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To establish a trust fund to provide for adequate funding for water and sewer infrastructure, and for other purposes.

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A BILL

To establish a trust fund to provide for adequate funding for water and sewer infrastructure, and for other purposes.

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; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
 5 “Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity, and Reli-
 6 ability Act of 2023”.

7 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for
 8 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity, and Reliability Trust Fund.
- Sec. 3. Report on affordability, discrimination and civil rights violations, public participation in regionalization, and data collection.
- Sec. 4. Household water well systems.
- Sec. 5. State water pollution control revolving funds.
- Sec. 6. Use of State revolving loan funds under the Safe Drinking Water Act.
- Sec. 7. Drinking water grant programs.
- Sec. 8. Labor provisions.
- Sec. 9. Water operator jobs training grants.
- Sec. 10. Drinking water assistance to colonias.

9 **SEC. 2. WATER AFFORDABILITY, TRANSPARENCY, EQUITY,**
 10 **AND RELIABILITY TRUST FUND.**

11 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter A of chapter 98
 13 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by
 14 adding at the end the following:

15 **“SEC. 9512. WATER AFFORDABILITY, TRANSPARENCY, EQ-**
 16 **UITY, AND RELIABILITY TRUST FUND.**

17 “(a) CREATION OF TRUST FUND.—There is estab-
 18 lished in the Treasury of the United States a trust fund
 19 to be known as the ‘Water Affordability, Transparency,
 20 Equity, and Reliability Trust Fund’ (referred to in this

1 section as the ‘Trust Fund’), consisting of such amounts
2 as may be appropriated or credited to such Trust Fund
3 as provided in this section or section 9602(b).

4 “(b) TRANSFERS TO FUND.—

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—There are hereby appro-
6 priated to the Trust Fund such amounts as the Sec-
7 retary from time to time estimates are equal to the
8 increase in Federal revenues attributable to the
9 amendment made by section 2(b) of the Water Af-
10 fordability, Transparency, Equity, and Reliability
11 Act of 2023.

12 “(2) LIMITATION.—The sum of the amounts
13 appropriated under paragraph (1) during any fiscal
14 year shall not exceed the larger of—

15 “(A) \$35,000,000,000, and

16 “(B) one-twentieth of the sum of—

17 “(i) the 20-year need identified in the
18 most recent assessment conducted by the
19 Administrator of the Environmental Pro-
20 tection Agency in accordance with section
21 1452(h) of the Safe Drinking Water Act
22 (42 U.S.C. 300j-2(h)), plus

23 “(ii) the 20-year need identified in the
24 most recent needs survey submitted by the
25 Administrator pursuant to sections 205(a),

1 516, and 609 of the Federal Water Pollu-
2 tion Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1285(a),
3 1375, 1389).

4 “(c) EXPENDITURES.—Amounts in the Trust Fund
5 are available, without further appropriation and without
6 fiscal year limitation, for the purposes described in section
7 2(c) of the Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity,
8 and Reliability Act of 2023.”.

9 (2) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of
10 parts for subchapter A of chapter 98 of such Code
11 is amended by inserting after the item relating to
12 section 9511 the following new item:

“Sec. 9512. Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity, and Reliability Trust
Fund.”.

13 (b) INCREASE IN CORPORATE TAX RATE.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 11(b) of the Internal
15 Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “21”
16 and inserting “24.5”.

17 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made
18 by this subsection shall apply to taxable years begin-
19 ning after December 31, 2022.

20 (c) ALLOCATION OF FUNDS.—The Administrator of
21 the Environmental Protection Agency, the Secretary of
22 Agriculture, the Secretary of Health and Human Services,
23 and the Secretary of Labor shall allocate, for a fiscal year,
24 the funds available, at the beginning of such fiscal year,

1 in the Water Affordability, Transparency, Equity, and Re-
2 liability Trust Fund, established by section 9512 of the
3 Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as follows:

4 (1) CLEAN WATER PROGRAMS.—Of such
5 amount, the Administrator shall make available—

6 (A) 0.5 percent for making grants under
7 section 104(b)(8) of the Federal Water Pollu-
8 tion Control Act;

9 (B) 1.5 percent for making grants under
10 section 106 of such Act (33 U.S.C. 1256);

11 (C) 2.5 percent for making grants under
12 section 226 of such Act;

13 (D) 2.5 percent for making grants under
14 section 319 of such Act (33 U.S.C. 1329); and

15 (E) 42 percent for making capitalization
16 grants under section 601 of such Act (33
17 U.S.C. 1381).

