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Finding a Way to Pay for Infrastructure

Mississippi has a dire need for an investment in infrastructure. According to the Mississippi Economic Council (MEC), we will need an additional investment of \$375 million a year to address our most vital road and bridge needs. And, Mississippi is not alone. Other states have similarly critical needs.

President Trump has called for a \$1 trillion investment in infrastructure improvements across the nation. His proposal, which is expected to be sent to Capitol Hill in the next few weeks, is said to include \$200 billion of federal funding meant to leverage another \$800 billion in private and public-private partnership funding. His plan is also said to prioritize projects for federal dollars that have state and local money behind them.

One way that states, like Mississippi, pay for these projects is through issuing bonds. But, a rule passed by the Obama Administration's Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) could threaten the ability of states like ours to access that funding at rates favorable to taxpayers. I recently published an op-ed along with former Congressman Jon Christensen encouraging the Trump Administration to reconsider this rule as a way to help support infrastructure investment in Mississippi and across the nation. You can read it [here](#).