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The Honorable Scott Pruitt  
Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
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Dear Administrator Pruitt:

On behalf of the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), I would like to thank you and your staff for meeting with NAHB's senior leadership on March 29. The nation's home builders and developers appreciate that we share similar philosophies and goals: to establish sound environmental policies that protect our water, air, and land while simultaneously respecting the rights of states to manage their resources and avoiding undue economic burdens for small businesses. NAHB is committed to working with you during this critical time for our nation's economy, particularly as it relates to the uneven recovery for the U.S. home building industry.

We look forward to your leadership as EPA responds to the President's call for regulatory reform and takes steps to reduce the regulatory burdens that are needlessly raising housing costs for hard-working families without adding benefit to the environment. These regulatory concerns include those associated with the Clean Water Act's "waters of the U.S." (WOTUS) rule, lead-based paint requirements, stormwater permitting, and emissions reduction initiatives, among others.

With respect to WOTUS and in response to your request, NAHB sent a letter (attached) to President Trump thanking him for his executive order which calls upon EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to review the Obama administration's flawed WOTUS rule and restore the rule of law. This is an important first step toward establishing a more sensible rule. Under your leadership, EPA and the Corps have already signaled their intent to fix WOTUS, and we want to commend you for moving quickly.

As we mentioned in our meeting last week, NAHB's senior leadership would like you to address our Board of Directors at the 2017 NAHB Midyear Meeting taking place June 13 – 17, 2017 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C.

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Communications with your staff indicate you may be available to join us on Thursday, June 15, between noon and 2:30 p.m. We are, of course, flexible and will accommodate your schedule.

In the meantime, please let us know if we can do anything to assist you in your efforts to implement the President's regulatory streamlining initiatives.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Granger MacDonald', with a stylized, cursive script.

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