



April 2, 2012

Senator Rand Paul
United States Senate
208 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Paul:

It is with great pleasure that I write you today in support of Senate Bill 2022 otherwise known as the *Defense of Environment and Property Act of 2012*.

As you know, the Murray-Calloway Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) is chartered with retaining and creating quality jobs for its citizens. As a result, among other things, it is incumbent upon us to work with companies and individuals to develop property and buildings for employers and to do so in an efficient manner. In the globally competitive climate we exist in, it is crucial that we be able to carry out these functions in both a timely and cost effective fashion. Currently, however, it seems clear that regulatory overreach and subjective rulings add tremendously to the cost and timeliness of economic progress.

Clearly, it is the proper function of Congress to more clearly define the role and limits of regulatory agencies such as the EPA, OSHA, etc. A perfect example of regulations getting out of control and needing additional Congressional intervention would include the fact that agencies under the *Clean Water Act* now routinely include ponds, intermittent streams, and mudflats as "navigable waters" thus requiring expensive and time consuming permits for projects. This is patently absurd and only scratches the surface of regulatory overreach.

Again, please know that the MCEDC strongly supports the passage of *the Defense of Environment and Property Act of 2012* and encourage your efforts to bring back common sense to Government.

Sincerely,

Mark Manning
President

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