



American Jobs Plan Toolkit

Supporting American's futures by investing equitably
in sustainable infrastructure and jobs.

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Background on American Jobs Plan

As the economy rebounds after the COVID-19 pandemic, the Biden Administration plans to build a stronger economy through the creation of new infrastructure that focuses on clean energy, climate solutions, while also creating millions of fair union jobs. This is vital to building back an economy that was deeply harmed by the COVID-19 pandemic, while also establishing America's commitment to clean energy and climate sustainability. The American Jobs Plan would be the largest investment in American infrastructure since the Space Race, costing roughly two trillion dollars in the next ten years (The White House, 2021.)

Why is this investment necessary?

The United States has always valued its global competitiveness, especially with competitors such as China. Instead of importing from China, many people would prefer for American-made products. This would bring more jobs to America, while also reducing the environmental impact of shipping. The American Jobs Plan aims to increase the U.S.'s competitiveness with both China and Europe with the incentivization of American investment and innovation in clean energy. This goal appeals to the bipartisan desire to outcompete other nations and support the clean energy industry, which already has the numbers to prove that it's reaching huge successes as shown in the 2020 statistic that 90 percent of the global power sector's expansion consisted of renewable electricity, and electric vehicle sales continued to trend steeply upwards (O'Boyle, 2021.) The American Job Plan's investment in clean energy would be good for the environment, the economy, and American success over foreign competitors.

Apart from the need for investment in clean energy, the United States needs more widespread and updated infrastructure. The American American Jobs Plan focuses on infrastructure in the traditional sense of roads, bridges, transit systems and ports, but it also includes lesser-thought-of infrastructure: housing, high-speed broadband, and good-paying union jobs. Though the United States is the wealthiest country in the world, it is ranked 13th in regards to the quality of its infrastructure (The White House, 2021). American bridges, roads, and more are no longer able to keep up with the increasing demand of Americans in the status quo. For example, power systems remain extremely vulnerable to failure, as demonstrated with the collapse of the power grid during Texas's deadly winter storm earlier this year. Texas's electrical grid was not powerful enough to account for both the extreme weather and the amount of demand for heat. By investing in clean energy infrastructure, it's possible to mitigate the climate change that causes

extreme weather, as seen in Texas, while also ensuring infrastructure is powerful and modern enough to meet demand.

Details of the American Jobs Plan

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

Repair infrastructure such as bridges, ports, airports, transit systems and roads

The American Jobs Plan will fix hundreds of bridges throughout the country, repair roads, and replace buses and trains in public transit systems across American cities.

Ensure safe drinking water, electricity access, and broadband for every American.

The plan will eliminate all lead pipes within American drinking water infrastructure to provide clean and safe waters to all communities, especially communities of color. The plan will also provide new jobs in electricity and will give the country widespread broadband access.

Modernize federal buildings alongside schools, veteran's centers, hospitals, childcare centers, as well as upgrading and restoring commercial buildings.

In doing so, President Biden hopes to create safe, well-paying jobs while modernizing buildings that are essential to many Americans.

Raise wages and increase benefits for essential domestic workers.

With many domestic workers, such as caregivers, being women of color, President Biden plans to ensure that they are properly compensated for their important work.

Revive American supply chains and invest in American industry. Protect and create American jobs in the future.

Biden places a heavy focus on the importance of American innovation and progress. He believes that this is best done by creating hundreds of thousands of well-paying middle class jobs and revitalizing the economy from within.

Create jobs with safe working conditions, while granting workers the choice to organize, join unions, and practice collective bargaining.

The plan will emphasize American investment. It will invest in American workers as well as invest in American production.

HOW WILL THIS BE PAID FOR:

Alongside the American Jobs Plan, President Biden plans to release the Made in America Tax Plan. With this plan, he hopes to hold corporations accountable for the taxes they dodge by placing jobs and profits overseas. With the Made in America Tax Plan, Biden will reward American production, disincentivize profit transferring, and ensure that other countries cannot benefit from being a tax haven for corporations. If the American Jobs Plan is passed alongside the Made in America Tax Plan, the former will be fully paid off within the next 15 years (The White House, 2021.)

