

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3620

To amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to expand eligibility for grants related to emergency water assistance, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 13, 2026

Mr. SCHIFF (for himself and Mr. HUSTED) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

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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 “Emergency Rural
5 Water Response Act of 2026”.

6 **SEC. 2. EMERGENCY AND IMMINENT COMMUNITY WATER**
7 **ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM.**

8 Section 306A of the Consolidated Farm and Rural
9 Development Act (7 U.S.C. 1926a) is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (d)(1)—

2 (A) by redesignating subparagraphs (C)
3 and (D) as subparagraphs (D) and (E), respec-
4 tively; and

5 (B) by inserting after subparagraph (B)
6 the following:

7 “(C) for associated uses related to water
8 resources infrastructure, including facilities for
9 potable water, wastewater, storm drainage, or
10 solid waste;”; and

11 (2) in subsection (e)(1)(A), by striking
12 “10,000” and inserting “35,000”.

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