

Privatization to Solve the Small System Problem: Private water companies recently made the following statement: “The **Problem**: rural water districts can struggle to afford to fund operations and maintenance of their water systems... The **Solution**: small water systems can ‘partner’ with neighboring water systems that serve larger communities ([National Association of Water Companies](#), last week).” Private companies are using this reasoning to promote new federal legislation, “The Voluntary Water Partnership for Distressed Communities (VWPDC) Act of 2019,” drafted by Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) that would provide certain preferences to their definition of partnerships.

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