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# S. 4168

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. SINEMA (for herself and Mr. ROMNEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs

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## A BILL

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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. INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE SANITATION FACILI-**  
4 **TIES CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM FUNDING.**

5 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

6 (1) the COVID–19 crisis has highlighted the  
7 lack of infrastructure and sanitation available in Na-  
8 tive communities;

(2) addressing the Sanitation Facilities Deficiency List of the Division of Sanitation Facilities and Construction of the Indian Health Service included in the report will—

(A) result in investments in necessary water infrastructure; and

(B) improve health outcomes; and

(3) it is in the interest of the United States, and it is the policy of the United States, that all existing and new Indian communities and Indian homes be provided with safe and adequate water supply systems and sanitary sewage waste disposal systems as soon as practicable.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) REPORT.—The term “report” means the fiscal year 2018 report of the Division of Sanitation Facilities and Construction of the Indian Health Service entitled “Annual Report to the Congress of the United States on Sanitation Deficiency Levels for Indian Homes and Communities”.

(2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Indian Health Service.

(c) ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR SANITATION FACILITIES.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall award  
2           additional funding under the Sanitation Facilities  
3           Construction Program for the planning, design, con-  
4           struction, modernization, improvement, and renova-  
5           tion of water, sewer, and solid waste sanitation fa-  
6           cilities that are funded, in whole or part, by the In-  
7           dian Health Service through, or provided for in, a  
8           contract or compact with the Indian Health Service  
9           under the Indian Self-Determination and Education  
10          Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.).

11          (2) PRIORITY FOR FUNDING.—In awarding  
12          funding to sanitation facilities under paragraph (1),  
13          the Secretary shall prioritize sanitation facilities  
14          with the highest deficiency level, as established in  
15          the report.

16          (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

17               (1) IN GENERAL.—There is authorized to be  
18               appropriated to the Secretary to carry out this sec-  
19               tion \$1,335,000,000 for the period of fiscal years  
20               2020 through 2024.

21               (2) REQUIREMENT.—Amounts made available  
22               under paragraph (1) shall be in addition to any  
23               amounts made available to carry out the purposes

- 1 described in subsection (c)(1) under any other provi-
- 2 sion of law.

