SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA – DRIVING OUR NATION’S ECONOMIC GROWTH

The Los Angeles region is a critical component in driving the nation’s economic growth. With more than 16 million people and as a main point of entry for global markets, Southern California is a national leader in both job creation and economic growth.

ACCESS Washington, D.C. is a bipartisan delegation of business and civic leaders who have come together to create a bolder future, not only for our region, but for the entire nation. In areas ranging from infrastructure, transportation and trade, to health care, immigration and education, we know that through collaborating with national leaders, Congress and the Trump Administration, we can help create a long-term plan for economic growth and success.

LOS ANGELES AND CALIFORNIA INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE

$355 MILLION
The amount going toward L.A. County homeless services each year, thanks to the passage of Measure H.

$1.2 BILLION
Going toward the construction of 10,000 housing units for homeless people in Los Angeles as a result of Measure HHH.

$18 BILLION
While the 2028 Olympics are expected to have a $11.2 billion impact on the Southern California economy, they will have an $18 billion economic impact on the U.S. economy.

$120 BILLION
The amount L.A. County’s Measure M will contribute to transportation projects over the next 40 years.

$232 BILLION
The amount contributed to L.A. County’s annual GDP by foreign-born residents.

4.2 MILLION JOBS
The ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach support more than 4.2 million jobs nationwide.

$3.3 BILLION
The amount L.A. is investing in education, job training and classroom safety at community colleges through Measure CC.

$54 BILLION
The amount California is investing to repair its roads, freeways and bridges, and improve transit safety across the State.
NEGOTIATE NAFTA TO PRESERVE AND ADVANCE TRADE

Trade, and the accompanying logistics industry, is a major economic driver in Southern California, with about $400 billion in commercial exchange between the Los Angeles region and the world. As the Administration continues the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) renegotiations launched in August with Mexico and Canada, we urge policies that recognize that U.S. trade with Canada and Mexico tops $3.5 billion daily, supporting 14 million American jobs. A withdrawal would be a major economic hit, while thoughtful updates could instead create millions more jobs.

ENSURE THAT AMERICA HAS THE WORKERS TO DRIVE ECONOMIC GROWTH

The impact of immigration has been a critical component of California’s economic growth. In a recent report titled New Americans in L.A., the Partnership for a New American Economy found that foreign-born residents contributed nearly $233 billion to Los Angeles County's GDP in 2014, accounting for 35 percent of the county’s total GDP. Immigrants comprise 35 percent of our residents and 43 percent of the employed labor force in L.A. County. This delegation supports immigration policies that include:

- A pathway to legalization and citizenship.
- Extending authorization for DREAMers and preserving the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.
- Provisions to expand the availability of H-1B visas to retain highly skilled workers, relief from the H-2B cap for seasonal workers, and guest worker provisions with a reliable verification system to help employers meet the law.

COORDINATE EFFORTS ON WILDFIRE RECOVERY AND PREVENTION

With California recovering from a catastrophic wildfire season, the business community thanks the federal government for working with our state leadership on our request for a major disaster declaration, which makes funds available for the areas affected. We also appreciate the $20 million in SBA loans allocated for Southern California businesses and residents impacted by fires and mudslides. With eight of California’s most destructive 20 wildfires occurring in the last two years, we support working with the federal government on funding strategies for enhanced future forest management and fire suppression efforts.

ADVANCE U.S. LEADERSHIP IN CYBER-SECURITY WITH THE CLOUD ACT (S.2383)

In an increasingly connected world, law enforcement is often impeded by a lack of access to data stored on servers outside the country, making it challenging to protect public safety. The Clarifying Lawful Overseas Use of Data (CLOUD) Act (S.2383), would set up bilateral data-sharing agreements with other countries to obtain overseas data with an American court warrant. Under the bill, U.S. companies would be able to challenge such warrants if fulfilling them means violating the laws of the country where that data is held.

SUPPORT POLICIES THAT ENSURE A FAIR, COMPREHENSIVE 2020 CENSUS COUNT

Data collected by the decennial Census is vital to planning and funding decisions made by government and business. The business community supports adequate funding for an accurate, unbiased and inclusive census count and data collection. We also support the use of scientifically sound sampling methods to augment the direct count.

