

What They Are Saying: H.R. 3746

"This bill could be detrimental to headwaters states were irrigation for food and fiber production is essential to the local economies. Some provisions of this bill would circumvent NEPA by requiring actions to be done regardless of the cost or the effect on the local culture and customs of the area affected. Congress should reject this proposal to take away access to water and other crucial resources necessary to feed our population and power our economy."

John Espy, Commissioner, Carbon County, Wyoming

"H.R. 3746 will add new burdensome regulations to our agricultural producers and put them out of business, while jeopardizing access to the natural resources needed to grow our economy. It also targets western water supplies at a time when our communities face a terrible drought, a record heatwave and the ever-increasing threat of catastrophic wildfire. Laws and regulations impacting our access to food, fuel and water must be based on the best available science. This legislation creates far more problems than it will solve."

Dan Joyce, County Judge, Malheur County, Oregon

"I have great concern about impacts to agricultural water users resulting from water use restrictions and removal of dams or other water storage facilities. I also am concerned about economic impacts brought about by increased regulation of agriculture runoff. The economic cost of a designation of "blue carbon area of significance "must be considered and addressed as an impact of further regulation".

Joel Bousman, Chairman, Sublette County, Wyoming Commission

"This bill would devastate the entire Columbia and Snake River system and all of the clean renewable electricity, agriculture, and fisheries it produces."

Wes McCart, Commissioner, Stevens County, Washington

"As a lifelong rancher, I know what it means to wisely use our natural resources to produce quality agriculture products. This bill will impose new and extremely costly regulations on all our nation's farms and ranches with no plan to deal with the inevitable impact to our nation's food supply. This bill is bad for consumers and our economy. Congress needs to reject the Blue New Deal."

Todd Devlin, Commissioner, Prairie County, Montana

"Despite the best efforts of radical special interests, a shiny label cannot cover up the threat this bill poses to rural communities and economies. H.R. 3746 would deliver a body blow to essential energy development, endanger water supplies at the worst possible time and threaten access to affordable food. It is a blatant federal overreach that does not benefit our economy in any way."

Greg Chilcott, Commissioner, Ravalli County, Montana

"This legislation will empower Washington bureaucrats to target the farmers and ranchers who feed this country with unnecessary, detrimental regulations. It will also deny the United States the energy independence we have worked so hard to achieve in the last few years and lead to dramatically higher prices for consumers every time they fill up their car or turn on a light switch. The Blue New Deal is actually a very bad deal."

Mark Whitney, Chairman, Beaver County, Utah Board of Commissioners

"The Oceans Based Climate Solutions Act is just another example of job killing legislation aimed and the energy industry in our country. We have proven time and time again that the energy industry and the environment can live together and flourish, especially here in Louisiana. No one does it better, cleaner, and more efficiently than the producers in the Gulf of Mexico and that's been shown in recent years and noted in a 2016 Obama Administration report."

Archie Chaisson, Parish President, LaFource Parish, Louisiana