

November 5, 2021

Dear Representative:

I am a member of the National Utility Contractors Association (NUCA), which represents construction contractors, manufacturers, and distributors who build and maintain a wide range of underground facilities and transportation infrastructure. NUCA member companies provide the manpower and equipment needed to build, repair, and maintain our nation's water and wastewater, gas distribution, broadband, and electric infrastructure, as well as carry out critical work in the nation's surface transportation system. As an industry professional, I know that this infrastructure legislation will in the years ahead be a critical part of America's national economic recovery.

On November 3rd, our industry members met with many Members of Congress. We would like to thank you for your time to listen to the experts in your community who keep this complex system functioning. If you were unable to participate in our meetings, this issue will remain relevant to your constituents, as it has for the past few decades as our 19th and 20th century infrastructure continues to age.

Whether we met with you or your staff, NUCA's 2021 Fall Washington Summit addressed an important issue that affects every single one of your constituents: the health of your local underground infrastructure. Rusting or inadequate water and wastewater pipes, low-bandwidth broadband cables, and obsolete electric or gas lines requiring replacement plague every American city and state.

My industry's companies and their employees are the ones who build and maintain these critical pieces of public infrastructure. Without them, modern American civilization collapses. But these systems depend on the resources of the federal government. Infrastructure projects also leads to job creation and economic revitalization, a goal that is even more relevant this year as we struggle to address our nation's economic problems.

The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is a long-overdue investment in our nation's core infrastructure that will create thousands of new jobs and help ensure millions of Americans have access to clean and healthy drinking water, modern communications, and working transportation infrastructure in our state. While more work remains to be done, this level of investment is a tremendous step in the right direction, and will deliver an unparalleled economic boost to our industry and the American economy. Making this investment in our nation's and our state's future is the best way to ensure the United States remains competitive and healthy for years and decades to come.

As a concerned constituent and an industry professional, I urge Congress to move quickly and PASS the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (H.R. 3684) without further delay, and ask you to push House leadership for a vote as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,
Member of the National Utility Contractors Association