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The Honorable Peter DeFazio
Chairman
House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman DeFazio,

Thank you for your critical leadership in protecting clean water for all Americans. Your sponsorship of the Clean Water for All Act represents an important step in our nation's ongoing efforts to make sure that everyone has access to clean drinking water and that we have healthy rivers for wildlife, fishing and hunting, and outdoor recreation. Clean water resources are particularly important here in Oregon, where our economy is deeply tied to our rivers and streams.

The repeal of the 2015 Clean Water Rule jeopardizes the habitat and water resources that sportsmen and women depend on for angling and hunting. Moreover, this repeal also puts at risk the drinking water of roughly a third of all Americans and our efforts as a nation to sustain and restore healthy populations of fish and wildlife as well as the outdoor recreation economy, which now provides millions of jobs and generates more than \$860 billion annually.

Thanks to the Clean Water Act, most Americans now expect that the water we depend on for our families and livelihoods will be safe to drink and will provide for our communities, public lands, and wildlife. Trout Unlimited stands with you in your efforts to ensure the progress we have made in protecting our water is not lost or undermined. We look forward to working with you to assure prompt passage of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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