18 (2) SAFE DRINKING WATER FUNDING.—Of such
19 amount, the Administrator shall make available—

20 (A) 0.5 percent for providing technical as-
21 sistance under section 1442(e) of the Safe
22 Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j–1(e));

23 (B) 42 percent for making capitalization
24 grants under section 1452 of such Act (42
25 U.S.C. 300j–12);

1 (C) 3 percent for making grants under sec-
2 tion 1465 of such Act; and

3 (D) 0.5 percent for making grants under
4 section 1456 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-16)
5 and for making grants under section 307 of the
6 Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996
7 (33 U.S.C. 1281 note).

8 (3) HOUSEHOLD WATER WELL SYSTEMS.—Of
9 such amount, the Secretary of Agriculture shall
10 make available 1 percent for making grants under
11 section 306E of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
12 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926e).

13 (4) COLONIAS.—Of such amount, the Secretary
14 of Agriculture shall make available 0.5 percent for
15 making grants under section 306C of the Consoli-
16 dated Farm and Rural Development Act (7 U.S.C.
17 1926e) described in subsection (c) of such section.

18 (5) INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES.—Of such
19 amount, the Secretary of Health and Human Serv-
20 ices, acting through the Director of the Indian
21 Health Service, shall make available 3 percent for
22 making grants for the planning, design, construc-
23 tion, modernization, improvement, and renovation of
24 water, sewer, and solid waste sanitation facilities

1 that are funded, in whole or part, by the Indian
2 Health Service—

3 (A) through, or provided for in, a contract
4 or compact with the Indian Health Service
5 under the Indian Self-Determination and Edu-
6 cation Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.);

7 (B) pursuant to section 7 of the Act of Au-
8 gust 5, 1954 (68 Stat. 674, chapter 658; 73
9 Stat. 267; 42 U.S.C. 2004a); or

10 (C) pursuant to section 302 of the Indian
11 Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C.
12 1632).

13 (6) WATER OPERATORS JOB TRAINING
14 GRANTS.—Of such amount, the Secretary of Labor
15 shall make available 0.5 percent for providing job
16 training grants under section 414(f) of the American
17 Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of
18 1988.

19 (d) PROHIBITION.—None of the funds allocated pur-
20 suant to subsection (c) may be used for any activity de-
21 scribed in paragraphs (1) through (5) of section 203(a)
22 of the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act
23 of 1959 (29 U.S.C. 433(a)).

1 **SEC. 3. REPORT ON AFFORDABILITY, DISCRIMINATION AND**
2 **CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS, PUBLIC PARTICI-**
3 **PATION IN REGIONALIZATION, AND DATA**
4 **COLLECTION.**

5 (a) STUDY.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the
7 Environmental Protection Agency shall conduct a
8 study on water and sewer services, in accordance
9 with this subsection.

10 (2) AFFORDABILITY.—In conducting the study
11 under paragraph (1), the Administrator shall study
12 water affordability nationwide, including—

13 (A) rates for water and sewer services, in-
14 creases in such rates during the ten-year period
15 preceding such study, and water service dis-
16 connections due to unpaid water service
17 charges; and

18 (B) the effectiveness of funding under sec-
19 tion 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act and
20 under section 601 of the Federal Water Pollu-
21 tion Control Act for promoting affordable, equi-
22 table, transparent, and reliable water and sewer
23 service.

24 (3) DISCRIMINATION AND CIVIL RIGHTS.—In
25 conducting the study under paragraph (1), the Ad-
26 ministrator, in collaboration with the Civil Rights

1 Division of the United States Department of Justice,
2 shall study—

3 (A) discriminatory practices of water and
4 sewer service providers;

5 (B) discriminatory practices of State pro-
6 gram administrators in allocating funding; and

7 (C) violations by such service providers
8 and program administrators that receive Fed-
9 eral assistance of civil rights under title VI of
10 the Civil Rights Act of 1964 with regard to
11 equal access to water and sewer services.

