

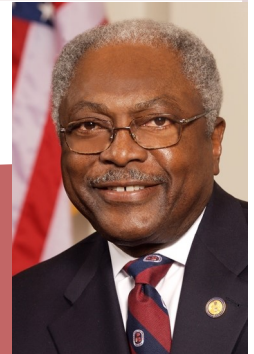


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FOR WE THE PEOPLE: A BETTER DEAL TO REBUILD AMERICA

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Transportation

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Once the envy of the world, America’s infrastructure has fallen behind. All over the country our roads and bridges are crumbling, our schools, and hospitals are in disrepair and the health and safety of our citizens are at peril. We can and must do better.

Americans deserve a Better Deal to Rebuild America—a bold, comprehensive plan to invest \$1 trillion in our infrastructure and create millions of American jobs.

A Better Deal to Rebuild America will (1) invest in our transportation infrastructure including roads, bridges, airports, rail, and ports; (2) expand and replace outdated water and sewer systems in communities all over America; and (3) upgrade our community facilities including schools and hospitals and expand high-speed Internet to close the rural-urban divide.



Rep. Jim Clyburn (center) & officials from the Lake Marion Regional Water Agency, Santee Cooper & the Army Corps of Engineers break ground on the 10.6 mile Dorchester Reach, February 12, 2018.

A Better Deal to Rebuild America will target resources into those communities most in need. We propose five times more funding than the Trump Administration’s plan. It will create good paying jobs for working families, without raising fees so high they’re locked out of using new infrastructure. House Democrats are fighting For We the People. A Better Deal to Rebuild America will unleash billions of dollars in new economic activity.



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FOR WE THE PEOPLE: A BETTER DEAL ON TRANSPORTATION

Fixing Failing Roads and Bridges. Americans waste billions of dollars and gallons of gasoline each year due to outdated, inefficient transportation options. In South Carolina, 26 bridges, about 10%, are classified as structurally deficient and 54% of the state's roads are rated in poor condition by the Department of Transportation. Our crumbling roads and bridges are an economic and public safety problem that "A Better Deal to Rebuild America" will solve by stabilizing the Highway Trust Fund and increasing federal investments.

Investing in our Ports & Inland Waterways. The project to make Charleston the deepest harbor on the East Coast has begun but needs critical federal funding to be completed. I will continue to be a strong and vocal proponent of one of the most important infrastructure projects for our state and the entire Southeast region. Rather than diverting the \$9 billion already paid to hide the size of the budget deficit, A Better Deal to Rebuild America will make sure money paid by shippers into the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund is used for its intended purpose.

Sustainable Solutions to Traffic Gridlock. Transit projects like the proposed Bus Rapid Transit line from Summerville to downtown Charleston and road construction projects like the Malfunction Junction overhaul in Columbia need federal support or will languish for years. Moreover, privatizing major highways like I-26 or I-20 means imposing steep tolls to line the pockets of the highest bidder. We know that decisions motivated by profit alone will continue to leave many rural communities behind. A Better Deal to Rebuild America will invest \$1 trillion into our infrastructure, giving local communities an economic boost and working families a better daily commute.



Congressman Clyburn visits asphalt plant site in Orangeburg, SC. Photo source: www.sloan-construction.com

Infrastructure Investment Works

The 2009 Recovery Act dedicated significant funding to road improvements. South Carolina received \$463 million (of an overall \$27.5 billion) & many of the state's roads were resurfaced or improved.

Improving our Airports & Rail infrastructure.

We must prepare to meet the increased demands of freight & passenger rail, which are already moving more goods and transporting more passengers than ever. A Better Deal to Rebuild America will implement the life-saving Positive Train Control to make our railways more convenient and safer. We will also increase investments in our airports and aviation system to improve passenger experience.

