

An aerial photograph of a multi-level highway interchange during sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm orange glow over the scene. The highway has several lanes with cars and a truck. The surrounding area includes green trees, some industrial buildings, and a parking lot. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and light blue.

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BUSINESS LEADERS IN SUPPORT OF THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEAL

 **BUSINESS FORWARD**

INTRODUCTION

Business Forward helps local business leaders make the “business case” for climate action, affordable healthcare, immigration reform, diversity and inclusion, sensible tax laws, criminal justice reform, infrastructure investment, and other pro-growth reforms. These leaders brief policymakers, work with local media, publish op-eds, submit testimony, advocate online, and organize their communities. We also promote their recommendations through issue briefs, survey reports, training manuals, and podcasts. More than 650 mayors, governors, members of Congress, and senior Administration officials have participated in our briefings.

We asked business leaders who had been participated in briefings on the American Jobs Plan why they support the Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal. A selection of their responses appear in this document.

BUSINESS LEADER COMMENTS ON THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEAL

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A strong nationwide infrastructure improves access to essential goods for all citizens while at the same time brings efficiencies within the country to lower costs and make things affordable. It is critical that our nation enables itself to be more self dependent by making necessary improvements to our infrastructure.

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- **BRYAN YEH**
CEO,
COMMUNITY FUELS,
STOCKTON, CA

“

It will support the building back of the middle class.

”

- **REGGIE MCDADE**
PRINCIPAL CONSULTANT,
HUNAN CAPITAL STRATEGIES & SOLUTIONS,
ANKENY, IA

“

We need to get America up several levels and make this a better place. Every area is essential towards making people feel pride in their country — a country that works. Good infrastructure feeds a strong work ethic.

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- **ROSALYN RYAN**
CEO,
BICGEN,
ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL

“

This bill will help rebuild America to make a brighter and profitable economy for everyone.

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- **ANGELA CLARK**
FREEPORT, IL

“

[The] bipartisan bill, if passed, will fund the replacement of all lead pipes, expand broadband to rural areas, create a pathway for jobs, [and invest in] transportation ... (including electric buses), rail, airports and ... our roads and bridges.

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- **CHRISSEDA COLUMBUS**
CEO,
CCME TRAINING SERVICE,
ATLANTA, GA

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Our infrastructure is long overdue for improvements for safety and health.

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- **HERMAN WHITERABBIT**
MADISON, WI

BUSINESS LEADER COMMENTS ON THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEAL (CONT.)

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A healthy economy is fueled by a well-oiled infrastructure.

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- FRANK ATUAHENE PHD,
PRESIDENT,
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH,
STATESBORO, GA

“

[This is important] for the continued economic progress of the mid south region and individuals navigating the roads, runways and rivers in this Tennessee area.

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- CALVIN ANDERSON
SENIOR VP,
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD,
MEMPHIS, TN

“

Completing these projects is important before [starting] any other projects.

”

- NESTOR GARCIA VILLALUZ
PRESIDENT,
NGV ENTERPRISES,
LOCUST GROVE, VA

“

Biden brought to Congress the largest infrastructure deal to recover and repair the economy ... [The deal will help] to overcome the present situation and [advance] the progress of this country... It is happening after a long time.

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- ALPANA BANERJEE
SEATTLE, WA

“

An infrastructure bill is long overdue.

”

- GEORGE MANOS,
DANVILLE, NH

“

It is essential to repair the infrastructure, roads and bridges, public works, and have a good electric grid system in this modern age where functionality is necessary... We [have] got to fix these and make them priorities.

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- THADDEA-JULIE GUZMAN
PEEKSKILL, NY

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