12 (4) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN REGIONALIZA-
13 TION.—In conducting the study under paragraph
14 (1), the Administrator shall evaluate efforts to re-
15 gionalize public water systems, as defined in section
16 1401(4) of the Safe Water Drinking Act (42 U.S.C.
17 300f(4)), and sewer services with respect to public
18 participation in—

19 (A) the decision to undergo such regional-
20 ization; and

21 (B) decision making by the board of direc-
22 tors (or other governing body) of the entity that
23 provides, or oversees or coordinates the provi-
24 sion of, water by the public water systems sub-
25 ject to such regionalization.

1 (5) DATA COLLECTION.—In conducting the
2 study under paragraph (1), the Administrator shall
3 collect information, assess the availability of infor-
4 mation, and evaluate the methodologies used to col-
5 lect information, related to—

6 (A) people living without water or sewer
7 services;

8 (B) water service disconnections due to un-
9 paid water service charges, including disconnec-
10 tions experienced by households containing chil-
11 dren, elderly persons, disabled persons, chron-
12 ically ill persons, or other vulnerable popu-
13 lations;

14 (C) tax liens and foreclosures due to un-
15 paid water service charges; and

16 (D) disparate effects, on the basis of race,
17 gender, or socioeconomic status, of water serv-
18 ice disconnections, tax liens and foreclosures
19 due to unpaid water service charges, and the
20 lack of public water service.

21 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
22 of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the En-
23 vironmental Protection Agency shall submit to Congress
24 a report that contains—

1 (1) the results of the study conducted under
2 subsection (a)(1); and

3 (2) recommendations for utility companies,
4 Federal agencies, and States relating to such results.

5 **SEC. 4. HOUSEHOLD WATER WELL SYSTEMS.**

6 Section 306E(d) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
7 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926e(d)) is amended by
8 striking “\$20,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019
9 through 2023” and inserting “\$348,500,000 for each fis-
10 cal year”.

11 **SEC. 5. STATE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING**
12 **FUNDS.**

13 (a) SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.—Section 602(b) of
14 the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
15 1382(b)) is amended—

16 (1) in paragraph (2), by striking “will be made
17 to the State with funds to be made available” and
18 inserting “were made to the State with funds made
19 available for fiscal year 2021”;

20 (2) in paragraph (13), by striking “and” at the
21 end;

22 (3) in paragraph (14), by striking the period at
23 the end and inserting a semicolon; and

24 (4) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(15) the State will not provide financial assist-
2 ance using amounts from the fund for any project
3 that will provide substantial direct benefits to new
4 communities, lots, or subdivisions, other than a
5 project to construct an advanced decentralized
6 wastewater system; and”.

7 (b) PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES ELIGIBLE FOR AS-
8 SISTANCE.—Section 603(c) of the Federal Water Pollution
9 Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1383(c)) is amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (11)(B), by striking “and” at
11 the end;

12 (2) in paragraph (12)(B), by striking the period
13 at the end and inserting “; and”; and

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

15 “(13) to any municipality or intermunicipal,
16 interstate, or State agency for—

17 “(A) purchasing from a willing or unwill-
18 ing seller a privately owned treatment works;
19 and

20 “(B) expenses related to canceling a con-
21 tract for the operation or management of a
22 publicly owned treatment works.”.

23 (c) INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL SUB-
24 SIDIZATION BY THE STATE.—Section 603(i)(3)(B) of the

1 Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C.
2 1383(i)(3)(B)) is amended to read as follows:

3 “(B) ADDITIONAL LIMITATION.—A State
4 may use not less than 50 percent of the total
5 amount received by the State in capitalization
6 grants under this title for a fiscal year for pro-
7 viding additional subsidization under this sub-
8 section.”.

