

A SMARTER AND MORE EFFICIENT WAY TO **MAINTAIN AND MODERNIZE INFRASTRUCTURE**

Expanding and improving infrastructure is important for a growing economy and for maintaining and improving people's lives. Modern and efficient infrastructure will allow people, goods, water and electricity, data, and more to move where they need to both safely and efficiently. This is critical to an effective and well-functioning system of free enterprise. But we can't afford a business as usual approach to infrastructure. Instead, we need to reduce the red tape and bureaucracy that waste money and delay projects. And we must protect taxpayers—no runaway spending and no increase in the gas tax! President Trump's plan is to leverage \$200 billion in federal spending into at least \$1.5 trillion to invest in modernizing and expanding our infrastructure.

PRESIDENT TRUMP'S PLAN HAS SEVERAL GOOD ELEMENTS, INCLUDING:



STREAMLINING PROCESSES

Streamlining regulator and permitting processes that could unleash private investment, save taxpayer dollars, and speed up projects.



DIVESTING INFRASTRUCTURE

Divesting excess federal infrastructure—such as Washington's airports—to state or local governments or the private sector.



REQUIRING RESPONSIBILITY

Requiring states and local governments to assume a greater share of funding their own infrastructure.

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS THAT SHOULD BE PART OF ANY INFRASTRUCTURE LEGISLATION INCLUDE:



LIMITING SPENDING

Limiting federal spending to projects that are truly national in scope.



ROLLING BACK

Rolling back special union preferences like Davis Bacon and Project Labor Agreements, which drive up costs and delay projects.

Before spending \$200 billion on infrastructure, taxpayers need to know that Congress and the White House will offset that cost by cutting spending in other parts of the budget, rather than imposing new burdens on hardworking Americans. Under no circumstances should Washington raise the gas tax by 25 cents per gallon, which would cost the average New Jerseyan over \$300 a year. This would come on the heels of a recent 23 cent gas tax hike in the Garden State, and New Jerseyans would end up paying 81 cents per gallon in gas taxes. The road to higher taxes and wasteful spending is often paved with good intentions. We must make sure infrastructure is done right!