

UNITED STATES CLIMATE ALLIANCE

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Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McCarthy, and Minority Leader McConnell:

I write as the Executive Director of the U.S. Climate Alliance – a bipartisan coalition of governors committed to climate action that together represent 61 percent of the U.S. economy and 57 percent of the U.S. population – to strongly urge you to swiftly pass an ambitious infrastructure package centered around bold clean energy and climate investments that create high-quality jobs.

As the country recovers from the pandemic and economic crisis, we have a once-in-a-generation opportunity not only to repair, rebuild, modernize, and strengthen our infrastructure, but also to confront the urgent climate threat.

In April, our states committed to reduce collective net greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by at least 50-52 percent below 2005 levels by 2030 and to collectively achieve overall net-zero GHG emissions as soon as practicable, and no later than 2050, in support of the new U.S. climate target (also known as the nationally determined contribution). A robust infrastructure package that aligns with the climate and clean energy components of the American Jobs Plan gives us tools and resources we need to meet these goals.

Together we can fix what's broken. We can put Americans back to work and create good jobs. We can build healthy, equitable, resilient, connected, and sustainable communities, and mobilize private investment.

One year ago, we called on Congress to [kickstart the recovery with additional COVID aid and infrastructure investments](#). Today, while the American Rescue Plan is providing immediate relief to many communities, our infrastructure continues to crumble and our climate continues to change. We know the longer we wait to act, the more expensive the solutions get.

It's time to make the major investments we need to meet the climate challenge head on and create a better future for America and its people.

Sincerely,



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