



May 26th, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
H-232, the Capitol
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

The Honorable Charles Schumer
Senate Majority Leader
S-224, the Capitol
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C.

Subject: AMERICAN JOBS PLAN -- Congress Should Move to Budget Reconciliation Immediately, With No Cuts to the President's \$2.3 Trillion Proposal

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Majority Leader Schumer,

Our organizations represent six of the largest state and regional nonprofits in America devoted to fighting climate change through clean energy. We are writing now to ask you to immediately move forward -- without delay -- in passing the American Jobs Plan through budget reconciliation.

America is facing the intensifying challenges of climate change, racial injustice, and massive unemployment. The American Rescue Plan, passed earlier this year, was a start in addressing aspects of these challenges -- and we thank you for quick passage of that historic legislation. But now our country needs passage of the American Jobs Plan to fully decarbonize our electricity supply by 2035, put millions of people back to work right now, and build a cleaner and more just economy.

But recent proposals coming from certain quarters of Congress could delay and weaken key parts of the American Jobs Plan. Our organizations believe that any call for a weakened version of the American Jobs Plan -- with the hope of passing it through regular order in the Senate -- should not be considered, and the full scope of the President's much-needed and popular policies should be enacted.

So we urge you to swiftly pass a fully intact \$2.3 trillion American Jobs Plan. These big and bold investments will create millions of high-quality jobs with prevailing wages and worker

protections. The bill will simultaneously build a 100% clean electricity grid, enhance energy efficiency, create affordable housing, and move us toward a fully electrified transportation system. The bill will also cap abandoned wells, modernize our manufacturing sector, alleviate the legacy of health challenges in front-line communities and open up new opportunities for disadvantaged communities. Given this multi-pronged focus, we believe any infrastructure proposal that separates environmental justice and the climate crisis from “traditional” infrastructure should be rejected.

Again, we appreciate the leadership shown by the White House and Congress to deliver the much-needed relief to American families through the Covid response legislation earlier this year. Now we strongly urge you to immediately begin the reconciliation process and to quickly pass a strong and intact American Jobs Plan to continue our recovery process.

Sincerely,

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