

# FAILURE TO ACT

Economic Impacts of Status Quo  
Investment Across Infrastructure Systems

OVER THE NEXT 20 YEARS, AMERICA'S OVERDUE INFRASTRUCTURE BILL WILL COST THE AVERAGE AMERICAN HOUSEHOLD

\$3,300  
A YEAR



When we fail to invest in our infrastructure, we pay the price. Poor roads and airports mean travel times increase. An aging electric grid and inadequate water distribution make utilities unreliable. Problems like these translate into higher costs for businesses to manufacture and distribute goods and provide services. These higher costs, in turn, get passed along to workers and families.

The average AMERICAN HOUSEHOLD LOSES \$63 A WEEK due to CHRONIC UNDERINVESTMENT in infrastructure. What could you do with \$63 a week, or \$275 a month?



TAKEOUT DINNER FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR EACH WEEK.



START A COLLEGE FUND.



COMPLETE A HOME RENOVATION PROJECT.

We are already paying the price, but IF WE FAIL TO ACT NOW, OUR COSTS WILL MOUNT EXPONENTIALLY.

Of the total economic impacts projected in our 20-year study, more than three-quarters occur during the second decade (2030-2039).

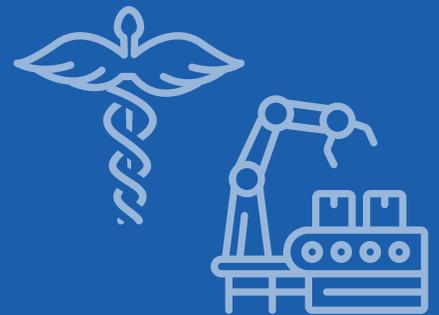
If we don't act, by 2039 we are forecasted to lose:

**\$10.3**  
TRILLION  
in GDP from 2020-2039, nearly half of the annual U.S. GDP in 2019.

**\$2.4**  
TRILLION  
in exports from 2020-2039, or more than half of all the profit Fortune 500 companies generated in 2019.

**3**  
MILLION  
jobs, two times the number of Walmart employees in the U.S.

Inefficient, unreliable infrastructure is a drag on the U.S. economy and will hurt the GDP and create job losses.



**47%**  
of the projected jobs lost in 2039 will be in high-wage and high-production jobs like manufacturing and health care.

The good news is we can **ACT NOW** to mitigate the harm to our GDP, trade volumes, and declines in personal income. Let's reverse the decade of underinvestment in our infrastructure and help all communities thrive.



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