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Comments: Firstly, I had the opportunity to sit in on the meeting that Mr. Pruitt had in Fargo a few weeks ago. I was encouraged by his willingness to listen and hopefully digest the information and concerns that were presented to him by ND folks and agriculture groups. I am the chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee and I am asked about this quite a lot. The concerns are real and the fear is that not only will our farmers be needing to fend off the wetland grabbers for waterfowl, but if this is enacted, for any other deemed control. My efforts are very focused on water management, soil management, nutrient loss management, and other natural resource concerns that go hand-in-hand with agriculture, and we are enacting laws to protect the environment, as well as negative downstream impacts. We, ND, as well as all of the other states have many intelligent people that are very capable of overseeing these issues. I think that the federal government is very needed to cooperate with the states on this, and that the federal government should have a very responsible role in the original 'navigable' water rule, but no further. Sincerely, Senator Larry Luick