

Wisconsin Conservation Voters: Applaud the passing of Build Back Better Act by U.S. House of Representatives

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WASHINGTON D.C. – Wisconsin Conservation Voters applauds the passing of the Build Back Better Act by the U.S. House of Representatives.

The Build Back Better Act is an historic piece of legislation that comprises the largest effort to combat climate change in American history. It is a first-step victory for a cleaner, healthier, more prosperous future and is the result of intensive work by conservation voters, supporters, volunteers, and elected officials at all levels of public service. Their commitment to passing a bill with strong climate provisions made this moment possible.

This transformational legislation will focus on climate change while creating good paying clean energy jobs and finally make real investments for environmental justice.

Wisconsin will benefit from the Build Back Better Act. It will assist the transition to clean energy, build climate resilience, and create thousands of jobs while centering on communities of color and climate justice. With Wisconsin's gerrymandered, anti-conservation legislative majority at the state level, the Build Back Better Act is a

lifeline for these critical issues – and a lifeline for our health, families, and future.

Executive Director Kerry Schumann had this to say about the historic moment:

“Today, the House of Representatives has finally passed the Build Back Better Act. This legislation is the strongest action the United States has ever taken to combat the climate crisis. From Superior to Milwaukee, this historic legislation will cut emissions, create good-paying union jobs, and invest directly into communities of color too often left behind – all while putting the U.S. on path to cutting our climate pollution in half by 2030. All of our communities will benefit from the Build Back Better Act.

This is a historic moment for Wisconsin and the planet. We thank our members and allies for their efforts to bring us to this point, Reps. Ron Kind, Gwen Moore, and Mark Pocan for their votes to pass the bill, and look forward to its passage in the U.S. Senate and President Joe Biden’s signature.

While this is a monumental achievement, it remains only a step toward making sure this legislation becomes law and is then enacted properly and effectively here at home. Wisconsin Conservation Voters will continue to push climate action at all levels of government and work to ensure that the Build Back Better Act lives up to its promises on climate and its potential to create a cleaner, brighter, healthier future for everyone.”