

HOW THE SENATE-PASSED BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE BILL

Will Create Good-Paying Jobs and Support Workers

U.S. Senator Gary Peters (MI) helped the Senate pass the bipartisan *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* — a once-in-a-generation investment in our infrastructure. This legislation will help grow our economy, strengthen our economic competitiveness and make our economy more sustainable, resilient, and equitable.

This historic investment will create good-paying jobs for workers across the country, including union workers, workers in rural areas, hard-hit energy workers, historically disadvantaged workers, and workers in distressed areas. This historic investment will accelerate the economic recovery, put Michiganders and Americans back to work, and boost wages for workers.

The legislation will:

Create Good-Paying Jobs for Michiganders

The investments in the bipartisan infrastructure bill are projected to add, on average, around 2 million jobs per year over the course of the decade, accelerating America's path to full employment while bringing workers who have been left behind back into the labor force.

Support Auto Workers and Manufacturers

Gary knows that Michigan is home to the most talented auto workers in the country — who can outcompete and outwork anyone. Auto workers and good, union auto manufacturing jobs are the backbone of communities across Michigan. As the country works to transition to more zero-emission vehicles, Gary is committed to making sure those vehicles and their components are being built here in Michigan and in the U.S.

The bipartisan infrastructure bill invests in grants to support battery and battery component manufacturing, manufacturing facilities, and retooling and retrofitting of existing facilities. It also invests in good-paying jobs building a nationwide network of electric vehicle charging infrastructure along highway corridors, which will accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles to address the climate crisis and support domestic manufacturing jobs.

Buy American

Gary has long advocated for taxpayer dollars to be used to buy American-made products and materials, which in turn supports American workers and advances



American competitiveness. The bipartisan infrastructure bill includes a provision championed by Gary to strengthen Buy American requirements and close loopholes to ensure the federal government is spending taxpayer dollars on American-made products that support American companies and workers, and create American jobs.

The legislation also requires domestically produced materials to be used for federal infrastructure projects, promotes domestic production of personal protective equipment, directs the creation of a BuyAmerican.gov website, and creates a Made in America Office in the White House. Finally, the bill strengthens the Manufacturing Extension Partnership to boost opportunities for small- and medium-sized businesses to sell products to federal agencies.

Grow Wages in the Clean Energy Industry

Gary is committed to ensuring that the new jobs created in the clean energy industry—solar, wind, carbon capture, energy transmission—would be good-paying, union jobs. The bipartisan infrastructure bill extends prevailing wage protections to all energy infrastructure provisions, including the construction of EV charging stations on highways and in communities, ensuring that these critical jobs come with good wages and benefits and support local unions.

Protect and Support Transit Workers

The bipartisan infrastructure bill provides unprecedented support for transportation workers who have worked tirelessly on the frontlines of the pandemic. The legislation includes new provisions to prevent operator assaults built on collective bargaining and labor-management collaboration, so that no transit worker should fear for their safety just for doing their job. And it provides over \$300 million in grant funding to train transit workers on the zero-emission vehicles of the future, including through registered apprenticeships and other joint labor-management training programs.

Protect Critical Labor Standards on Construction Projects

The overwhelming majority of the funds in the bipartisan infrastructure bill will be subject to Davis-Bacon requirements, which ensure that contractors pay workers on construction projects a fair, prevailing wage so that local wages, labor markets, and workers won't be undercut. These requirements will protect wages for millions of workers, grow the economy and support good-paying, union jobs.