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America Needs to Move on Infrastructure and Jobs

IBEW International President Lonnie R. Stephenson issued the following statement in reaction to President Joe Biden's announcement of his American Jobs Plan:

"President Biden's American Jobs Plan is both a historic investment into modernizing our roads, bridges, ports, airports, railroads, and electrical grid and a jobs plan, creating millions of good-paying union jobs building a 21st century modern infrastructure and a clean-energy future for our nation.

It will also spur a renaissance in made-in-America manufacturing, bringing new jobs back to American communities.

And I'm especially pleased that the president continues to emphasize the importance of collective bargaining rights and prevailing wages to ensure that new infrastructure jobs are good jobs.

We cannot wait any longer to tackle the problem of fixing our crumbling infrastructure. Every day the federal government does not act is another day we fall further behind our foreign competitors. And the looming threat of climate change means we must move now to invest in clean energy technology that will slash carbon emissions and put millions to work.

The men and women of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers are ready to get to work building America and its economy back better, and we call on Congress to move quickly on President Biden's infrastructure plan."

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