

We Have a Generational Opportunity to Invest in Our Communities

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Vendetta,

President Biden just unveiled the [American Jobs Plan](#), the second piece of his Build Back Better agenda. As we continue to rebuild our country from the devastating effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, it's imperative that we utilize this opportunity to build our country back stronger than it was before. Reimagining a newer and stronger economy means creating millions of jobs, rebuilding our country's infrastructure and making big bold investments in our communities that will keep our country competitive.

Our lack of investment in our roads, bridges, water systems, electric grid and high speed-internet has devastated America's progress and has threatened our economic security. It's never been more important to seize the moment and strengthen our infrastructure and competitiveness, while creating good-paying union jobs in the process.

The American Jobs Plan will do just that. We will upgrade and repair America's physical infrastructure, expand long-term health care services, and invest in manufacturing, research and development. We will create good-quality jobs that pay prevailing wages in safe and healthy workplaces, ensure workers have the ability to join a union and strengthen unions' ability to bargain collectively with their employers.

This plan will help unify our country to move forward from the pandemic and meet the challenges we currently face, such as the climate crisis and a rapidly changing economy. This plan will also address long-standing racial injustice and target disadvantaged and rural communities that have historically been marginalized and left behind. This plan will get us back on track, and build for the future.

As a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I look forward to working with the Biden administration to make these bold investments in our future. Please continue reading to learn more about the American Jobs Plan.

Together we will build back better,



Anthony G. Brown

Investments in Transportation Infrastructure

- Modernize bridges, highways, roads, and main streets in critical need of repair
- Modernize public transit, airports, ports and waterways, and road safety
- Improve infrastructure resilience by safeguarding critical infrastructure and services, defending vulnerable communities, and maximizing resilience of land and water resources
- Establish dedicated fund for beneficial projects to regional or national economy
- Establish program to reconnect neighborhoods and ensure new projects increase opportunity
- Investments in Electric Vehicles (EV), including consumer rebates to purchase EVs, grants and incentives to build 500,000 new charging stations, and replacing and electrifying federal vehicle fleet

Investments in Broadband, Electrical Grid, and Clean Drinking Water

- Provide funding to build high-speed broadband, reduce the cost of broadband internet service, and promote transparency and competition
- Upgrade and modernize drinking water supplies through grants and low-cost flexible loans to states, Tribes, territories, and disadvantaged communities
- Provide funding to monitor PFAS substances in drinking water and invest in rural small water systems & household well & wastewater systems
- Invest in power infrastructure
- Replace all lead pipes and service lines

Investments in Domestic Manufacturing, Research & Development, and Job Training Initiatives

- Establish Department of Commerce office to monitor domestic industrial capacity and to fund investments in the production of critical goods
- Provide additional funding for domestic manufacturing, investing in capital access programs, supporting modernizing supply chains, and creating a new financing program to support debt and equity investments
- Support clean energy manufacturing with federal procurement
- Provide additional funding for climate change research and development
- Provide funding for community-based small business incubators and innovation hubs
- Create centers of excellence that serve as research incubators for HBCUs
- Provide funding for workforce development in underserved communities
- Establish Rural Partnership Program

Improve Housing Stock, Modernize Schools and Child Care Facilities, and Upgrade VA Hospitals and Federal Buildings

- Build over a million energy efficient housing units and eliminate certain zoning & land use policies

- Provide direct grants to upgrade and build new public schools, with an additional \$50 billion leveraged through bonds
- Provide funding to improve public housing system
- Establish Clean Energy & Sustainability Accelerator
- Establish Child Care Growth and Innovation Fund and provide tax credits to encourage businesses to build child care facilities
- Incentivize the building or rehabilitation of over 500,000 homes for low- and middle-income homebuyers with a Neighborhood Homes Investment Act (NHIA) tax credit
- Modernize VA hospitals and clinics

The American Jobs Plan will also invest in Clean Energy Tax Credits, expand home care services and provide additional support for care workers. By expanding access to long-term, home and community based care services under Medicaid and extending the Money Follows the Person program, care workers can finally make a living wage to care for our most vulnerable.

We can make this plan a reality by raising the corporate tax rate, raising the minimum tax rate on the foreign income of U.S. corporations, and imposing a new corporate minimum tax. It is time that our country has a fairer tax code that encourages investment in the United States, not abroad. By doing so, we can build back better within the next 15 years. I look forward to getting this done.

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