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STPRA Voices Praise for This Week's U.S. House of Representatives' Vote on WOTUS

The South Texas Property Rights Association (STPRA) is praising this week's vote by the U.S. House of Representatives to pass a joint resolution disapproving of the Environmental Protection Agency's "waters of the U.S." (WOTUS) rule under the Congressional Review Act. In November, the Senate voted in 53-44 in bipartisan support of S.J. Res. 22. Since that time, the Government Accountability Office has released its legal opinion finding that EPA violated federal law by engaging in covert propaganda and grassroots lobbying in support of the WOTUS rule. With approval from Congress, the legislation now heads to the President, who is expected to veto the resolution.

This resolution would nullify the rule submitted by EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to redefine "waters of the U.S." under the Clean Water Act. The vote is a way for Congress to show its disapproval for the agency's rule that has come under fire from many, especially within the agriculture industry.

"STPRA has joined with many other like-minded groups to oppose the EPA since the inception of its idea to impose needless, costly and unfair regulations on property owners. We commend the United States Congress for its strong, bi-partisan message to the Obama Administration that WOTUS is an unjustifiable regulatory over-reach," said STPRA Executive Director Susan Kibbe. "We are especially proud of our South Texas Congressional delegation, Congressmen Cuellar, Vela, and Farenthold, for their support of this resolution," she added.

STPRA, which has over 600 members representing over 6 million acres of South Texas land, recently celebrated its anniversary. The organization prides itself for promoting rational public discourse for the betterment of the region.

South Texans' Property Rights Association (STPRA), with members representing over six million acres of property, serves as a unifying force for South Texas by bringing the power of information and rational discourse to many of the issues that face our region, our state, and our nation. STPRA strives to be a catalyst for finding solutions to some of the important challenges that exist for South Texas property owners. More information about STPRA can be accessed at STPRA.org.