



# **Water Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Act**

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## **Why do Utilities Need Investments in Resilience?**

Access to clean drinking water is essential to the public health of our American families and communities. This makes water infrastructure crucial to our daily lives. Data from EPA's [Clean Watersheds Needs Survey](#) and [Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment](#) shows that over \$1.2 trillion will be needed over the next decades to upgrade our countries' aging water infrastructure and help it withstand climate disasters and cyber threats.

Our water utilities are facing growing threats from extreme weather events and cyber-attacks linked to foreign adversaries. These dangers can lead to disrupted water services and may compromise company and customer data. These factors can disrupt clean drinking water services and risk the safety of the public.

This is why we are introducing the bipartisan *Water Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Act*, so our water and wastewater utilities receive the funding they desperately need to ensure clean drinking water is available to all Americans.

## **The Water Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Act**

This bipartisan legislation would address water utility resilience by reauthorizing three water infrastructure resilience programs for five years (FY27-FY31) at current authorization levels.

- The Midsize and Large Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience Program is authorized for \$50 million per year and supports water utilities that serve 10,000 or more people through projects that reduce cybersecurity threats and increase resilience to natural hazards such as floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, wildfires, and more.
- The Drinking Water System Infrastructure Resilience and Sustainability Program is authorized for \$25 million per year and supports water utilities that serve 10,000 or fewer people through projects that improve their resilience to natural hazards by utilizing strategies like infrastructure upgrades, water conservation, energy efficiency improvements, and more.
- The Clean Water Infrastructure Resiliency and Sustainability Program is authorized for \$25 million per year and supports public wastewater utilities of all sizes through projects that improve infrastructure resiliency and cybersecurity vulnerabilities.

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