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The Honorable Chuck Schumer
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
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Senators Schumer and McConnell, and Representatives Pelosi and McCarthy:

The undersigned organizations are writing to express our concerns about the current conversation about infrastructure on Capitol Hill. While we acknowledge and support the effort to find agreement in these conversations, bipartisanship alone should not be the end goal. The President's Build Back Better agenda, as outlined in the American Jobs Plan, is not just an infrastructure bill. It is a once in a generation bold commitment to building for the future, including infrastructure, that creates good jobs and addresses, rather than perpetuates, climate change. The focus of any federal infrastructure spending should be about outcomes like creating and sustaining good-paying jobs, strengthening our global economic competitiveness, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other pollution while making real progress toward racial, economic, and environmental justice.

Specifically, the "Bipartisan Infrastructure Plan," put forward by a group of 21 Senators, proposes spending large sums of money for a broken status quo that has created public health problems, increasing danger to those outside of cars, and rising emissions. It fails to electrify our transportation fleet quickly enough to adequately address climate change and reduce pollution for all Americans, especially in historically underserved communities.

Our global competitors are running away with a clean energy future while America's economy, transportation, and workforce are at risk of getting stuck in its dirty energy past. The Senate and House should redouble their efforts on an outcomes-focused surface transportation reauthorization and an infrastructure bill that contains meaningful and significant investments that put us on the right path towards a stronger, pollution free, and equitable tomorrow.

More details on the policy recommendations our coalition has created are available [here](#).

Sincerely,

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