

October 26, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker of the House United States House of Representatives Room H-232, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Chuck Schumer Majority Leader United States Senate Room S-221, The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader Schumer,

As the White House and Congress work to advance President Biden's Build Back Better economic agenda, the New Democrat Coalition remains committed to getting both the Build Back Better Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act across the finish line. New Dems are the center of gravity in the House with 95 Members who represent over 40 percent of the House Democratic Caucus; our Members are critical to the success of our shared priorities to grow the economy, create jobs, tackle climate change, and lower costs and cut taxes for middle-class families.

We appreciate your leadership and efforts as we work together to deliver immediate, impactful, and tangible results for the American people. The Coalition has long advocated for doing a few things well and for longer in the reconciliation bill to provide long-term certainty to families, workers, communities, and businesses. Doing so will also secure President Biden's lasting legacy and ensure the priorities in the bill are fully and sustainably paid-for. We cannot gamble with the futures of our people, economy, and planet by depending on future congresses to extend short-term cliffs.

From the start of this Congress and as part of the Build Back Better Act, the New Democrat Coalition has been working to:

- Give middle class families a tax cut by extending the enhanced Biden Child Tax Credit (CTC) and making it permanently fully refundable;
- Finish the job on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and build toward universal access to affordable health coverage and care by extending the enhanced American Rescue Plan premium subsidies and closing the Medicaid coverage gap;
- Go big on climate by leveraging every net-zero solution and technology available and maximizing emissions reductions with highly impactful policies like a Clean Energy Payment Program, carbon and methane fees, efficiency and clean energy and technology funding and tax incentives, among other policy options; and

• Empower persistently distressed communities to create lasting jobs and opportunities by investing in long-term, comprehensive economic development.

New Dem Members ran on growing the economy, creating jobs and opportunities, and supporting middle class families, and we will continue to advocate for our core priorities to be included in the final Build Back Better Act. We stand ready to deliver on our promises to our constituents by working with you and the President to reach a strong agreement and send both the Build Back Better Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to the President's desk as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

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