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# S. 3465

To amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to reauthorize technical assistance to small public water systems and the assistance for small and disadvantaged communities program, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

DECEMBER 11, 2025

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER (for herself and Mr. WICKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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## 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Unincorporated Part-  
5       nerships for Grant Resources, Assistance, and Drinking  
6       Water Enhancements Act of 2025” or the “UPGRADE  
7       Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO SMALL PUBLIC WATER**  
 2 **SYSTEMS.**

3 Section 1442(e)(5) of the Safe Drinking Water Act  
 4 (42 U.S.C. 300j-1(e)(5)) is amended by striking “2026”  
 5 and inserting “2031”.

6 **SEC. 3. ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL AND DISADVANTAGED**  
 7 **COMMUNITIES.**

8 Section 1459A of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42  
 9 U.S.C. 300j-19a) is amended—

10 (1) in subsection (c)(1), by striking subpara-  
 11 graph (C) and inserting the following:

12 “(C) a State, on behalf of—

13 “(i) an underserved community; or

14 “(ii) an unincorporated community, as  
 15 determined by the applicable State and  
 16 identified through coordination with appli-  
 17 cable county governments; and”; and

18 (2) in subsection (k)(5), by striking “fiscal year  
 19 2026” and inserting “each of fiscal years 2026  
 20 through 2031”.

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