SUPPORT FAIRNESS IN CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT LEGISLATION H.R. 985

Class action litigation exists to protect consumers against injustices from larger, powerful entities. However, victorious class members are often left with small individual payouts, with most of the money going to lawyers. The Senate should pass the Fairness in Class Action Litigation Act to change this process, thereby prioritizing providing relief to class members.
SUPPORT CALIFORNIA WATERFIX AND CALIFORNIA ECORESTORE

About 30 percent of Southern California’s water supply comes from Northern California, passing through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta on its way to the State Water Project pumping plants in the south Delta. The current water system is extremely vulnerable to natural disasters, such as earthquakes and floods and sea level rise. Existing operations have contributed to a decline in native fish populations and environmental damage. For more than a decade, state and federal water and wildlife agencies have been working on plans to modernize the State Water Project and restore the Delta’s ecosystem. California WaterFix and California EcoRestore represent a strategic action plan that will achieve the state’s coequal goals of a more reliable water supply and improved Delta ecosystem. In 2017, California WaterFix made significant progress as state and federal agencies approved key permits and water agencies from around the state committed to significant financial investment. This delegation supports federal, administrative, legislative and funding actions that ensure more reliable long-term water delivery for the State Water Project, including the implementation of California WaterFix and California EcoRestore.

FUND WATER INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Oroville Dam, part of the State Water Project, captures water that is then diverted downstream in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Oroville’s main spillway suffered damage during the 2017 rain season. The subsequent use of an emergency spillway created erosion concerns that prompted an evacuation of communities downstream. Initial repairs to Oroville Dam have been completed, but additional work will be undertaken in 2018. This delegation supports Federal Emergency Management Agency funding for emergency response and repairs at Oroville.

SUPPORT COLORADO RIVER DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

The Colorado River provides roughly 25 percent of Southern California’s water supply. Drought conditions and increasing demands have led to declining levels at Lake Mead, the largest reservoir in the Lower Basin of the Colorado River. If drought conditions worsen, Lake Mead could decline to critical elevations, which would lead to a shortage declaration by the U.S. Department of the Interior. The seven Colorado River basin states have worked with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to develop a Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) that enhances storage opportunities at Lake Mead in a way that protects reservoir elevations and adds flexibility for taking stored water, which is of particular interest to water users in California. This delegation supports actions that protect California’s water rights and interests in the Colorado River, including legislation to implement the Colorado River DCP.

SUPPORT WATER CONSERVATION TAX PARITY ACT (S. 1464 AND H.R. 448)

Water conservation rebates provided by public utilities or governments are not currently tax exempt. The Water Conservation Tax Parity Act would extend the tax exemption that currently exists for energy conservation devices to include water conservation and stormwater management devices as well. This delegation supports a federal tax exemption for water conservation rebates to encourage additional water savings.

ENHANCE LONG-TERM WATER RELIABILITY FOR CALIFORNIA

While 2017 saw record precipitation in California, 2018 has been much drier. While most of California emerged from drought in 2017 due to record rains, water supply reliability and the development of local supplies remain high priorities for Californians. This delegation supports actions to implement measures that improve California’s water reliability and drought preparedness, including:

- Implement and fund California drought provisions in the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act.
- Advance additional surface and groundwater storage statewide, including Sites Reservoir.
- Secure federal assistance for local water resource development, including programs to reclaim and reuse wastewater, study and cleanup groundwater, capture and treat stormwater and to help consumers make efficient water choices.
- Promote a range of cost-effective federal financing options for water infrastructure projects, including maintaining State Revolving Funds, expanding the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) and similar loan programs offered at U.S. Treasury rates and protecting the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds.
DEVELOP SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR TRANSPORTATION

While the 2015 FAST Act helped to address our rapidly aging infrastructure, our transportation system requires much more investment. We urge the President and Congress to swiftly craft a package that reinvests in our transportation system, stimulates the economy and puts people to work. Our region stands ready to leverage federal funds with state and local funds from California’s Senate Bill 1 and L.A. County’s Measure M revenue.

• Support development of National Infrastructure Package to improve transportation infrastructure:
  ▶ Provide direct funding to state and local governments.
  ▶ Promote development of transportation technologies and congestion mitigation management tools.
  ▶ Funding and financing tools to leverage public/private partnerships for projects of regional and national significance, such as America Fast Forward Transportation Bonds.

