

late you, finally, on the completion of the arrangements with Iran over their nuclear program. That has been—that was a formidable effort, a great example of leadership on the part of the United States. And I see the—I think there is, in that very difficult part of the world, which we will discuss shortly in much more detail—that is going to be an important step forward in ensuring the stability of that region.

So we have a lot to discuss. I thank you very much for your hospitality, for your generosity, and the way in which—typical of the relations between Australians and Americans—we have

been able to speak candidly at all levels of your Government, in a common cause, because the values we share are the values not just for these times, but for all time.

Thank you very much.

President Obama. Thank you. Thank you, Malcolm. Thank you, everybody.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:21 a.m. in the Oval Office at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) terrorist organization. Prime Minister Turnbull referred to Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi of Iraq.

Message to the Senate Returning Without Approval Legislation Regarding Congressional Disapproval of an Army Corps of Engineers and Environmental Protection Agency Rule on the Definition of “Waters of the United States” Under the Clean Water Act

January 19, 2016

To the Senate of the United States:

I am returning herewith without my approval S.J. Res. 22, a resolution that would nullify a rule issued by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of the Army to clarify the jurisdictional boundaries of the Clean Water Act. The rule, which is a product of extensive public involvement and years of work, is critical to our efforts to protect the Nation’s waters and keep them clean; is responsive to calls for rulemaking from the Congress, industry, and community stakeholders; and is consistent with decisions of the United States Supreme Court.

We must protect the waters that are vital for the health of our communities and the success of our businesses, agriculture, and energy development. As I have noted before, too many

of our waters have been left vulnerable. Pollution from upstream sources ends up in the rivers, lakes, reservoirs, and coastal waters near which most Americans live and on which they depend for their drinking water, recreation, and economic development. Clarifying the scope of the Clean Water Act helps to protect these resources and safeguard public health. Because this resolution seeks to block the progress represented by this rule and deny businesses and communities the regulatory certainty and clarity needed to invest in projects that rely on clean water, I cannot support it. I am therefore vetoing this resolution.

BARACK OBAMA

The White House,
January 19, 2016.

Remarks in Detroit, Michigan

January 20, 2016

The President. Hello, Detroit! Oh, it’s good to be back in Michigan, even though it might

be just a little cold here. [*Laughter*] But I’m from Chicago, so I’m used to it.