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Fellow Warriors,

After months of negotiations, the Senate released a **2,702-page infrastructure bill** over the weekend.

The bill, presented by Senators Sinema (D-AZ), Portman (R-OH), Manchin (D-WV), Cassidy (R-LA), Shaheen (D-NH), Collins (R-ME), Tester (D-MT), Murkowski (R-AK), Warner (D-VA), and Romney (R-UT), comes after Senator Chuck Schumer (D-NY) missed several self-imposed deadlines for passage of an infrastructure package.

Senator Mike Lee (R-UT) voiced his opposition to the bill in an hour-long speech on the Senate floor.

Americans for Tax Reform points out some of the most head-scratching provisions of the bill.

The \$1.2 trillion InFAUXstructure Bill seeks to:

- Include sexual and gender identity language and racial preferencing
- Impose capital gains taxes on cryptocurrencies
- Establish a working group to improve Amtrak's onboard food and beverage experience
- Create the "Women of Trucking Advisory Board," to provide education, training, conduct outreach, and recruit women into the trucking industry
- Spend \$5 billion on "clean school buses and zero-emission school buses"
- Establish a national motor vehicle per-mile user fee pilot program allowing government surveillance of motorists via GPS tracking

Senator Josh Hawley (R-MO) also points out that gender identity is

now being considered infrastructure.

Even worse, Democrats have explicitly linked this bill to a \$3.5 trillion reconciliation legislation that includes:

- Bypassing pro-life protections from future healthcare spending
- Democrat climate agenda
- Host of new taxes
- Expanded amnesty

The House has begun their August recess but reports from the House Majority Leader's Office indicate it may be cut short. Of course, attendance is optional due to Speaker Pelosi's proxy-voting extension

ACTION ALERT: STOP THE "INFAUXSTRUCTURE" BILL

*Conservatives must **stand up NOW** and say **NO** to this pork monstrosity that pretends to be an infrastructure bill. Please forward this information to your grassroots supporters. We can make a difference, but only if we act before Saturday!*

The Senate will shortly consider HR 3684, the INVEST in America Act, a \$1.2 trillion tax-and-spend bill rife with **gender identity** issues, unpaid spending, and which sets up passage of an even bigger, highly partisan, Democrat-only reconciliation bill that threatens key conservative priorities.

Last week, these 17 Republican senators joined every Senate Democrat in voting to proceed to a bill: Blunt (Mo.), Burr (N.C.), Capito (W.Va.), Cassidy (La.), Collins (Maine), Cramer (N.D.), Crapo (Idaho), Graham (S.C.), Grassley (Iowa), Hoeven (N.D.), McConnell (Ky.), Murkowski (Alaska), Portman (Ohio), Risch (Idaho), Romney (Utah), Tillis (N.C.), Young (Ind.).

The legislation is deeply flawed. It includes sexual and gender identity (SOGI) language and grant criteria based around racial preferencing, sweeping new climate change programs, and reporting requirements to impose more capital gains tax on to cryptocurrencies. The bill also tests out a vehicle miles-traveled tax that will expand government surveillance of motorists through GPS tracking, taxing every mile traveled.

Moreover, only a slim percentage of the bill's \$1.2 trillion is spent on

traditional infrastructure concerns like modernizing roadways, upgrading waterways, and repairing airports. The rest falls under the Democrats' ever-expanding definition of infrastructure. And despite claims by the Republicans sponsors, this bill is not paid for. Rather, the "pay-fors" constitute a handful of gimmicks. The gains are never expected to materialize.

Finally, Democrats have been explicit that the passage of the bipartisan infrastructure bill is linked to the passage of their much more partisan, \$3.5 trillion reconciliation legislation. A vote for one sets up a vote for the other. This has serious consequences, as Democrats are considering using that reconciliation procedure to bypass pro-life protections on health care spending, as well as an expanded amnesty.

In short, a vote for this legislation is a vote for vast new and non-offset spending, a vote to remove pro-life protections from future health care spending, an affirmative vote for racial preferencing and federal gender identity language that threatens religious liberty, a Democrat climate agenda, and a host of new taxes on individual mileage and even cryptocurrency.

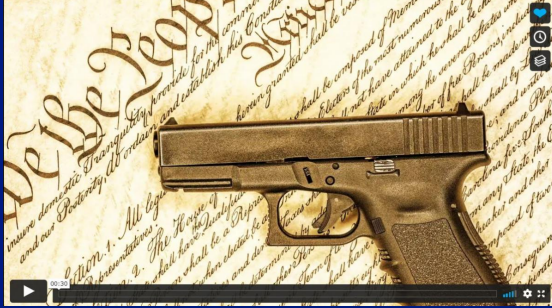
All Republicans should be urged to oppose. The following conservative groups have issued their opposition and/or key vote against:

- FreedomWorks
- Club for Growth
- Tea Party Patriots
- Concerned Women for America
- Heritage Action for America
- National Taxpayers Union
- Americans for Tax Reform
- Family Research Council
- Americans for Prosperity
- American Conservative Union
- Citizens for Renewing America
- For America
- March for Life Action

ACTION

Contact your Senators and let them know you and all these organizations oppose the INVEST in America Act.

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