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## **STATEMENT: AFPI ON THE SUPREME COURT'S DECISION REJECTING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S OVERREACH**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** - Today, the America First Policy Institute (AFPI) released the following statements regarding the Supreme Court's landmark decision in *Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)*. This decision clarifies and limits the scope of federal regulatory authority under the Clean Water Act, reining in federal overreach and returning agency authority to statutory bounds.

### **Statement from former Interior Secretary David Bernhardt, Chair of the Center for American Freedom at AFPI:**

"Today's decision means the EPA must respect statutory limits on its authority and stop acting as a local zoning board. Important decisions about local land and water use will now be returned to those best positioned to make those choices: the states and local communities, not regulators in Washington, D.C., who are far removed from the consequences of those decisions."

### **Statement from former U.S. Ambassador Carla Sands, Vice Chair of the Center for Energy & Environment at AFPI:**

"Today's welcome Supreme Court decision provides much-needed clarity on an issue of profound importance to the American people. This landmark case is an incredible step forward in rolling back the overreach of the bureaucratic state, confining government to its necessary and statutory roles, and returning power where it belongs – with the American people."

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