



American Planning Association  
**Ohio Chapter**

*Creating Great Communities for All*

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Dear Senators Portman and Brown,

On behalf of the American Planning Association Ohio Chapter and our 1,200 members, I am writing to thank you for your steadfast support of the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. This legislation will provide historic, direct investment in planning and is certain to have an impact on communities and regions across Ohio.

The bipartisan infrastructure package embraces community planning at its core and strengthens policy and funding support across the areas where planners said it was needed most: climate and resilience, equity, safety and active transportation, and greater support for metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs). We also greatly appreciate the support for broadband infrastructure in this package.

APA Ohio applauds your contributions to this bill and thanks you for all you and your team did to get this once-in-a-generation legislative package across the finish line in Congress. Community planners look forward to partnering with your office in the future to address the biggest planning challenges and opportunities facing communities today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rachel S. Ray'.

Rachel Ray, AICP  
President, APA Ohio

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Emily Phillis'.

Emily Phillis, AICP  
Chair, APA Ohio Legislative Committee

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Christine Dersi Davis'.

Christine Dersi Davis, AICP  
Executive Director, APA Ohio