

International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers



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Iron Workers Celebrate Bi-Partisan Agreement on Infrastructure Framework

The International Association of Bridge, Structural, Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers welcomes news of the infrastructure framework agreed to by the White House and a bipartisan group of Senators. This is a positive step forward and a reminder that compromise and collaboration is still possible on America's important issues.

Our union represents 128,000 construction and fabrication workers across North America. Ironworkers see firsthand the terrible state of much of our country's infrastructure. We have the skills and will to fix it, but for decades persistent inaction at the hands of the federal government has stood in the way.

The Biden administration has moved beyond these years of inaction and forged a bipartisan coalition to do so. This robust framework would fix many of the problems facing America's infrastructure system and put Americans to work doing so. Its investment in roads, bridges, transit, water, and airports far eclipse previous infrastructure legislation and would lay the foundation of the next generation's economic wellbeing.

As this legislation takes shape, it is critical that it include the strong labor standards found in the American Jobs Plan. These standards, which have bipartisan support, would help ensure that the bill creates good union jobs.

We urge Congress to complete and pass this legislation quickly. The need to invest in our nation's infrastructure is urgent. Both chambers should pursue every avenue available to get a robust infrastructure package across the finish line.

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