



SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

Representing Carpenters in Southern California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, New Mexico, and Colorado

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U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Senators and Representatives,

On behalf of the nearly 60,000 union carpenters across southern California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, New Mexico and Colorado, the Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters urges you to quickly pass the Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act and the Build Back Better Act and to prioritize the policies that will invest in working families, protect our health, and build stronger communities.

Throughout the year, SWRCC has advocated for major infrastructure investments in the Southwest that create good, union careers. We have been pushing for our region to get our fair share of resources along with the flexibility to build the water, rail, energy, and road systems that will work best for our communities. We have met virtually and hosted many of you at our state-of-the-art training centers and jobsites, and our members have submitted more than 9,200 messages in support of infrastructure investments.

As negotiations continue on the budget reconciliation package, we urge you to prioritize the following programs and investments:

- High-speed rail and transit lines that better connect our communities;
- Water efficiency and treatment systems that respond to droughts;
- Clean energy projects that improve the grid and our health;
- Efficient and modern schools that better prepare students;
- Affordable housing programs and incentives that open doors to ownership;
- Electric vehicle infrastructure that provides more options; and
- Labor and domestic content standards, especially Davis-Bacon prevailing wage provisions, for all projects.

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SWRCC believes these bills are about more than fixing roads and bridges, expanding clean transit and energy, and protecting drinking water – they are about creating good-paying careers, increasing economic prosperity, and giving tens of thousands of hard-working people a shot at the American dream.

As an affiliate of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, we remain committed to seeing both the bipartisan infrastructure deal and a budget reconciliation package passed by Congress and signed into law.

Sincerely,

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