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To preserve existing rights and responsibilities with respect to waters of  
the United States.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BARRASSO introduced the following bill; which was read twice and  
referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

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to waters of the United States.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Protecting Water and  
5 Property Rights Act of 2014”.

6 **SEC. 2. IDENTIFICATION OF WATERS PROTECTED BY THE**  
7 **CLEAN WATER ACT.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Neither the Secretary of the Army  
9 nor the Administrator of the Environmental Protection  
10 Agency shall—

1           (1) finalize the proposed rule entitled “Defini-  
2           tion of ‘Waters of the United States’ Under the  
3           Clean Water Act” (79 Fed. Reg. 22188 (April 21,  
4           2014)); or

5           (2) use the proposed rule described in para-  
6           graph (1), or any substantially similar proposed rule  
7           or guidance, as the basis for any rulemaking or any  
8           decision regarding the scope or enforcement of the  
9           Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.  
10          1251 et seq.).

11          (b) RULES.—The use of the proposed rule described  
12          in subsection (a)(1), or any substantially similar proposed  
13          rule or guidance, as the basis for any rulemaking or any  
14          decision regarding the scope or enforcement of the Federal  
15          Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) shall  
16          be grounds for vacation of the final rule, decision, or en-  
17          forcement action.

**Original cosponsors to CEL14560:**

Mr. Vitter, Mr. McConnell, Mr. Risch, Mr. Rubio, Mr. Crapo, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Inhofe, Mr. Coburn, Mr. Johanns, Mr. Enzi, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Toomey, Mr. Grassley, Mr. Boozman, Mr. Fischer, Mr. Hatch, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Paul, Mr. Thune, Mr. Isakson, Mr. Heller, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Chambliss, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Hoeven, Mr. Cruz, Mr. Lee, and Mr. Burr.