

*Re-introduced in July 2025 by  
Representatives David Rouzer (NC) and Chellie Pingree (ME)  
Senators Tammy Baldwin (WI) and Susan Collins (ME)*

## **The Healthy Drinking Water Affordability Act (The Healthy H2O Act)**

*Legislation that would provide direct assistance to rural communities, households, and non-profits to test their drinking water and fund filtration technology to provide safer drinking water.*

**The Problem:** Untreated health contaminants threaten water quality for millions of people. Across the United States, communities face threats to their drinking water from a number of contaminants, including lead, arsenic, nitrates, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), PFOA, PFOS, hexavalent chromium-6, and others. Public water systems monitor for these threats and treat water before it is distributed to points of consumption. However, nearly 23 million households rely exclusively on groundwater delivered through private wells for their drinking water. This water is not subject to the same regular oversight and testing for contamination, which can delay the identification of and response to health threats. Children are especially vulnerable to water contaminants such as lead and PFAS, and water filtration systems can often provide relief for families upon installation.

**The Solution:** The Healthy Drinking Water Affordability Act or “Healthy H2O Act” would drive positive public health benefits for millions of rural, underserved communities (populations of 10,000 or less), with persistent water challenges that lack near-term solutions to contamination by:

- Providing grants to conduct water quality testing and the purchase, installation, and maintenance of point-of-use or point-of-entry water treatment systems that remove or reduce health-based contaminants from drinking water.
- Having the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) directly provide grants to individuals, licensed child-care facilities, and non-profits who are equipped to help people go through the process of testing and then finding and installing a water treatment product to address their situation.
- Requiring water treatment systems funded through the program be third-party certified to address the health-based contaminant found in their drinking water.

**Bill History:** The bipartisan Healthy H2O Act ([H.R. 4271/S.2436](#)) was re-introduced in the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress in July 2025. An identical version of the bill was introduced in the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress ([H.R. 1721/S. 806](#)) and was cosponsored by 50 members of the House and Senate. Due to its extensive support, the bill was included in both 2024 Senate Farm Bill frameworks, while a modified text was included in the House Farm Bill – the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2024 ([H.R. 8467](#)).



Embedded in Farm Bill  
Proposals  
(118<sup>th</sup> Congress)



40+ Supporting  
Organizations



50 Bipartisan Cosponsors  
(118<sup>th</sup> Congress)

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## **The Healthy Drinking Water Affordability Act (The Healthy H2O Act)**

The Healthy H2O Act has received support from 40 organizations including the Water Quality Association, Rural Community Assistance Partnership, National Groundwater Association, International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials, International Code Council, Water Systems Council, NSF International, DigDeep, American Rivers, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

### **Supporting Organizations**

Water Quality Association  
American Rivers Action Fund  
American Supply Association  
DigDeep  
The Groundwater Foundation  
High Performance Building Coalition  
International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials  
International Code Council  
National Groundwater Association  
NSF International  
Plumbing Manufacturers International  
Rural Community Assistance Partnership  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
Water Systems Council  
Water Well Trust  
California Ground Water Association  
Eastern Water Quality Association  
Florida Groundwater Association  
Florida Water Quality Association  
Illinois Association of Groundwater Professionals  
Iowa Water Quality Association  
Kentucky Groundwater Association  
Michigan Ground Water Association  
Michigan Water Quality Association  
Minnesota Water Quality Association  
Minnesota Water Well Association  
Montana Water Well Drillers Association  
Nebraska On-Site Wastewater Association  
Nebraska State Irrigation Association  
Nebraska Water Leaders Academy  
Nebraska Well Drillers Association  
Ohio Water Quality Association  
Ohio Water Well Association  
Pacific Water Quality Association  
Pennsylvania Groundwater Association  
Texas Water Quality Association  
Virginia Water Well Association  
Water Council of Milwaukee  
Water Quality Association of Wisconsin  
Well Drillers Association of Wisconsin

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