• Fund critical federal transportation programs that support transportation and infrastructure projects:
  ▶ New Starts Program – support DOT/FTA approval for the following programs:
    ▶ Metro – Purple Line Section 3
    ▶ OCTA – OC Street Car
  ▶ Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER Grants)
  ▶ Metrolink - L.A. Union Station Signal Improvement
  ▶ Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Improvement Act (TIFIA)
  ▶ Fully fund submitted regional DOT INFRA Grants, including jointly submitted grants like that submitted by Metro and the Port of LA
  ▶ Include dedicated funding for commuter rail
  ▶ Develop and implement a sustainable funding source that will grow our nation’s transportation programs beyond 2021

INVESTMENT IN LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Modernize the second busiest airport in the U.S. by providing federal support for the construction of an automated people mover system that would reduce traffic congestion by connecting passengers to our regional light rail system and a planned consolidated rental car center and intermodal transit facilities. To meet a 2028 Summer Olympic timeline, L.A. will be looking to the DOT to expedite NEPA approvals and for funding support for roadway improvements, including I-405 connections.

FUNDING FOR FREIGHT PROGRAMS AND DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONAL STRATEGIC FREIGHT PLAN

As Congress and the Administration consider an infrastructure package, it should reassert a strong federal role in supporting the nation’s goods movement system and ensure the package provides increased funding for multimodal freight infrastructure. Priorities include:

• Increased funding and enhanced ability to access existing programs to help ports modernize and accommodate ever larger container vessels through land-side and water-side terminal improvements, development of on-dock rail and projects that enhance terminal efficiency.

• Ensure eligibility and prioritization of digital industrial infrastructure as a cost-effective means of delivering freight capacity in the nation’s maritime gateways.

• Support comprehensive Harbor Maintenance Tax (HMT) reform that supports the competitiveness of the nation’s maritime gateways through full use of annual HMT revenues while providing for an equitable return of funds to ports that have been high net contributors to the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund (such as the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach).

• Support development of regional goods movement infrastructure to reduce congestion and impacts on local communities, including air pollution. This includes support for “America’s Global Freight Gateway: Southern California Rail Program,” a regional rail project that will take trucks off the road and move freight through the region with greater efficiency.

• Support streamlining the environmental review and permitting process to accelerate project approvals, without sacrificing environmental protections.

• Support deployment of alternative fuel infrastructure, including chargers, in major freight corridors.

• Support continued development of a National Freight Strategic Plan that recognizes the multimodal national freight network and supports efforts to enhance maritime competitiveness and reduce congestion at the nation’s major gateways and corridors. This should also entail the identification critical transportation projects within these key gateways/corridors.

• Promote the deployment of zero-emission or near-zero emission equipment and vehicles, transportation technologies, and congestion mitigation management tools.
PROTECTING ACCESS TO COVERAGE AND QUALITY CARE

- Maintain 340B Drug Pricing Program levels – Created to provide safety-net hospitals financial relief from high prescription drug costs, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is proposing to reduce payments for certain drugs purchased under the 340B program. California’s 169 participating hospitals would lose $170 million in funding, having a devastating impact on patients served at these hospitals and in the surrounding communities.

- Protect Medicaid – Medicaid enrollment in California grows every year, with one in three Californians now on Medicaid. Potential proposals to alter the financing structure could result in significant funding losses to the region and state.

- Secure CHC Funding – Community Health Centers (CHCs) are nonprofit entities that provide primary care, dental, behavioral health and pharmacy services. In Los Angeles County, CHCs operate over 350 sites and serve 1.5 million patients annually. We encourage Congress to continue its history of investment in CHCs by renewing support for the Health Centers Program.

IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF ALL INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES

- Prioritize Protecting Small Businesses – Taxes such as the Health Insurance Tax (HIT) will have a large impact on employers and force them into unwanted decisions about how they operate their companies and care for their employees. As health care reform funding discussions continue, we urge Congress to prioritize protecting smaller employers against harmful and unfair taxes like the HIT.

