INVEST IN INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT FOR THE AMERICAN JOBS AND AMERICAN FAMILIES PLANS

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Pandemic has led to job losses, threatened economic security, and unmasked the fragility of our caregiving and health care infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America is the wealthiest country in the world, yet we rank 13th when it comes to the overall quality of our infrastructure, and public domestic investment as a share of the economy has fallen by more than forty (40) percent since the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, the Teamsters Union represents hundreds of thousands of members working in the transportation, energy and construction trades and there is no union in America for whom investment in our nation's infrastructure is more vital to the safety, reliability and efficiency of the work performed by its members every day; and

WHEREAS, the post-pandemic recovery presents an opportunity to address massive structural inequities and rebuild the economic foundations of our nation to create a more equitable and inclusive economy; and

WHEREAS, our nation is falling behind its biggest competitors on research and development, manufacturing, and training, and it has never been more important for us to invest in strengthening our infrastructure and competitiveness, and in creating the good-paying, union jobs of the future; and

WHEREAS, President Biden has put forward a proposal called the American Jobs Plan which offers a broad vision for putting the nation's economy on a 21st century path towards better paying jobs that lift up U.S. workers, modernize the nation's aging infrastructure and will revitalize the middle class for working Americans, and

WHEREAS, President Biden has also put forward a proposal called the American Families Plan which recognizes that the modern American family is being pulled in a million different directions that makes it increasingly difficult to make ends meet and to balance jobs and caring for younger and older generations, and therefore this proposal calls for mandated paid family leave and affordable child and health care while also alleviating tax burdens for working families; and

WHEREAS, President Biden has publicly stated that the jobs created by his infrastructure proposals must be good, family sustaining jobs and he has therefore called on Congress to pass the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act as a critical complement to passing a comprehensive economic investment package,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Teamsters Union shall work to shape and support enactment of a comprehensive infrastructure package modeled after both the American Jobs Plan and the American Families Plan and will urge Congress to enact such a comprehensive

investment in the American people and economy and send such a package to the President's desk this year.