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Representatives Grim, Brennan

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A RESOLUTION

To urge the United States Congress to create a 1
National Infrastructure Bank to finance urgently 2
needed infrastructure projects. 3

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
OHIO:**

WHEREAS, The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) 4
stated in its 2021 report card that the United States received a 5
grade of C- regarding the current state of infrastructure and 6
that more than six trillion dollars would be needed to restore 7
the nation's infrastructure to a state of good repair. Over two 8
and a half trillion dollars is currently not funded, the 9
remainder is inadequately funded, and all new, twenty-first 10
century projects remain unfunded; and 11

WHEREAS, The ASCE 2021 report card also gave the state of 12
Ohio a grade of C-. The state will need to invest at least 13
twelve billion dollars to upgrade the drinking water systems and 14
fourteen billion dollars to upgrade waste water systems. More 15
than six per cent of the state's bridges are rated structurally 16
deficient, driving on roads in poor repair costs each driver 17

more than five hundred dollars per year, and traffic congestion 18
costs Ohio motorists an estimated four and a half billion 19
dollars each year in lost time and wasted fuel. Rail 20
transportation requires new passenger lines and high speed rail 21
service connecting a Great Lakes system; and 22

WHEREAS, A National Infrastructure Bank (NIB) would be 23
modeled on previous banks that helped build much of our nation's 24
infrastructure, including infrastructure in Ohio. Presidents 25
George Washington, James Madison, John Quincy Adams, and Abraham 26
Lincoln created similar institutions during their 27
administrations that helped finance the roads, dams, bridges, 28
canals, power systems, and railroads that made our nation the 29
envy of the world. The final such institution, under President 30
Franklin D. Roosevelt, helped bring us out of the Great 31
Depression and win World War II; and 32

WHEREAS, Congress introduced H.R. 3339 in the 117th 33
Congress to create a five trillion dollar National 34
Infrastructure Bank; and 35

WHEREAS, A NIB would operate as its predecessors did and be 36
capitalized by existing United States Treasury debt, requiring 37
no new federal spending and no new federal taxes; and 38

WHEREAS, A NIB would create tens of millions of new jobs, 39
pay prevailing wages, and mandate Buy America policies. A NIB 40
would supercharge the United States economy, reopen American 41
production, and grow industry in Ohio. It would ensure robust 42
minority hiring, promote disadvantaged business enterprises, and 43
spawn a resurgence of small business. It would lead to a total 44
factor productivity increase of more than three per cent per 45
year, and a gross domestic product increase of more than five 46
per cent per year; and 47

WHEREAS, A bi-partisan resolution was introduced into the 48
Ohio House of Representatives in the 134th General Assembly. 49

Twenty-four additional state legislatures have introduced 50
resolutions to Congress, and eight have passed at least one 51
house; and 52

WHEREAS, A NIB is widely supported across the state and the 53
nation. Endorsements include Akron City Council, Toledo City 54
Council, Cleveland City Council, Lucas County Board of 55
Commissioners, Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments, 56
IBEW Local 245, UA Local 50 Plumbers and Steamfitters, Western 57
Reserve Building and Construction Trades, Bricklayers Local 7, 58
All Aboard Ohio, among others. National endorsements include 59
National Black Caucus of State Legislators, National Asian- 60
Pacific Caucus of State Legislatures, Council of State 61
Governments-East, National Association of Counties, National 62
Association of Development Organizers, National Association of 63
Minority Contractors, National Latino Farmers and Ranchers, 64
United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters Union, and many 65
more; now therefore be it 66

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Ohio House of 67
Representatives, call upon the United States Congress to pass a 68
bill similar to H.R. 3339 of the 117th Congress to create a 69
National Infrastructure Bank; and be it further 70

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 71
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to each 72
member of the Ohio congressional delegation, the governor of 73
Ohio, the president of the United States, and the news media of 74
Ohio. 75