to wind up as wins. WOTUS and wokeness are such a property-rights hill to fight on.

“WOTUS reform is a high priority for CPR and countless grassroots supporters and members of CPR member organizations. House appropriators have answered the call.”

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