

United States Senate

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Dear Colleague:

First, thank you to you and your staffs for the hard work, time, and energy you have dedicated to this summer work period. There have been many long days and nights over the past few weeks as we have worked to enact the bipartisan infrastructure bill, confirm judicial appointments, and do the other business of the American people. I am always grateful for your efforts.

As you know, earlier this year I proposed that the Senate work on “two tracks” to enact a bipartisan infrastructure bill and a budget reconciliation bill to make historic investments in American jobs, American families, and the fight against climate change. Thanks to the good work of the “G22” group of bipartisan Senators and our committees, we are on track to pass the most consequential “hard” infrastructure legislation in decades. As soon as we complete this track, I will immediately move to the FY2022 Budget Resolution with reconciliation instructions.

To help Senators prepare for consideration of the Budget Resolution on the Senate floor and the writing of the reconciliation bill this summer, I am sharing a number of materials with you today. First, a fact sheet that provides a detailed summary of what the Budget Committee, with my support, is recommending to the other committees. The Budget Resolution itself and a one-page summary are also included.

Please remember that the resolution only includes “top-line” reconciliation instructions to the committees, and that every Senator will have opportunities to shape and influence the final reconciliation bill after adoption of the Budget Resolution. I have asked the Chairs of the committees to hold regular virtual meetings with every committee member during the recess to develop the legislation.

Second, you will find messaging materials from Chairwoman Stabenow and the White House. Please review these materials and work with the DPCC and the White House to schedule media appearances and in-state events during the state work period. It is critical that we go on offense during the recess to explain to the American people how our budget will lower costs and cut taxes for American families.

At its core, this legislation is about restoring the middle class in the 21st Century and giving more Americans the opportunity to get there. By making education, health care, child care, and housing more affordable, we can give tens of millions of families a leg up. By making further investments in infrastructure, we can create tens of thousands of good-paying jobs. And by finally tackling climate change, we can spare our country and our planet the most devastating effects of global warming. This legislation will provide the largest tax cut for American families in a generation, while making the wealthy pay their fair share. In all phases, we will concentrate on communities that have too often been neglected, including communities of color and Native Americans.

We are carefully coordinating our work on the budget with our House colleagues. Chairman Sanders and I are in regular contact with Speaker Pelosi and Chairman Yarmuth. The committees with reconciliation instructions will work closely with their House counterparts to write this legislation. The Budget Resolution provides a target date of September 15th to the committees to submit their reconciliation legislation. We will work towards this goal and meet, as a caucus, during the week of the 15th to review the bill.

In closing, I want to thank you again for your partnership and dedication to our shared goals for the American people. When we took the majority in the Senate earlier this year, the American people entrusted us with a great responsibility: to make their lives better. I am happy to report that we are making great progress towards that goal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles Schumer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator