
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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D. WILLIAMS, MERCURI, SHUSTERMAN, HERRIN, SCHMITT, SANCHEZ
AND PISCIOTTANO, JUNE 8, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, JUNE 8, 2021

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to establish a national
2 infrastructure bank.

3 WHEREAS, Our nation and our State are in the midst of an
4 infrastructure crisis that is exacerbated by a substantial
5 shortfall in infrastructure spending; and

6 WHEREAS, The 2017 Infrastructure Report Card from the
7 American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) gave the United
8 States a cumulative grade of "D+" across 16 categories and
9 estimated that the nation needs a \$4.59 trillion investment in
10 infrastructure by 2025 just to bring this grade up to a "B"; and

11 WHEREAS, ASCE found that continuing on this trajectory and
12 failing to invest in improvements by 2025 will have serious
13 economic consequences, including \$3.9 trillion in losses to the
14 national gross domestic product and job losses of more than 2.5
15 million; and

16 WHEREAS, The infrastructure crisis in the Commonwealth of

1 Pennsylvania mirrors that of the country at large; and

2 WHEREAS, ASCE's 2018 Infrastructure Report Card gave our
3 State a cumulative grade of "C-" across 18 categories, including
4 a "D+" for roads, a "D" for drinking water and a "D-" for
5 wastewater treatment; and

6 WHEREAS, ASCE noted that traffic congestion results in more
7 than \$3.7 billion annually in lost time and wasted fuel, while
8 deficient roadway conditions cost the average Pennsylvania
9 motorist more than \$500 in operating and maintenance outlays;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, ASCE further noted that our State's aging drinking
12 water infrastructure poses increased public health risks and
13 will require an additional \$10.2 billion in funding over the
14 next decade; and

15 WHEREAS, It is past time that the Federal Government develop
16 a collaborative solution to these infrastructure problems
17 through the establishment of a national infrastructure bank; and

18 WHEREAS, A national bank is not a new idea, having been
19 successfully implemented first by President George Washington
20 and Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton and later by
21 Presidents John Quincy Adams, Abraham Lincoln and Franklin D.
22 Roosevelt; and

23 WHEREAS, Previous national infrastructure banks established
24 by the Congress of the United States were instrumental in
25 financing the roads, bridges, canals, roadways, schools,
26 hospitals and power systems that made our country the envy of
27 the world; and

28 WHEREAS, A national infrastructure bank that partners with
29 state and local governments can supply the needed financing to
30 bring infrastructure to a state of good repair; and

1 WHEREAS, This investment would restart various industries in
2 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, creating millions of new high-
3 paying jobs; and

4 WHEREAS, The National Congress of Black Women, Democratic
5 Municipal Officials, National Latino Farmers and Ranchers Trade
6 Association, National Federation of Federal Employees and
7 numerous other organizations have endorsed the establishment of
8 a national infrastructure bank; and

9 WHEREAS, Various state and local governments have passed
10 resolutions supporting the establishment of a national
11 infrastructure bank; therefore be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
13 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
14 States to establish a national infrastructure bank; and be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
17 the President of the United States, the presiding officers of
18 each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from
19 Pennsylvania.