

Write/Call Your Senator Today!



With the formal legislative session concluding at the end of this month, we have one final chance to expand the Septic Repair Loan Program (SRLP) to assist low-income homeowners with the cost of remediating contaminated private wells. All Massachusetts residents should have access to safe drinking water, regardless of their financial resources. Senator Jamie Eldridge filed [Amendment #282 \(Private Wells Clean Up\)](#) to the Senate economic development bill (S.3018), which will be considered this Thursday. We need your help to ensure that the legislature acts now. We have asked for your support in the past, and we hope you will consider writing to your State Senator again (or for the first time).

Amendment #282 (Private Wells Clean Up) would expand the existing SRLP to enable low-income private well owners to access no-/low-interest loans to remediate contaminated private wells. The loan program is administered by MassHousing, and \$3 million remains in the fund, so NO additional state funding is needed at this time.

Please join us in taking action by doing the following:

- **Call or e-mail your State Senator today asking for co-sponsorship of Amendment #282 to the Senate economic development bill (S.3018). You can use language such as “I am contacting you today to ask for your support on an important amendment that would advance health equity and help low-income homeowners access safe drinking water. Please co-sponsor Amendment #282 to S.3018 to ensure that all Massachusetts residents have access to safe drinking water regardless of where they live or what their financial resources are” and add a few sentences about why you care about safe drinking water and health equity.**
- **You can find your State Senator [here](#).**
- **Share this e-mail with your networks and ask 5 close friends or colleagues to take action this week too. Each and every call or e-mail makes a difference.**

Please don't delay! With the formal legislative session ending July 31, we need your help so that Amendment #282 is adopted. The longer we wait, the longer many Massachusetts residents will continue drinking contaminated private well water because they cannot afford to install treatment systems that may cost \$1,000 - \$10,000. Currently, there are very few financial assistance options for low-income private well owners. Even if you do not rely on a private well, you probably have colleagues, friends, or relatives who do.

The Foundation has provided over \$1 million in funding to the [Private Well Program to Protect Public Health](#), led by RCAP Solutions, since 2020.

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