9 **SEC. 6. USE OF STATE REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS UNDER**
10 **THE SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT.**

11 Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42
12 U.S.C. 300j–12) is amended—

13 (1) in subsection (a)—

14 (A) in paragraph (2)—

15 (i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting
16 “publicly owned, operated, and managed”
17 before “community water systems”; and

18 (ii) in subparagraph (E), by striking
19 “The funds under this section shall not be
20 used for the acquisition of real property or
21 interests therein, unless the acquisition is
22 integral to a project authorized by this
23 paragraph and the purchase is from a will-
24 ing seller.” and inserting “The funds may
25 also be used for purchasing from a willing

1 or unwilling seller a privately owned com-
2 munity water system, or for the expenses
3 related to canceling a contract for the op-
4 eration or management of a community
5 water system.”; and

6 (B) by adding at the end the following new
7 paragraph:

8 “(6) EXCEPTION TO PUBLIC OWNERSHIP, OPER-
9 ATION, AND MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENT.—Not-
10 withstanding paragraph (2)(A), public water systems
11 that regularly serve fewer than 10,000 persons, and
12 which are not owned, operated, or managed by any
13 person who owns, operates, or manages any other
14 public water system, may receive assistance under
15 this section.”;

16 (2) by amending subsection (d)(2) to read as
17 follows:

18 “(2) TOTAL AMOUNT OF SUBSIDIES.—To the
19 extent that there are sufficient applications for loans
20 to communities described in paragraph (1), of the
21 amount of the capitalization grant received by a
22 State in a fiscal year, the total amount of loan sub-
23 sidies made by the State in the fiscal year pursuant
24 to paragraph (1) may not be less than 50 percent.”;

1 (3) in subsection (e), by striking “to be made
2 to the State” and inserting “that was made to the
3 State in fiscal year 2021”;

4 (4) in subsection (g)(3)—

5 (A) in paragraph (B), by striking “and” at
6 the end;

7 (B) in paragraph (C), by striking the pe-
8 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

9 (C) by inserting after subparagraph (C)
10 the following:

11 “(D) guidance to ensure affordable, equi-
12 table, transparent and reliable water service
13 provision, to provide protections for households
14 facing service disconnection due to unpaid
15 water service charges, and to promote universal
16 equal access to water services.”; and

17 (5) in subsection (k)(1), by adding at the end
18 the following:

19 “(E) Provide assistance in the form of a
20 grant to owners of private property on which a
21 lead service line (as defined in section 1459B)
22 is or may be located, for the purpose of replac-
23 ing the lead service line with a service line that
24 is lead-free (as defined in section 1417(d)).

1 “(F) Provide assistance to a publicly
2 owned, operated, and managed community
3 water system for the purpose of updating treat-
4 ment plants or switching water sources due to
5 contamination from a perfluoroalkyl or
6 polyfluoroalkyl substance (as defined by the
7 State in which the community water system is
8 located).

9 “(G) Provide assistance in the form of a
10 grant to owners of a household water well that
11 has been contaminated by a perfluoroalkyl or
12 polyfluoroalkyl substance (as defined by the
13 State in which the household well is located),
14 for the purpose of purchasing and installing a
15 household filtration system.”.

16 **SEC. 7. DRINKING WATER GRANT PROGRAMS.**

17 (a) SCHOOL DRINKING WATER IMPROVEMENT.—
18 Section 1465 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C.
19 300j–25) is amended—

20 (1) in the section header, by striking “**FOUN-**
21 **TAIN**” and inserting “**INFRASTRUCTURE**”;

22 (2) in subsection (a), by striking “fountains
23 manufactured prior to 1988” and inserting “infra-
24 structure”;

1 (3) by amending subsection (b) to read as fol-
2 lows:

3 “(b) USE OF FUNDS.—Funds awarded under the
4 grant program may be used to pay costs associated with—

5 “(1) installing, repairing, or replacing the infra-
6 structure necessary to ensure that drinking water
7 fountains, drinking water coolers, and bottle filling
8 stations at schools are lead free; and

9 “(2) monitoring and reporting of lead levels in
10 the drinking water of schools, as determined appro-
11 priate by the Administrator.”; and

12 (4) in subsection (d)—

13 (A) by striking “\$5,000,000” and inserting
14 “\$1,050,000,000”; and

15 (B) by striking “2021” and inserting
16 “2025”.

