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To ensure the use of American iron and steel in public water systems,
and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Ms. STABENOW, and Mrs. MCCASKILL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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water systems, 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.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Made in America
5 Water Infrastructure Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. TAXPAYER-PRODUCED IRON AND STEEL IN PUBLIC**
 2 **WATER SYSTEMS.**

3 Section 1452(a) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42
 4 U.S.C. 300j–12(a)) is amended by striking paragraph (4)
 5 and inserting the following:

6 “(4) REQUIREMENT FOR THE USE OF AMER-
 7 ICAN MATERIALS.—

8 “(A) DEFINITION OF IRON AND STEEL
 9 PRODUCTS.—In this paragraph, the term ‘iron
 10 and steel products’ means the following prod-
 11 ucts made primarily of iron or steel:

12 “(i) Lined or unlined pipe and fit-
 13 tings.

14 “(ii) Manhole covers and other munic-
 15 ipal castings.

16 “(iii) Hydrants.

17 “(iv) Tanks.

18 “(v) Flanges.

19 “(vi) Pipe clamps and restraints.

20 “(vii) Valves.

21 “(viii) Structural steel.

22 “(ix) Reinforced precast concrete.

23 “(x) Construction materials.

24 “(B) REQUIREMENT.—Notwithstanding
 25 any other provision of law, except as provided
 26 in subparagraph (C), none of the funds made

1 available by a State loan fund authorized under
 2 this section shall be used for a project for the
 3 construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair
 4 of a public water system unless all the iron and
 5 steel products used in the project are produced
 6 in the United States.

7 “(C) EXCEPTION.—Subparagraph (B)
 8 shall not apply in any case or category of cases
 9 in which the Administrator finds that—

10 “(i) applying subparagraph (B) would
 11 be inconsistent with the public interest;

12 “(ii) iron and steel products are not
 13 produced in the United States in sufficient
 14 and reasonably available quantities and of
 15 a satisfactory quality; or

16 “(iii) inclusion of iron and steel prod-
 17 ucts produced in the United States will in-
 18 crease the cost of the overall project by
 19 more than 25 percent.

20 “(D) PUBLIC NOTICE; WRITTEN JUS-
 21 TIFICATION.—

22 “(i) PUBLIC NOTICE.—If the Adminis-
 23 trator receives a request for a waiver under
 24 this paragraph, the Administrator shall—

1 “(I) make available to the public
2 on an informal basis, including on the
3 public website of the Administrator—

4 “(aa) a copy of the request;
5 and

6 “(bb) any information avail-
7 able to the Administrator regard-
8 ing the request; and

9 “(II) provide notice of, and op-
10 portunity for informal public comment
11 on, the request for a period of not less
12 than 15 days before making a finding
13 under subparagraph (C).

14 “(ii) WRITTEN JUSTIFICATION.—If,
15 after the period provided under clause (i),
16 the Administrator makes a finding under
17 subparagraph (C), the Administrator shall
18 publish in the Federal Register a detailed
19 written justification as to why subpara-
20 graph (B) is being waived.

21 “(E) APPLICATION.—This paragraph shall
22 be applied in a manner consistent with United
23 States obligations under international agree-
24 ments.

1 “(F) MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT.—
2 The Administrator may use not more than 0.25
3 percent of any funds made available to carry
4 out this title for management and oversight of
5 the requirements of this paragraph.”.

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