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MOVING FORWARD  
FRAMEWORK  
FOR THE PEOPLE

## **Critical Infrastructure Investments to Overcome Coronavirus & Support Economic Recovery**

Our nation faces a historic health and economic emergency as we confront the coronavirus epidemic. As we work to address the immediate health emergency, mitigate the economic impact, and lay the foundation for a strong recovery, we must take bold action to renew America's infrastructure.

Today, Democrats are building on our Moving Forward infrastructure framework – addressing some of the critical impacts and vulnerabilities in America that have been laid bare by the coronavirus. These infrastructure investments include:

### **FIGHTING CORONAVIRUS**

**Community Health Centers** – As part of our coronavirus infrastructure package, we will include an extra \$10 billion dollars for the community health centers that are on the front lines of the fight against coronavirus.

**Clean Water** – Dependable drinking water, clean water and wastewater infrastructure are critical in the effort to limit the spread of coronavirus. Our coronavirus infrastructure package includes action to:

- Protect Americans' drinking water – particularly for vulnerable communities – by investing in the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and programs to ensure clean drinking water in schools, day care centers and on Native American Reservations.
- Fund building new, modern clean water and wastewater infrastructure by investing \$40 billion in the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF), to address local water quality challenges, with dedicated funds for urban and rural communities with affordability concerns.
- Establish a new Low-Income Household Drinking Water and Wastewater Assistance program where States (including U.S. Territories) and Indian Tribes can receive Federal grants to assist low-income households in paying their drinking water and wastewater utility bills during public health emergencies.

**Broadband** – Telemedicine, teleworking, tele-schooling and the increased use of social media and video conferencing by Americans connecting with loved ones during the epidemic have made access to high-speed broadband more critical than ever. Our coronavirus infrastructure package includes:

- Investing in expanding broadband access to unserved and underserved rural, suburban, and urban communities across the country – connecting Americans, creating strong small businesses, more jobs and strengthening economies in communities that have been left behind.
- Protecting American lives by funding implementation of a Next Generation 9-1-1 system that will allow people to call or send texts, images or videos to 9-1-1 to help first responders and emergency personnel better assess the nature of an emergency and reach people in need.
- Investing in electric grid modernization to accommodate more renewable energy and to make the grid more secure, resilient and efficient.

## **SUPPORTING STRONG ECONOMIC RECOVERY**

**Mobility** – For a strong recovery, we must invest in smarter, safer infrastructure that is made to last. We can create millions of good-paying jobs strengthening commerce and reducing air pollution that harms public health. Our coronavirus infrastructure package includes:

- Delivering better roads and bridges faster, by prioritizing fixing the broken, outdated infrastructure we already have, including the nation's 47,000 structurally deficient bridges.
- Modernizing our infrastructure with bold new funding for addressing the most impactful projects and bottlenecks that affect local regions and the national transportation network.
- Increasing funding for transit agencies to add new routes and provide more reliable service, encouraging viable public transit options and fewer single-occupant cars clogging highways.
- Streamlining project delivery so that our investments get shovels in the ground quicker and commuters see results faster, by reforming the Capital Investment Grant program.
- Expanding our passenger rail network, giving travelers a reliable, low-carbon option to travel both short and long distances, including to regions that lack frequent or affordable airport service.
- Investing in Amtrak stations, facilities, services, and modernization of its rail cars, while continuing Amtrak's legacy of serving long-distance and intercity passengers.

**House Democrats will continue to work to put workers and families first as we work to respond to the public health emergency, mitigate the damage, and include Buy America provisions as we move toward recovery.**

**More information about the Moving Forward infrastructure framework Democrats unveiled in January is available [here](#)**