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S. 1324

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to modify eligibility for the State response to contaminants program, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 8, 2025

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KING, Mr. KELLY, and Mr. HEINRICH) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. TECHNICAL FIX FOR STATE RESPONSE TO CON-**
4 **TAMINANTS PROGRAM.**

5 Section 1459A(j) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42
6 U.S.C. 300j–19a(j)) is amended—

7 (1) in paragraph (1)—

8 (A) in the matter preceding subparagraph

9 (A), by striking “subsection (c)(2)” and insert-

ing “clause (i) or (ii) of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (3) or a drinking water well owner described in subparagraph (B) of that paragraph”;

(B) by striking “contaminant—” and all that follows through “to—” in subparagraph (A) in the matter preceding clause (i) and inserting “contaminant that is determined by the State—”;

(C) by striking subparagraph (B);

(D) by redesignating clauses (i) and (ii) as subparagraphs (A) and (B), respectively, and indenting appropriately;

(E) in subparagraph (A) (as so redesignated)—

(i) by inserting “to” before “be present”;

(ii) by striking “serving,” and inserting “serving a community”; and

(iii) by striking “for, that community”; and

(F) in subparagraph (B) (as so redesignated)—

(i) by inserting “to” before “potentially”; and

1 (ii) by striking “; and” at the end and
 2 inserting a period; and

3 (2) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(3) ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE OR AS A
 5 BENEFICIARY OF ASSISTANCE.—For purposes of this
 6 subsection, the Administrator may issue a grant to
 7 a State—

8 “(A) that is requesting a grant on behalf
 9 of—

10 “(i) a community that, under the af-
 11 fordability criteria established by the State
 12 under section 1452(d)(3), is determined by
 13 the State to be—

14 “(I) a disadvantaged community;
 15 or

16 “(II) a community that may be-
 17 come a disadvantaged community as a
 18 result of carrying out an activity de-
 19 scribed in paragraph (1); or

20 “(ii) a community with a population
 21 of fewer than 10,000 individuals that the
 22 Administrator determines does not have
 23 the capacity to incur debt sufficient to fi-
 24 nance an activity described in paragraph
 25 (1); or

1 “(B) for the benefit of 1 or more owners
2 of drinking water wells that are not public
3 water systems and are not connected to a public
4 water system.”.

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