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ENERGY:

Clean energy is the future, and it is just as important for the sustainability of the economy as the sustainability of the planet. Rather than seeing this as an environmental issue, which tends to be warped into a partisan issue, Americans should also see this as a global competitiveness and economics issue. If America does not quickly invest in clean energy, the U.S. has a higher chance of being outcompeted by both China and Europe in terms of production and efficiency. The American Jobs Plan creates a tax credit incentivizing clean energy and invests over \$40 million in electrifying both city buses and school buses (O'Boyle, 2021.) Further, the American Jobs Plan can amass up to 1.5 trillions dollars in investments into clean energy, which could be a huge step towards eliminating pollution and reducing CO2 emissions (Abhyankar et al., p. [Page 35]).

Templates to Contact Legislators about Supporting the American Jobs Plan

How to Find Your Representatives and Senators

To locate your state's US representative's website and contact information, click on the link here: <https://www.house.gov/representatives>. Search for your state and congressional district. If you do not know your congressional district, you can enter your ZIP code and find your representative here: <https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative>. Remember that each state has a varying number of representatives based on the state's population.

To locate your state's Senator's website and contact information, click on the link here: <https://www.senate.gov/senators/senators-contact.htm>. Select your state from the "Choose a state" drop-down menu. Remember that each state has only two senators.

Email Template

Copy the email template below and enter all of the information that pertains to you and your state in the bracketed portions of the text.

Dear [Senator/Representative] [Last Name],

My name is [Name], and I am emailing you to ask for your support of the American Jobs Plan. The plan is vital in revitalizing American infrastructure and ensuring that all Americans have equal access to clean water and electricity. It is important to keep America competitive globally and invest in our economic future. The American Jobs plan invests in clean energy and climate solutions as well as creates fair jobs and strengthens American production.

I sincerely believe that your support of the American Jobs Plan alongside the Made in America Tax Plan will contribute to ensuring a better future for all Americans.

Thank you in advance for your time, consideration, and support of the American Jobs Plan.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]

Phone Template

When gathering the contact information about your House Representative and Senator, note down their office's cell phone number, which can be used to call them. If you choose to call, you can use the phone calling template below to speak to their office and arrange a meeting with your House Representative or Senator.

Hello, my name is [insert your name], and I am a constituent from [insert congressional district or city and state]. I am calling to ask [senator or representative's name] to support the American Jobs Plan. The plan is vital in revitalizing American infrastructure and ensuring that all Americans have equal access to clean water and electricity. It is important to keep America competitive globally and invest in our economic future. The American Jobs plan invests in clean energy and climate solutions as well as creates fair jobs and strengthens American production.

Please support the American Jobs Plan. Thank you for your time, consideration, and commitment to investing in all Americans.

Other ways to support the American Jobs Plan:

Petitions:

- Maryland League of Conservation Voters [[Sign](#)]
- Color of Change [[Sign](#)]
- League of Conservation Voters in New Hampshire [[Sign](#)]
- Mom's Clean Air Force [[Sign](#)]
- EarthJustice [[Sign](#)]

Places to Join and Donate:

- International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI)
- Global Green USA
- Center for Resource Solutions
- Ceres
- Interstate Renewable Energy Council

Further reading:

- [Without the American Jobs Plan, clean energy jobs will go to China and Europe](#)
- [FACT SHEET: The American Jobs Plan](#)
- [Biden's American Jobs Plan Is Also a Climate Plan](#)
- [Biden's American Jobs Plan is smart climate policy. Here's why.](#)
- [Low-wage care workers rally for the American Jobs Plan](#)
- [The American Jobs Plan Gets Serious about Infrastructure and Climate Change](#)
- [Joe Biden's \\$2 trillion infrastructure and jobs plan, explained](#)

Videos:

- [President Joe Biden Speaks on his American Jobs Plan](#)
- [President Biden Explains the Need for the American Jobs Plan](#)
- [What's in the American Jobs Plan? A Video Series with BPC's Infrastructure Experts](#)

Get Involved with the Environmental Justice Coalition

The Environmental Justice Coalition is the first grassroots, youth-led movement mobilizing the next generation of activists in the fight for intersectional environmental justice and uplifting BIPOC, low-income, and marginalized communities most impacted by environmental racism and injustices through political advocacy, policy development, community organizing, educational initiatives, and content creation. We are working towards a future in which there is fair and equal treatment, equitable distribution of resources, and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexuality, or income level in the development, implementation, and enforcement of sustainable environmental laws, regulations, and policies on the local, state, and federal level.

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