17 (b) TRIBAL DRINKING WATER.—Section 1452(i)(1)
18 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j–12(i)(1))
19 is amended, in the first sentence—

20 (1) by striking “1 1/2” and inserting “Three”;
21 and

22 (2) by striking “may” and inserting “shall”.

23 **SEC. 8. LABOR PROVISIONS.**

24 (a) PREVAILING RATE OF WAGE.—Nothing in this
25 Act shall affect the applicability of the requirements relat-

1 ing to labor standards of sections 513 and 602(b)(6) of
2 the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1372,
3 1382(b)(6)) and section 1450(e) of the Safe Drinking
4 Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-9(e)) to projects carried out
5 under those Acts.

6 (b) PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS.—

7 (1) CLEAN WATER REVOLVING FUNDS.—Sec-
8 tion 602(b) of the Federal Water Pollution Control
9 Act (33 U.S.C. 1382(b)), as amended by section 7,
10 is further amended by adding at the end the fol-
11 lowing:

12 “(16) the State will—

13 “(A) permit recipients of assistance under
14 this title to enter into agreements authorized
15 under section 8(f) of the National Labor Rela-
16 tions Act (commonly known as ‘project labor
17 agreements’) with respect to projects for build-
18 ing or construction carried out with such assist-
19 ance; and

20 “(B) ensure that, to the maximum extent
21 practicable, recipients of assistance under this
22 title carry out such projects through the use of
23 such agreements.”.

1 (2) DRINKING WATER REVOLVING FUNDS.—
2 Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42
3 U.S.C. 300j–12) is amended—

4 (A) in subsection (a), by adding at the end
5 the following:

6 “(7) PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS.—Each
7 agreement under this subsection shall require that
8 the State permit recipients of assistance under this
9 section to enter into agreements authorized under
10 section 8(f) of the National Labor Relations Act
11 (commonly known as ‘project labor agreements’)
12 with respect to projects for building or construction
13 carried out with such assistance.”; and

14 (B) in subsection (b)(3)(A)—

15 (i) in clause (ii), by striking “; and”
16 and inserting a semicolon;

17 (ii) in clause (iii), by striking the pe-
18 riod at the end and inserting “; and”; and

19 (iii) by adding at the end the fol-
20 lowing:

21 “(iv) with respect to projects for
22 building or construction, will be carried out
23 through the use of agreements authorized
24 under section 8(f) of the National Labor
25 Relations Act.”.

1 **SEC. 9. WATER OPERATOR JOBS TRAINING GRANTS.**

2 Section 414 of the American Competitiveness and
3 Workforce Improvement Act of 1998 is amended by add-
4 ing at the end the following:

5 “(f) WATER OPERATOR JOBS TRAINING GRANTS.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the date
7 that is 1 year after the date of the enactment of this
8 section, the Secretary of Labor shall award grants,
9 on a competitive basis, to eligible entities to provide
10 job training (including pre-apprenticeships and ap-
11 prenticeships) and related activities, which are co-
12 ordinated with the public workforce investment sys-
13 tem, for workers to assist such workers in obtaining
14 or upgrading employment in the drinking water,
15 wastewater (including stormwater), and related sec-
16 tors.

17 “(2) USES OF FUNDS.—Funds under this sec-
18 tion may be used to provide jobs training services
19 (including pre-apprenticeships and apprenticeships)
20 and related activities that are designed to assist
21 workers (including unemployed and employed work-
22 ers) in gaining the skills and competencies needed to
23 obtain or upgrade career ladder employment posi-
24 tions in the drinking water, wastewater (including
25 stormwater), and related sectors.

