

Supporting the National Infrastructure Bank Act of 2025
Albuquerque, New Mexico Branch #6100-B

WHEREAS, The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) 2025 Report Card concluded that there is a \$3.7 trillion shortfall in funds needed for infrastructure spending to repair America's crumbling infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, there is significant need to repair and build America's infrastructure, particularly in communities of color and in underserved communities, in general; and

WHEREAS, infrastructure needs and shortfalls include: (1) truly affordable housing, (2) replacing all lead water service lines which are poisoning communities of color, (3) repairing bridges, (4) roads, (5) connecting broadband in urban and rural communities; and

WHEREAS, modernizing and expanding mass transit that services communities of color is also an infrastructure shortfall that needs immediate attention; and

WHEREAS, members of the 119th Congress of the United States (2025-2026) introduced H.R. 5356 - *National Infrastructure Bank Act of 2025* to create a National Infrastructure Bank to address the infrastructure shortfalls that need to be addressed; and

WHEREAS, the National Infrastructure Bank Act of 2025 calls for the creation of a \$5 trillion National Infrastructure Bank that will provide funding for infrastructure projects throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the National Infrastructure Bank Act of 2025 is estimated to create 20 million new jobs and increase GDP by 5% or more per year; and

WHEREAS, there are significant provisions of the National Infrastructure Bank Act of 2025 that address the disparity of infrastructure funding in communities of color; and other underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, the National Infrastructure Bank Act of 2025 includes a requirement that "10% of investment go into communities where 20% of the population have lived below the poverty level for 30 years or more"; and

WHEREAS, the National Infrastructure Bank Act of 2025 requires contracts be awarded to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) to foster development of businesses run by women and other disadvantaged entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS, the National Infrastructure Bank Act of 2025 requires the creation of a Board of Directors with Bylaws that mandate that the Board includes members from communities of color; and

WHEREAS, support for the National Infrastructure Bank Act of 2025 is growing with 58 members of Congress having signed up to sponsor the legislation, including 18 members of the Congressional Black Caucus; and

WHEREAS, resolutions of endorsement have been adopted by the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators, and the National Asian-Pacific Caucus of State Legislators together with thirty state legislatures who have introduced or passed resolutions of support; and

WHEREAS, the NAACP adopted the *Supporting Funding for and Involvement with, Rebuilding Our Nation's Public Infrastructure* resolution at the NAACP 2018 National Conference; and

WHEREAS, the Supporting Funding for, and Involvement with, Rebuilding Our Nation's Public Infrastructure resolution adopted in 2018 Resolves that the NAACP will advocate to influence Federal and State infrastructure legislation to ensure that African Americans, other communities of color, and women are not excluded or left behind in the distribution of infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the National Infrastructure Bank Act of 2025 provides a source of funding that can support the actions adopted in the 2018 resolution; and

WHEREAS, the National Infrastructure Bank Act of 2025 is the type of legislation that the NAACP Resolved to advocate for, when it adopted the Supporting for, and Involvement with, Re-building our Nation's Public Infrastructure resolution during the National Conference of the NAACP in 2018.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the NAACP will advocate for passage of H.R. 5356 - National Infrastructure Bank Act of 2025; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution will be transmitted to all members of Congress and to the President of the United States.