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Over 175 City, Business and Other Institutional Leaders Press Congress for a Climate-Strong Infrastructure Package

America is All In Coalition of Cities, States, Companies, and Institutions Representing Over Half of the U.S. Population Call For Bold Investments in Green Jobs in Virtual Hill Day for Climate Action

WASHINGTON—This week, state and local governments across the United States stood together with companies, universities, and major faith, health and cultural institutions to insist Congress prioritize climate solutions as they negotiate an infrastructure and investment package this summer.

In virtual meetings with more than 65 congressional offices on Capitol Hill, over 175 members of the America Is All In coalition, representing nearly 150 institutions, urged House and Senate lawmakers from both parties that robust investment in clean energy and climate action is the best path to American economic recovery and creating millions of good paying and durable jobs. In particular, participants in the 'Hill Day' called on congress to pursue immediate and bold policies and investments to modernize the energy grid, clean up the transportation and buildings sectors, and ensure that policies and investments prioritize communities disproportionately harmed by carbon pollution and environmental impacts to remedy long-standing environmental injustices.

Together, the America Is All In coalition represents leaders and organizations from all fifty states, representing a climate movement of US institutions that accounts for more than two-thirds of national GDP and nearly two-thirds of the U.S. population.

At a press conference Wednesday, many of these leaders reiterated the urgency of including strong climate elements in the infrastructure package.

"Across the United States, more than one thousand businesses just like Logitech are all in on climate action because we know it's the right thing to do for the planet and also for our businesses," **said Bracken Darrell, CEO of Logitech.** "This is the moment for Congress to come together and invest in the clean energy economy of tomorrow."

"States are already making large investments in clean energy and climate resilience, but wildfires and extreme weather linked to climate change don't recognize state borders. That's why we need bold action from Congress," said Washington Governor Jay Inslee. "With the help of the federal government, we can make Washington and the rest of the country more competitive, more livable, and more equitable."

"What makes this coalition so unique is that it includes hundreds of religious and cultural institutions," said Pat Hamilton, Director of the Science Museum of Minnesota. "We are part of the fabric of rural and urban communities across the U.S., but that fabric is beginning to stretch as we face a string of climate disasters. If Congress doesn't pass legislation to reduce climate pollution and address environmental injustices, the fabric will tear."

Today's press conference comes on the heels of a <u>letter</u> that 146 Mayors from the Climate Mayors network sent to congressional leadership calling for an infrastructure and economic recovery package that supports the critical climate work of America's towns and cities.

"Climate Mayors are committed to rebuilding stronger communities that address structural inequities, create opportunity for hard-working Americans, and tackle an increasingly destabilizing climate. But we cannot create sustainable and resilient cities on our own," said Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, Chair of Climate Mayors, "We need federal action that includes targeted investments in American cities and towns to build out our nation's critical infrastructure and create a clean energy future that benefits all our communities."

The press conference held over Zoom is available to watch in its entirety here.

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American Is All In is the most expansive coalition of leaders ever assembled in support of climate action in the United States, mobilizing thousands of U.S. cities, states, tribal nations, businesses, schools, and faith, health, and cultural institutions, with members in all 50 states. America Is All In represents the U.S. non-federal climate movement that accounts for over two-thirds of the U.S. economy, nearly two-thirds of population, and over half of U.S. emissions. The coalition is working alongside the federal government to develop a national climate strategy that meets the urgency of the climate crisis, scaling climate action around the country to empower workers and communities, and promoting the leadership of non-federal actors on the world stage.

Led by Mike Bloomberg, the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Climate Ambition and Solutions, Washington Governor Jay Inslee, Charlotte Mayor Vi Lyles, CommonSpirit Health CEO Lloyd Dean and climate champions across the country, the coalition is working to cut U.S. emissions in half by 2030 and reach net zero emissions by 2050, while guarding against the impacts of climate disruption.