1 “(3) PRIORITIZATION OF FUNDING.—Notwith-
2 standing any other provision of law and to the ex-
3 tent that there are sufficient applications for this
4 purpose, at least 50 percent of the funds awarded to
5 eligible entities under this subsection shall be used
6 to carry out the job training services (including pre-
7 apprenticeships and apprenticeships) and related ac-
8 tivities described in paragraph (2)—

9 “(A) for low- and very low-income persons
10 residing within the geographical boundaries of
11 the geographical area to be served by such serv-
12 ices and activities, which shall include high-pov-
13 erty, high-unemployment ZIP Codes;

14 “(B) for low- and very low-income persons
15 residing within the metropolitan area or non-
16 metropolitan county to be served by such serv-
17 ices and activities;

18 “(C) for low- and very low-income persons
19 residing in a metropolitan area or nonmetropoli-
20 tan county with significant representation of
21 communities of color, low-income communities,
22 or Tribal and indigenous communities, that ex-
23 periences, or is at risk of experiencing, higher
24 or more adverse human health or environmental
25 effects than another such area or county; or

1 “(D) for members of labor unions or work-
2 er organizations representing the individuals de-
3 scribed in subparagraphs (A) through (C).

4 “(4) NO MATCH REQUIRED.—The Secretary of
5 Labor may not require the provision of specified lev-
6 els of a matching share of cash or noncash resources
7 from resources other than the funds provided under
8 this section for projects funded under this section.

9 “(5) PERFORMANCE ACCOUNTABILITY.—The
10 Secretary of Labor shall require grantees to report
11 on the employment outcomes obtained by workers
12 receiving training under this section using indicators
13 of performance that are consistent with other indica-
14 tors used for employment and training programs ad-
15 ministered by the Secretary, such as entry into em-
16 ployment, retention in employment, and increases in
17 earnings. The Secretary of Labor may also require
18 grantees to participate in evaluations of projects car-
19 ried out under this section.

20 “(6) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

21 “(A) The term ‘eligible entity’ may include
22 any of the following:

23 “(i) One or more local governments.

24 “(ii) One or more State governments.

1 “(iii) One or more nonprofit organiza-
2 tions.

3 “(iv) One or more community-based
4 organizations.

5 “(v) One or more labor unions.

6 “(vi) One or more labor-management
7 organizations.

8 “(vii) One or more worker organiza-
9 tions representing the individuals described
10 in subparagraphs (A) through (C) of para-
11 graph (3).

12 “(viii) One or more education and
13 training providers, including community
14 colleges, Historically Black Colleges and
15 Universities, a Hispanic-serving institution,
16 a Tribal College or University, and other
17 minority-serving institutions listed in sec-
18 tion 371(a) of the Higher Education Act of
19 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1067q(a)).

20 “(ix) One or more local boards or
21 State boards (as such terms are defined in
22 section 3 of the Workforce Innovation and
23 Opportunity Act (29 U.S.C. 3102)).

24 “(x) One or more Native American
25 Tribal governments to provide job training

1 programs for publicly owned community
2 water systems (as defined in section
3 1401(15) of the Safe Drinking Water Act
4 (42 U.S.C. 300f(15))) and publicly owned
5 treatment works (as defined in section 212
6 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act
7 (33 U.S.C. 1292)).

8 “(B) The terms ‘low-income person’ and
9 ‘very low-income person’ have the same mean-
10 ings given the terms ‘low-income families’ and
11 ‘very low-income families’, respectively, in sec-
12 tion 3(b) of the United States Housing Act of
13 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437a(b)).”.

14 **SEC. 10. DRINKING WATER ASSISTANCE TO COLONIAS.**

15 Section 1456 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42
16 U.S.C. 300j–16) is amended—

17 (1) in subsection (a)—

18 (A) by redesignating paragraph (2) as
19 paragraph (3); and

20 (B) by inserting after paragraph (1) the
21 following new paragraph:

22 “(2) COVERED ENTITY.—The term ‘covered en-
23 tity’ means each of the following:

24 “(A) A border State.

- 1 “(B) A local government with jurisdiction
2 over an eligible community.”;
- 3 (2) in subsection (b), by striking “border
4 State” and inserting “covered entity”;
- 5 (3) by striking subsection (d);
- 6 (4) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-
7 section (d); and
- 8 (5) in subsection (d), as so redesignated—
- 9 (A) by striking “\$25,000,000” and insert-
10 ing “\$100,000,000”; and
- 11 (B) by striking “1997 through 1999” and
12 inserting “2023 through 2027”.

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