



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0906

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Dear Senate Colleagues,

We appreciate your efforts to work toward a bipartisan infrastructure bill to make much-needed investments in our country and spur economic growth.

To support long-term growth, our country needs both federal investment in critical infrastructure and sustainable finances. We commend those that have committed to fully offsetting the cost of the proposal. We should look to prioritize pro-growth investments in a fiscally responsible manner, as opposed to deficit-financed.

However, with debt already larger than the economy and with no end to future deficits in sight, we have significant concerns about our nation's current long-term fiscal outlook. Even if this legislation is fully paid for, it is safe to say our long-term fiscal trajectory will still be unsustainable. In addition to off-setting infrastructure and other necessary investments, we should put processes and reforms in place to get our nation on a path to fiscal sustainability.

There are numerous reform options with broad bipartisan support that would be a step in the right direction. Building on your laudable bipartisan efforts, establishing commissions designed to report recommendations, such as the Sustainable Budget Act, would provide a path to tackle our nation's dire fiscal situation. The structure of a commission could be adjusted as long as it ensures that proposals with broad-based support receive a vote in both chambers.

Additionally, we support other key reforms and processes such as establishing debt-to-GDP targets, and much needed debt-limit reform. Lastly, we should look to increase the transparency of our fiscal situation by creating an annual Fiscal State of the Nation.

We hope you will consider adding a bipartisan fiscal commission and other critical debt and process reforms to the bipartisan infrastructure package. We stand ready to work with you to make the country a better place for our children and future generations by making important investments and taking steps to curb our growing national debt.

Sincerely,

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