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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the members of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), I want to express our support for the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act that is pending before the U.S. House of Representatives, and to urge you to vote for the bill. **Investments in public infrastructure are the most important issues to the men and women of our Union. No amount of good intentions and positive energy can replace the jobs and investments into our communities that this bipartisan legislation will produce.**

Withholding the infrastructure legislation in an attempt to bootstrap support for the Budget Reconciliation Bill is not acceptable and is an abject rejection of responsible government. This legislation is the single greatest infrastructure investment in generations. It will make a historic investment in our Nation's physical infrastructure while also creating hundreds of thousands of good jobs in the construction sector, improving the environment, creating healthier communities, and reducing congestion and gridlock.

Our Nation should have world-class infrastructure that connects our neighborhoods, businesses and families for our common benefit and prosperity. However, for too long, our infrastructure roads, bridges, transit and water systems have been neglected and, in many places, have fallen into disrepair, creating dangerous conditions, and contributing to accidents and lost time and productivity for millions of Americans. The American Society of Civil Engineers estimated that our total infrastructure investment needs now total \$2.6 trillion.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will put us on a path to revitalize our Nation's infrastructure and to address the backlog of needs that has held us back for so long. We have never been so close to passing such an extraordinary level of investment in our infrastructure that has such strong bipartisan support. The time for delay, deliberation and debate has passed. Our needs are clear, and the solution is waiting for action by you. It would be irresponsible to squander this moment.

The infrastructure bill is an investment in the common good; businesses can move products from place to place, workers can get to work safely, and our families can access safe drinking water. A functioning and modern infrastructure can lead to a cleaner environment and a more sustainable future.

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Unfortunately, unlike the benefits of infrastructure investments which can be broadly shared, infrastructure failures often disproportionately impact those least able to absorb the impact. A water system's failure imposes a much harder burden on those who cannot afford bottled water or home filters, a public transit failure impacts the workers who cannot afford a car, and a small business operating on a slim margin may not survive additional shipping costs if there is a failure somewhere along the market chain.

Governments at all levels bear the responsibility of making investments into public infrastructure, but a federal framework for assistance is essential to insure a working, interconnected infrastructure network. Without a robust system of federal investments to help states and communities tackle their infrastructure needs, the system will only function as efficiently as the most inefficient link in the system. For instance, a new drinking water plant is great, but if its delivery network is full of lead or other harmful toxins, public health will be at risk.

**Partisanship on these issues must stop. It is truly sickening that an issue that is widely recognized as important to all Americans and businesses cannot be worked on collaboratively. Only in Washington, D.C. are the easy decisions made impossible by some. Infrastructure should, and can, be an issue where everybody benefits, even politicians.**

LIUNA asks you to consider how these investments pay continuing dividends for the health of our citizens, environment, and national economy and to pass the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act now. It is time to keep a promise made to the American people and to the members of LIUNA. Please vote for and pass this critical infrastructure legislation immediately.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



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