- Develop Strategies to address Behavioral Health Needs – From overcrowding and expensive treatment in our jails to providing adequate care for the urban homeless population, addressing behavioral health is a growing need in major metropolitan areas across the United States. We continue to support funding for behavioral health assistance, and the passage of legislation and regulatory solutions that advance the provision of integrated health care sectors.

- Preserve Funding for Biomedical Research – Funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has played a significant role in developing life-saving disease treatments, funding options for emerging companies and bioscience jobs. This delegation opposes NIH funding cuts, and encourages Congress to stand in support of the great work being done at California’s NIH-dependent non-profit educational institutions and research hospitals.
PREPARE PROGRAMS TO HELP HOMELESS VETERANS

Los Angeles has experienced a significant spike in homelessness, including the homeless veteran community. The City and County have coordinated their efforts to combat homelessness and voter-approved measures are bringing in funds for permanent supportive housing, homelessness services and prevention strategies. It is crucial for the federal government to continue programs that have proven successful in helping our most vulnerable population.

We urge Congress to maintain funding for programs that support our homeless community, especially homeless veterans:

- **Housing and Urban Development Department – Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) Program.** This collaboration between HUD and Veterans Affairs provides the Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance for homeless veterans and their families with supportive services. This program, which since 2008 has enabled about 138,000 homeless veterans to find permanent housing, is crucial in helping our homeless veterans and their families afford housing while getting the services needed through the VA.

- **The United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH):** This council coordinates the efforts of 19 federal agencies in preventing and ending homelessness, with strides made in serving veterans. The elimination of USICH will cause the efforts to end homelessness and collaboration among federal agencies to decline in quality, urgency, and consistency.

- **Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships Program:** These programs, which were created to provide much needed housing opportunities for states and localities, have already suffered significant reductions.

- **Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) and Moving to Work Program (MTW):** Both of these programs are essential and innovative programs in preserving, improving, and maintaining public housing properties, especially for our veterans. The RAD program allows providers to leverage private capital markets to make improvements and gives owners the opportunity to enter into long term contracts to ensure units remaining permanently affordable. The MTW Program tests innovative strategies to use federal dollars more efficiently, assist residents in finding employment and increase housing choices for low-income families.
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

ENERGY RELIABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY

Reliable and affordable energy is critical to the nation’s economic competitiveness. One of the best ways to ensure we maximize domestic energy supply and minimize energy costs for families and businesses is to support market-based, fuel neutral programs. We support policies and programs that take into account economic and technological realities as we move to further reduce emissions in the most cost effective manner possible.

Priorities include:

- Support for market-based and fuel neutral programs with emission reduction targets that do not create costly new mandates or disproportionately burden or target certain sectors over others.
- Support Renewable Fuel Standards that are practical and consider the limits of:
  - Vehicle fleet
  - Fuel demands
  - Service station infrastructure
  - Advanced biofuel technology development
  - Biofuel production
- Support extension of Alternative Fuels Tax Credit and the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Refueling Property Credit.

MODERNIZATION OF ENERGY SYSTEM

Emerging and existing technologies are reshaping our nation’s energy profile and our aging infrastructure is increasingly at-risk as our demand for energy increases. Modernization of our energy infrastructure is critical to reaching growing demand. As energy sources expand, power will continue to come from multiple sources and flow in multiple directions. An interactive grid will help us adapt to changing technology, address energy reliability issues, increase customer choice of cleaner, more sustainable energy options and help enable smart cities. It will enable us to integrate new technologies that facilitate safe, efficient, reliable and affordable energy delivery. It will also create new jobs and reduce emissions in a cost effective manner.

Priorities include:

- Support for increased resiliency and security for energy infrastructure to facilitate:
  - Integration of diverse and distributed energy resources, including renewable resources
  - Increased system/grid reliability to enhance resilience, response and recovery efforts
  - Improved cyber-security through policies and programs that facilitate and improve coordination capabilities, tools and technologies between the government and critical infrastructure sectors
  - Customer choice

