

Dear Rep. Jayapal and Members of the Progressive Caucus:

This is getting ridiculous. We are sure you agree.

We are writing today to urge you and your colleagues to hold the line and to refuse to vote on the physical infrastructure bill until there is a commitment from the full Senate Caucus to pass the Build Back Better bill. We are deeply concerned about reports that progressives are considering allowing the vote on the physical infrastructure to go forward.

This would be a terrible mistake.

The two conservative Democrats holding the nation hostage with unreasonable and ever-shifting demands have proven themselves to be unreliable negotiating partners and there is no reason to believe they will do the right thing.

You have one bit of leverage. Use it. The infrastructure bill must not be passed in the House until there is clear, public, and unequivocal support for a reconciliation package from the full Senate caucus.

Please do not let a manufactured sense of urgency sway you from the fact that, from the beginning, these two bills were intended to pass together. That is what was promised, that is what must happen.

To be clear, both packages enjoy the support of the bi-partisan majority of Americans.

But from the perspective of the Patriotic Millionaires, the Build Back Better plan is the only bill of the two that takes any steps toward unwinding the decades of preferential treatment the uber wealthy have received in the tax code. It is not perfect, but it is a step in the right direction towards shrinking the destabilizing levels of inequality in our country.

You know as well as we do that the Build Back Better package, not the infrastructure bill, is the legislation that this country needs. You must make it clear that you will settle for no less than what your constituents deserve, and refuse to pass BIF without support for the full Build Back Better Agenda.

Warmly,



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