FOR WE THE PEOPLE: A BETTER DEAL ON WATER & SEWER

Water Attracts Jobs. Water is the lifeblood of any community, without which there can be no farming, no economic activity and no jobs. I was proud to sponsor the Congressionally-directed funding for the Lake Marion Regional Water Agency, a federally funded water system that offered surface water for residential and industrial use for the first time in four rural counties (Calhoun, Orangeburg, Dorchester, and Berkeley) in 2008. Access to this water is improving health outcomes and driving economic development.



*Rep. Jim Clyburn and officials cheers with the first glass of water poured from the newly completed 180 ft. John W. Matthews Industrial Park Water Tank.
Photo source: usace.army.mil*

Today, Volvo is building its new manufacturing facility and bringing more than 4,000 jobs to Berkeley County. The groundbreaking of the newest federally funded extension of the water system, the Dorchester Reach, was February 12, 2018. It will serve the site, schools in the Harleyville-Ridgeville area and the Ridgeville Commerce Park, carrying up to 2 million gallons of water a day and serving 25,000 people.

Ensuring Healthy, Safe Drinking Water. Access to clean, safe drinking water has been the single greatest factor in improving life expectancy in the modern era. And yet, four years after 100,000 people in Flint, MI were exposed to high levels of lead in their drinking water, the people of Flint must continue to use bottled or filtered water until at least 2020. Although the national outcry may have waned, the national crisis has not. More than 3,000 communities all across America have lead levels double that of Flint. A Better Deal to Rebuild America will restore our national commitment to our water and wastewater infrastructure so that all communities have access to clean, safe water.

Combatting Persistent Poverty through my 10-20-30 Formula. The 10-20-30 formula targets 10% of federal investments into communities where 20% or more of the population has been

10-20-30 Works

Applying 10-20-30 in previous legislation has resulted in new water systems in Britton's Neck and Orangeburg County, SC and rural Bath County, KY along with many others.

living in poverty for the last 30 years. These communities, many of them rural, are consistently among the poorest in the nation. South Carolina has 15 persistent poverty counties, some of which have already benefitted from its inclusion in the 2009 Recovery Act. Because it's a formula, 10-20-30 does not cost anything nor is it politically driven. I'm proud of its inclusion in 12 accounts of the 2017 and 2018 federal spending laws and will continue to fight for it to be applied more broadly.

FOR WE THE PEOPLE: A BETTER DEAL ON COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Investing in our Public Schools. In 2014, the South Carolina Supreme Court admonished the state for failing its rural communities in the decades long school funding case. Unfortunately, the court ended the case with little to no remediation of the underlying inequities. On average, our public school buildings are 44 years old. We send millions of children to dilapidated, obsolete and unhealthy schools every day. It's simply wrong. A Better Deal to Rebuild America will invest \$100 billion to improve our schools and better prepare our children for the 21st century.

Hospitals and Health Centers for ALL Communities. Just as the New Deal and Fair Deal erected courthouses and post offices in communities across America, modern infrastructure legislation should create or expand hospitals and health centers throughout the country. Funding for Community Health Centers was recently extended for two years.



Representative Jim Clyburn joins Senator Bernie Sanders in introducing Community Health Center legislation at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, DC, June 26, 2017.

Infrastructure Investment Works

The Denmark-Olar School District received a \$38 million direct loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture in 2016 to renovate the high school and build a new K-8 school, athletic facilities, and district administrative offices.

10-20-30 Works

Through the 10-20-30 formula, funding was provided for the new emergency medical center, serving Bamberg and Barnwell counties, where nearby rural hospitals had closed.

While necessary, we must do better. My proposal would dramatically expand Community Health Centers, National Health Service Corps, Teaching Health Centers, and Nurse Practitioner training programs, creating new facilities and putting more doctors and nurses in underserved communities.

Expanding High-Speed Broadband Internet. In addition to school funding, expanding broadband infrastructure is critical for the many communities that lack access. It is a must for the 21st century and every community and school in America ought to have access to affordable, reliable broadband service. A Better Deal to Rebuild America will close the rural-urban divide and build out high-speed broadband in unserved and underserved areas across America.