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COUNTY EXECUTIVES OF AMERICA LENDS SUPPORT TO HISTORIC BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE FRAMEWORK

The County Executives of America, a national bipartisan coalition of more than 700 elected officials who serve as their county's chief elected executive, came out today in support of an historic \$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure initiative which if enacted, will be the largest investment in American infrastructure in a century.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework was announced by President Biden and a coalition of Congressional lawmakers from both sides of the aisle earlier this week and includes funding for a number of broad-reaching projects and initiatives aimed at upgrading and improving the nation's critical infrastructure.

With the goal of improving the lives of millions of Americans, highlights of the Framework include investments in clean transportation such as modernizing and expanding rail and public transit networks and systems across the country while substantially reducing greenhouse gas emissions; repairing and rebuilding America's roads and bridges with the largest investment since the construction of the interstate highway system; investing in clean drinking water and wastewater infrastructure including eliminating the nation's lead service lines and pipes, the largest investment of this nature in America's history; energy transmission and capacity upgrades and alternatives as well as the creation of a vast network of electric vehicle charging stations; and a dedicated investment in universal broadband with the ultimate goal of delivering high-speed internet to every home.

CEA President Dan McCoy (Albany County NY Executive) said of the association's support, "This historic bipartisan infrastructure agreement includes investments that will make life better for millions of Americans by creating a generation of good-paying union jobs, promoting local and national economic growth and better positioning American workers, farmers and business-owners for success in the 21st century."

McCoy continued, "As members of a bipartisan government coalition and the chief executives of our home county governments, we at CEA continually work to find common ground so we especially appreciate the bipartisan nature of this Framework. Our

members will work alongside the Biden Administration, Congressional leaders and our own delegations as well as our colleagues in local governments to ensure this Framework and the investment it makes in our infrastructure and the American people becomes a reality. We call on Congress to pass this meaningful legislation without hesitation."

CEA Co-Executive Director Kelly Griffin added, "The County Executives of America appreciates the leadership of President Biden and his Administration as well as the bipartisan Congressional group who negotiated this historic compromise. Our county leaders are eager to move forward with local infrastructure projects that will be made possible with funding from this critical infrastructure legislation."