

paying unions jobs with benefits, equitable hiring for women, people of color, and investments in Indigenous and marginalized communities that have endured decades of underinvestment.

On a host of priorities that can be delivered by this Congress, the trade-offs for Republican votes are stark. We ask that you work with the White House to prioritize moving transformative legislation that our voters were promised, and not compromise to conform the scope of our necessary ambition to fit the limited paradigm of legislation that will be acceptable to the Republicans. This may require reforming or even eliminating the Senate filibuster, as well as wielding the full powers available of the presidency, vice presidency, and relevant federal agencies to achieve these goals.

Speed: In light of the urgency to secure a broad-based and equitable economic recovery, as well as the previous unanimity of Congressional Republican opposition to the American Rescue Plan, we believe that robust legislation comprising the American Jobs Plan and American Families Plan must be enacted as rapidly as possible, preferably as a single, ambitious package combining physical and social investments hand in hand.

Physical and human infrastructure needs are inextricably linked. People—especially women and people of color who have suffered disproportionate job losses during this recession—cannot get back to work without childcare, long-term care, paid leave, or investments in education and job retraining. This human infrastructure cannot be secondary to the physical infrastructure needs or languish under Republican obstructionism.

We hope to work with you and our committee chairs to develop a rapid legislative timeline to enact an ambitious and comprehensive proposal before the August recess, including a potential springtime budget resolution to guarantee Congressional action in the event of Republican delays. This will allow us to use the legislative recess to engage with our constituents in our districts to celebrate, highlight, and guide community members through the concrete measures that Congress has enacted. We look forward to meeting our constituents to champion the improvements in their daily lives and strengthen their faith in a government that works for working people, an economy that provides security and opportunity to all, and a planet that their children and grandchildren can enjoy for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration,



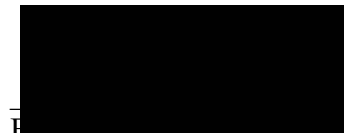
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