

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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RIVERA, MALAGARI AND O'MARA, APRIL 3, 2025

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT, APRIL 3, 2025

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Congress of the United States to establish the
2 National Infrastructure Bank.

3 WHEREAS, In 2025, the American Society of Civil Engineers
4 (ASCE) reported a grade of C for the current state of
5 infrastructure in the United States, and ASCE estimated more
6 than \$9 trillion is needed to bring the nation's infrastructure
7 to a state of good repair; and

8 WHEREAS, The ASCE also estimated a gap of \$3.7 trillion in
9 nationwide infrastructure investments based on current funding
10 levels; and

11 WHEREAS, The 2022 ASCE report card grades this Commonwealth
12 at a C- in 15 categories of basic infrastructure, including the
13 following assessments:

14 (1) over the next 10 years, this Commonwealth's public
15 water systems, which currently continue to contain
16 substantial amounts of lead service lines as well as per- and
17 polyfluoroalkyl substances, are projected to have a \$10.2

1 billion funding gap, not including funding from recent
2 Federal programs;

3 (2) this Commonwealth has the ninth largest bridge
4 inventory, including the second highest number of poor
5 condition bridges, in the nation, which will require a
6 minimum of \$18 billion annually to maintain;

7 (3) the Commonwealth has a funding gap of \$8.4 billion
8 over the next 10 years that is needed to repair existing
9 wastewater systems and upgrade current systems to meet
10 regulatory requirements;

11 (4) \$2 billion in storm water assets have reached the
12 end of their useful life and the State has a need for \$6.7
13 billion for storm water projects over the next three to five
14 years;

15 (5) transit funding shortfalls include \$4.6 billion for
16 the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transit Authority capital needs
17 and \$175 million for capital improvements at the Port
18 Authority of Allegheny County, and other systems require
19 additional funding; and

20 (6) this Commonwealth has a shortage of at least 267,000
21 available and affordable homes for extremely low-income
22 renters;

23 and

24 WHEREAS, The National Infrastructure Bank (NIB) will assist
25 in financing infrastructure throughout this Commonwealth,
26 working in partnership with the State and local governments,
27 both rural and urban; and

28 WHEREAS, The NIB is modeled on previous banks that assisted
29 in building much of our infrastructure under Presidents George
30 Washington, John Quincy Adams, Abraham Lincoln and Franklin D.

1 Roosevelt, which helped spur massive economic growth; and
2 WHEREAS, The last Federal bank with the similar objective of
3 funding infrastructure in the United States helped bring the
4 country out of the Great Depression and achieve our victory in
5 World War II; and

6 WHEREAS, The proposed \$5 trillion bank would have
7 authorization to invest only in infrastructure projects, be
8 capitalized by existing Treasury debt and require no new Federal
9 spending or the imposition of new taxes; and

10 WHEREAS, The NIB would create an estimated 25 million new
11 jobs, pay prevailing wages and include "Buy America" provisions
12 and award a significant number of contracts to disadvantaged
13 business enterprises; and

14 WHEREAS, As its predecessors did, and according to experts,
15 the NIB is projected to grow the Federal economy by 5% per year;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Thirty state legislatures have introduced or passed
18 resolutions of support, as have county and city councils; and

19 WHEREAS, National endorsements of the NIB include the:

20 (1) National Black Caucus of State Legislators;

21 (2) National Asian-Pacific American Caucus of State
22 Legislators;

23 (3) Council of State Governments-East Region;

24 (4) National Association of Development Organizations -
25 all 541 Regional Planning Commissions;

26 (5) National Association of Counties; and

27 (6) United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters;

28 and

29 WHEREAS, Pennsylvania endorsements of the NIB include:

30 (1) The City of Pittsburgh;

- 1 (2) The City of Philadelphia;
- 2 (3) The City of Allentown;
- 3 (4) The City of Lancaster;
- 4 (5) Northampton County;
- 5 (6) Allegheny County; and
- 6 (7) The Northern Tier Central Labor Council;

7 therefore be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
9 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the Congress of the United
10 States to establish the National Infrastructure Bank; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
13 the President of the United States, the presiding officers of
14 each house of Congress and each member of Congress from
15 Pennsylvania.