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Purpose: To protect small and rural communities from unfunded Federal mandates in drinking water regulations.

IN THE _____ Congress.

AMENDMENT NO 241

By RISCH

To read **To:** _____ ns,

S. 493

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mr. BARRASSO)

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1 At the end, add the following:

2 **SEC. ____ . NATIONAL PRIMARY DRINKING WATER REGULA-**
3 **TIONS.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) ADMINISTRATOR.—The term “Adminis-
6 trator” means the Administrator of the Environ-
7 mental Protection Agency.

8 (2) SMALL SYSTEM.—The term “small system”
9 means a public water system (as defined in section
10 1401 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C.
11 300f)) that serves not more than 10,000 individuals.

1 (b) SUSPENSION OF ENFORCEMENT.—

2 (1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other
3 provision of law, subject to paragraph (2), none of
4 the funds made available by this or any other Act
5 may be used for the enforcement of national primary
6 drinking water regulations promulgated under the
7 Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.)
8 until such date as the Administrator—

9 (A) implements a program to provide to
10 small systems subject to those regulations,
11 using the authority available to the Adminis-
12 trator under that Act, financial and technical
13 assistance for use in complying with those regu-
14 lations; and

15 (B) ensures that sufficient funds have been
16 made available under this section to assist each
17 small system in meeting requirements under
18 those regulations.

19 (2) CONTINUED SUSPENSION.—If, after the
20 date described in paragraph (1), a small system cer-
21 tifies to the Administrator that the small system
22 lacks funds necessary to comply with the regulations
23 referred to in paragraph (1) for a fiscal year, the
24 Administrator shall suspend enforcement of the reg-
25 ulations (including any action to assess or collect a

- 1 fine under the regulations) with respect to the small
- 2 system for the fiscal year.