

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
House of Representatives H-232
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Senate Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Madam Speaker and Leader Schumer:

We write in appreciation of your leadership as Congressional Democrats continue to wield our governing majorities to deliver immediate and transformational improvements in the lives of the American people.

As part of this shared commitment, the Congressional Progressive Caucus has recently concluded an internal survey of its 96 members regarding the urgency of ensuring that a narrower bipartisan infrastructure agreement is enacted on the condition that a robust package of social, human, and climate infrastructure—reflecting all Democrats’ longstanding priorities—is simultaneously passed by simple majorities in Congress through the budget reconciliation process.

We specifically asked whether members would commit to withholding a yes vote on the bipartisan infrastructure deal—Senate Amendment 2137 to H.R. 3684—until the Senate has passed budget reconciliation legislation deemed acceptable by the Congressional Progressive Caucus. A majority of our respondents affirmed that they would withhold their votes in support of the bipartisan legislation in the House of Representatives until the Senate adopted a robust reconciliation package.

We therefore encourage you to continue coordinating closely between the two chambers, collaborating with the White House, and engaging with our caucus so that the reconciliation framework reflects our shared and longstanding investment priorities, and that the Senate first adopts this reconciliation package before House consideration of any bipartisan infrastructure legislation.

We look forward to working with you in the days and weeks ahead to maintain and strengthen our Democratic unity in order to deliver historic change for the American people and enact the full scope of the President’s Build Back Better agenda.

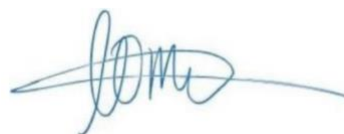
Sincerely,



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