

RESOLUTION 18-05

A RESOLUTION REGARDING INFRASTRUCTURE Create Millions of Jobs -- Growing a Green Economy

Whereas: Our nation's schools, hospitals, roads, bridges, power grid, and other infrastructure is obsolete and in dire disrepair and

Whereas: Failure to modernize our infrastructure will cost the U.S. an estimated \$4 trillion between 2016 and 2025 according to the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)

Whereas: ASCE estimates that it will require \$4.6 trillion in public investments to rebuild and modernize our infrastructure but will cost nothing because a modern infrastructure generates at least \$1.70 for every dollar invested, according to the ASCE. See ASCE web site www.asce.org.

Whereas: 157 Democrats in the House of Representatives, including our own Derek Kilmer, have endorsed H.Con.Res 63 which rejects President Trumps infrastructure proposal to privatize public works and force the cash-strapped states and hard-pressed working people to carry the burden of infrastructure repair.

Whereas: H.Con.Res 63 calls instead for Congress to enact a real infrastructure program that preserves the public in public works and "benefits all Americans, not just the billionaires," to quote the resolution.

Whereas: A real infrastructure bill would create millions of good, living wage jobs and lay the basis for a transition away from dependence on carbon fuels, main source of global warming gas emissions. Source: NASA see <http://climate.nasa.gov/causes>. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. <350.org>.

Whereas: "Millions of Jobs," a grassroots coalition has spring up that includes many labor unions, environmental and anti-poverty groups to promote a publicly funded infrastructure program. See: www.millionsofjobs.org.

Therefore be it resolved: That the Clallam County Democratic Party thank Derek Kilmer for endorsing H.Con.Res 63 and for campaigning for infrastructure repairs in Olympic National Park and other parks.

Further be it resolved: That Clallam County Democrats urge strong grassroots support for a major federally funded infrastructure repair program that could include new school construction in Clallam County. We call on all Washington State elected officials including Sen. Maria Cantwell, to join in this effort.

Further be it resolved: That before receiving CCD endorsement, we will ask candidates running for National office in the 2018 mid-term elections: Where do you stand on a publicly-financed infrastructure repair program?

H.Con.Res 63:

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-concurrent-resolution/63/text>

Adopted by the Membership of the Clallam County Democrats
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