



**Associated General Contractors
of New Hampshire, Inc.**



October 30, 2015

Senator Kelly A. Ayotte
RSOB – Room 144
2 Constitution Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20510-2907

RE: Support Senate Joint Resolution 22

Dear Senator Ayotte:

The Associated General Contractors of New Hampshire (AGC of NH), the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association (NHTOA), the New Hampshire Home Builders Association (NHHBA), New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation (NHFBF) and the American Council of Engineering Companies of New Hampshire (ACEC-NH) urge you to support Senate Joint Resolution 22, which provides for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to the definition of “waters of the United States” under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, so that such rule shall have no force or effect.

The New Hampshire organizations signed on to this letter are in support of S.J. RES 22. These five organizations believe that the redefinition of “waters of the U.S.” will vastly expand federal jurisdiction over waters and negatively impact ordinary business activities, such as manufacturing, electric generation & transmission, mining operations, and road & building development. We believe this rule also adds ambiguity to the current law, opening the door for future litigation as we have seen in other parts of the country.

On behalf of the associations, we thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact any of the associations below, or myself, Gary Abbott, Executive Vice President of the Associated General Contractors, at 603-225-2701, if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



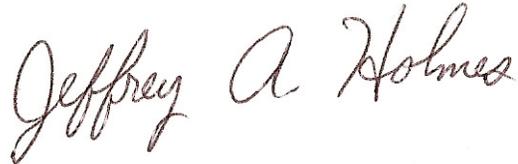
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