Increasing investment in the nation’s public infrastructure systems to return them to a state of good repair, expand capacity to meet future demand, and support innovative solutions to future challenges is good for the country and for West Virginia. Renewing infrastructure investment will put thousands of dollars into the pockets of American households, drive productivity and boost growth, and support expanded private investment.

Return on U.S. Investment
$3.70
Return on every additional $1 invested in infrastructure over 20 years

Long-Term U.S. GDP
+$5.9Tril
Additional real economic output over 20 years

U.S. Average Real Wages
+$1.34/hr
Additional average real hourly wages after 20 years

U.S. Private Investment
+$1.9Tril
Additional private investment over 20 years

Benefits for West Virginia Households
Infrastructure investment increases real disposable income for West Virginia households.

+$700 average more per year over 20 years
+$13,400 more in total over 20 years

Benefits for West Virginia Workers
Infrastructure investment creates more jobs for West Virginia workers.

+2k additional West Virginia jobs by 2028

Benefits for West Virginia Businesses
Infrastructure investment drives productivity and boosts output in West Virginia industries.

20-year Cumulative Addition to Real Output for Top West Virginia Industries (2018$)

+$10B Other Services* (includes personal and non-tradable services)
+$6B Mining
+$4B Nondurables Manufacturing

*Other Services is comprised of personal and non-tradable services, including repair and maintenance, personal care and laundry services, religious and grantmaking organizations, and household services.
THE COSTS OF INACTION

Failure to take action to renew investment in the nation’s infrastructure imposes real and painful costs on West Virginia and the country.

Failure to invest in infrastructure hurts system performance

44% of the country’s major roads are in poor or mediocre condition.

23% of bridges in the national highway system are either structurally deficient or functionally obsolete.

144k hours of lock shutdowns along U.S. waterways occurred due to maintenance and unexpected delays in 2016.

Failure to invest in infrastructure costs households + businesses

$960 cost of congestion on major urban roadways to the average commuter.

$27 B additional annual transportation costs to American businesses from inadequate infrastructure.

$36 B cost to the U.S. economy of domestic plane travel avoided due to prior air travel complications.

3.8 B gallons of wasted fuel in 2020 if infrastructure policies and funding remain at their recent levels.

⚠️ The time to renew investment in the nation’s infrastructure is now.

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