



**Script for EPA Office of Water Regulatory Reform Call  
May 2, 2017**

*Thank you for the opportunity to comment on EPA's "Regulatory Reform Task Force." I am concerned that this effort to "reduce, replace, or modify" regulations targets safeguards without fully considering the benefits they bring to average Americans.*

*The idea that environmental regulations are hurting our country stems from ideology - not fact. There is no evidence that environmental safeguards prevent job growth or hold back our economy. In reality, there is evidence that environmental regulations greatly improve American's economy, health, and quality of life.*

*For example, the hundreds of millions of people that depend on clean water for their drinking water, livelihoods, and recreation have benefitted immensely from regulations reducing water pollution. The only entities that benefit from revoking or weakening these regulations are companies that will increase their profits by pushing pollution onto communities. The American public will then have to pay financial and health costs of tainted drinking water sources, fish that are unsafe to eat, and the closure of recreational areas due to dangerously high pollution levels.*

*I hope that, as you embark on this regulatory review process, you will provide people with a more meaningful opportunity to have input, and will listen to the people that will be hurt by the loss of environmental protections. Please don't only listen to the companies that see this an opportunity to improve their profits.*