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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Danillo A. Sena***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying resolution:

Resolutions urging Congress to pass legislation establishing a national infrastructure bank.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/18/2025</i>

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**

Resolutions urging Congress to pass legislation establishing a national infrastructure bank.

1           WHEREAS, the development and maintenance of physical infrastructure including roads,  
2 bridges, ports, transit, energy, housing, telecommunications, utilities, and broadband contribute  
3 significantly to the economy of the United States since an efficient and reliable supply chain and  
4 other economic activity are dependent upon that infrastructure; and

5           WHEREAS, in addition to the overall positive impact on the nation’s economy and  
6 America’s economic competitiveness and influence, infrastructure modernization also benefits  
7 the national security of the United States, and Americans’ quality of life; and

8           WHEREAS, The American Society of Civil Engineers issued a score of C- for the  
9 current status of infrastructure in the United States in its 2021 Report Card for America’s  
10 Infrastructure, and that more than \$6 trillion is needed for infrastructure improvements and  
11 development in order for the United States to meet its infrastructure needs; and

12           WHEREAS, The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine assert that  
13 a significant portion of American transportation infrastructure is at the end of its useful life and is  
14 further strained by the increasing frequency of extreme weather events; and

15           WHEREAS, Massachusetts has numerous infrastructure needs, including bridges that are  
16 structurally deficient, miles of roads that are in poor or fair condition, trains and buses that are  
17 past their useful life, a shortfall of affordable housing units, drinking water infrastructure and  
18 wastewater systems requiring repair and replacement, and areas where there is no broadband  
19 access; and

20           WHEREAS, the National Infrastructure Bank legislation would create a bank to help  
21 finance infrastructure requirements to bring our public infrastructure system to a state of good  
22 repair and build new projects, while creating jobs and growing the economy; and

23           WHEREAS, the National Infrastructure Bank legislation is modeled on previous banks  
24 which helped build much of our country’s infrastructure at times of great need under Presidents  
25 George Washington, James Madison, Abraham Lincoln, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, and with the  
26 last such bank helping bring us out of the Great Depression and win World War II;

27           WHEREAS, many organizations are in support of a National Infrastructure Bank,  
28 including state legislatures and municipal governments, and national endorsements from the  
29 National Black Caucus of State Legislators, the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators,  
30 the National Asian-Pacific American Caucus of State Legislators, the Council of State  
31 Governments-East, the National Association of Development Organizations, the US High Speed  
32 Rail Association, the American Sustainable Business Council, the National Association of  
33 Minority Contractors, the National Latino Farmers and Ranchers, and the United Association of  
34 Plumbers and Steamfitters International Union; and

35           WHEREAS, the failure to establish a dedicated, regenerative, nonpartisan funding  
36 mechanism for grand infrastructure endeavors would stifle economic growth, public safety, and

37 American quality of life and would limit the ability of Massachusetts and other states to move  
38 forward on vital infrastructure projects and remain competitive in the global economy; and

39           THEREFORE, be it resolved that the General Court of the Commonwealth of  
40 Massachusetts urges the United States Congress to pass legislation establishing a national  
41 infrastructure bank to facilitate the financing of urgently needed infrastructure projects in the  
42 United States; and be it further

43           RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted forthwith by the clerk of the  
44 Senate to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker and Minority Leader  
45 of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United  
46 States Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from the Commonwealth in the Congress  
47 of the United States, and to the Governor of the Commonwealth.