- Support for technology and policies, which decrease greenhouse gas emissions, including:
  - Improving capture and use of biogas and biofuels to increase availability of renewable resources and decrease greenhouse gas emissions
  - Complementary efforts to the transportation sector’s fleet transition to address greenhouse gas emissions, including system electrification
- Support Internal Revenue Service Code 30D Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicle Credit between $2,500-$7,500 on purchases of plug-in electric vehicle by consumers.
- Collaboration between federal and local agencies to modernize energy infrastructure at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.
- Promote opportunities to modernize and efficiently develop new building stock through the Department of Energy’s Better Buildings Challenge
  - Including Better Plans Program and into supply chains and water savings
- Support research and development funding for advanced fuel storage technology including:
  - Battery storage
  - Power to gas
- Support solutions for spent nuclear fuel disposal, including approval and funding for a Consolidated Interim storage facilities to expedite the removal of used nuclear fuel from San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station
- Reinstate process to degrupoal federal reposition for spent nuclear fuel.
The L.A. business community is a strong supporter of improved alignment of the full education pipeline from early childhood to K-12, to postsecondary, and the workforce. This cradle-to-career approach will ensure the development of a 21st century workforce capable of competing in a global economy.

**EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION**

**APPLAUD CONGRESS’ SUPPORT FOR QUALITY EARLY LEARNING PROGRAMS**

The business community thanks Congress for the five-year extension of Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program, the doubling of Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG) and the extension of Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Such programs will build strong foundations for families, provide wrap-around services for those in need, break multi-generational cycles of poverty and put families on the path to good health, educational success and economic stability. Doubling discretionary funding for the CCDBG — an increase of $2.9 billion in FY 2018 — will allow states to expand child care assistance to nearly 230,000 additional children.

**INVEST IN QUALITY EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

Ensure that all families can access quality, affordable child care by supporting the Child Care for Working Families Act, a comprehensive early learning and child care bill. Funding federal early education programs like Early Head Start and Head Start and early childhood special education services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) will ensure working families have access to quality early learning programs. Significant investments in the CCDBG will not only help expand access for eligible families, it will also increase child care provider payment rates so providers can earn a livable wage and improve the quality of services. These programs create strong education pipelines so that children begin school prepared and ready.

**SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Strengthen the early child care and education workforce by investing in career ladders and opportunities for higher-wage workers in the field through CCDBG, as well as through educator preparation programs such as the Teacher Quality Partnership Grants, Title II of the Higher Education Act. Further, the Child Care for Working Families Act would invest in the early care and education workforce by significantly improving the training and compensation of providers. We strongly urge Congress to support efforts to build, train and support the early education workforce.

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**REAUTHORIZE THE PERKINS ACT**

Support the reauthorization of the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act, last authorized in 2006, which would help build the capacity of secondary and postsecondary educational institutions to prepare all students for success in current and emerging in-demand career pathways.

- **SUPPORT** stronger connections among career technical education (CTE) programs, Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and Every Student Succeed Act (ESSA).
- Connect CTE to state workforce strategies through unified or combined plans required by WIOA.
- **SUPPORT** the alignment of CTE performance requirements with WIOA common indicators.
- **SUPPORT** policies promoting alignment with industry or sector partnerships.
- Institute Linked Learning and Career Pathways to lower dropout rates and improve career readiness.
- Increase access to, and support of, career counseling for all CTE students.
- **SUPPORT** science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) initiatives to ensure that students are college and career ready.

**FUNDING FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

Every child with a disability is entitled to a free, appropriate public education that prepares them for further education, employment and independent living. Ensuring children with
disabilities have access to high-quality, specially designed instruction, support services and interventions is critical to success, yet the federal government has yet to provide the financial support necessary to support our children and the resources it promised under IDEA. The need to provide appropriate services to children with disabilities was highlighted by the 2017 Endrew Supreme Court decision; thus we urge full funding of IDEA.

PROVIDE LOCAL FLEXIBILITY THAT ENSURES STUDENT SUCCESS

The L.A. business community applauds the Administration’s efforts to provide non-regulatory guidance and return decision-making powers back to state and local governments, providing the needed flexibility to increase student success. Through this approach, California can successfully implement its standards, assessment, accountability and assistance programs, moving toward our goal of having a single, coherent local, state and federal education system.

SUPPORT CHILDREN AND MIXED STATUS FAMILIES

In L.A. County, there are an estimated 520,146 children who live in mixed status families. The highly publicized restrictions toward undocumented individuals are having the unanticipated consequence of having families not send their children to child care centers or school. There are numerous reports of families not applying for public benefits and other services to which they are entitled. The L.A. business community urges the Administration to maintain safeguards that provide families with a higher level of protection in or near educational institutions and government buildings where public services are provided.

POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

REAUTHORIZE THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT

As Congress considers reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, it must ensure that postsecondary education is accessible and affordable to all students and be proactive about removing barriers to completion, particularly for first-generation college students and students from low-income and working families. Accordingly, we urge Congress to:

• Maintain investments in GEAR UP and TRIO programs, which serve as critical pipeline programs.
• Strengthen the Federal Pell Grant Program by increasing the maximum award and indexing Pell to inflation, thereby preserving the purchasing power.
• SUPPORT the Restoring Education and Learning Act (S.2423) to reinstate Pell eligibility for incarcerated students.
• SUPPORT the Pell Grant Bonus as proposed in PROSPER Act (H.R. 4508).
• SUPPORT the Job Training Federal Pell Grant Program as proposed in the JOBS Act (S. 2016).
• Preserve investments under Title V of the Higher Education Act that strengthen undergraduate and graduate education within Hispanic-Serving Institutions in our region.

SIMPLIFY FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION AND STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROCESSES WHILE PROTECTING PRIVACY

Each year, millions of financial aid dollars are left on the table because eligible students do not complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students who are unable to access aid may forego college all together or opt to take out private loans, leading to high student debt burdens. As such, we urge Congress and the Administration to:

• Simplify the FAFSA by reducing the number and complexity of questions and developing user-friendly formats that lead to easier filing, such as a mobile app.
• Streamline the income-based student loan repayment process and preserve the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program.

PROTECT IMMIGRANT STUDENTS

L.A. County is home to 180,000 DACA-eligible immigrant youth, many of whom are enrolled across local colleges and universities and are actively preparing to join the workforce. We urge Congress and the Administration to pass a bipartisan Dream Act to ensure that young undocumented immigrants who want to contribute to our economy — including those who were previously screened for and granted Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status — have a means to legal employment and a path to citizenship.
PRESERVE CRITICAL RESEARCH FUNDING

This delegation supports investments in federal research that enable our universities to drive knowledge production for the benefit of our entire community. We call on Congress to maintain strong funding for federal research agencies, including the U.S. Department of Energy, NASA, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation.

MODERNIZE POSTSECONDARY DATA SYSTEMS

In order to spur student-centered innovations, Congress can modernize federal data reporting requirements to collect more relevant data. We support efforts like the College Transparency Act (S. 1121 & H.R. 2434), which would make available information that enables consumers and policymakers to determine which postsecondary programs provide the best return on investment.

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INVEST IN WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Fully fund investments in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), which provides invaluable training to ensure U.S. businesses have access to the skilled workers they need to compete and grow. Increase WIOA workforce and adult education grants to at least FY2019 authorized levels, and restore career and technical education (CTE) state grant funding to $1.3 billion.

INVEST IN APPRENTICESHIP AND WORK-BASED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES TO BOOST THE ECONOMY

Nearly half of all the jobs created by a $1 trillion infrastructure package would require some form of postsecondary education or training, meaning that our community colleges, apprenticeship programs and other training providers would need to significantly ramp up to make sure we had the skilled workers to meet new demand.

- SUPPORT the PARTNERS Act (H.R. 4115), a bipartisan effort seeking to promote registered apprenticeships and other work-based learning programs for small and medium-sized businesses in-demand industry sectors, through the establishment and support of industry or sector partnerships.
- SUPPORT the BUILDS Act (S. 1599/H.R. 4929), which would provide dedicated funding to partnerships among infrastructure employers, community colleges and other stakeholders to ensure that any project receiving federal funding also has the resources to upskill workers and keep projects on track.
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### THURSDAY, MARCH 15

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<td><strong>7:45 – 9 a.m.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Delegation Breakfast</strong></td>
<td>JW Marriott 1331 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Grand Ballroom: Salon IV</td>
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<td>Senator Dianne Feinstein, Bruce Katz, Centennial Scholar, The Brookings Institute, Author of The New Localism</td>
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<td><strong>10 a.m. – 3 p.m.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Team Meetings/Briefings</strong></td>
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<td><strong>4:00 – 6:30 p.m.</strong></td>
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