

# Resolution In Support of the Build Back Better Act

**Whereas:** West Virginia has one in five children living in poverty and median household income is second-lowest among the 50 states at \$16,862. Seven counties have no childcare services, limiting parents participation in the workforce.

**Whereas:** Coal miners are facing an epidemic as black lung disease has risen to historically unprecedented levels, hitting a 25-year high in Appalachian coal mining states, and the Build Back Better Act contains a four-year extension of funding for the he Black Lung Disability Trust Fund.

**Whereas:** The Build Back Better Act contains historic investments to address child care deserts, health and food insecurity, and lack of good paying jobs. The Child Tax Credit would lift 22,000 West Virginia children above the poverty line. Build Back Better would expand availability and affordability of quality childcare for 89,607 West Virginia children.

**Whereas:** The Build Back Better Act will bring 31,000 jobs to West Virginia many in rural communities through provisions like 48C clean energy manufacturing jobs and the Civilian Climate Corps which will put people to work in land restoration right where they live.

**Whereas:** The Build Back Better Act allows Medicare to negotiate lower prescription drug prices, penalize pharmaceutical companies that unfairly raise prices, and cap annual out-of-pocket prescription drug costs for seniors at \$2,000. Nearly 600,000 West Virginians with chronic conditions such as cancer, diabetes, and asthma will see their prescription drug cost go down.

**Whereas:** The Build Back Better Act invests \$85/ton of CO2 into equipping coal and gas power plants with carbon capture technology, helping these power sources stay online even as the United States transitions towards a zero carbon economy.

**Whereas:** The Build Back Better Act is paid for by closing loopholes that allow corporations to pay \$0 taxes, stopping incentives for companies to take jobs overseas, and increasing taxes on incomes greater than \$10 million.

**Therefore be it resolved:** that the undersigned organizations urge Senators Manchin and Capito to vote for the Build Back Better Act without delay.

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- 84 Agency
- American Friends Service Committee WV Programs
- Appalachian Community HealthEmergency
- Catholic Committee of Appalachia
- Charleston Black Ministerial Alliance Inc
- Citizens Climate Lobby West Virginia
- Corazon Latino
- Covenant House
- Echo Valley Farm
- Ellen's Homemade Ice Cream
- Future Generations University
- Gesundheit Institute
- HOPE Community Development Corporation
- Kid In The Background, Inc.
- Matthew J. Watts Ministries
- Mid-Ohio Valley Climate Action
- Moms Clean Air Force, West Virginia Chapter
- Monongalia Friends Meeting
- Mon Valley Green Space Coalition
- Mountain State Justice
- National Association of Social Workers WV Chapter
- On the Levels Farmstead
- Planned Parenthood South Atlantic
- Preserve Monroe
- Race Matters West Virginia
- Rattle The Windows
- Rise Up WV
- Starry Eyes
- TEAM for WV Children
- Tri-County Quakers of Central West Virginia
- Tuesday Morning Group
- United Methodist Church Justice and Advocacy Committee
- UNPAC WVU
- West Virginia Climate Alliance
- West Virginia Environmental Council
- West Virginia Food & Farm Coalition
- West Virginians For Affordable Health Care
- West Virginia Rivers Coalition
- West Virginia State Electrical Workers Association
- Wind Dance Farm & Earth Education Center
- Women's March West Virginia
- WV Citizen Action Group
- WV FREE
- WV Interfaith Power and Light
- WVU College of Law Democratic Law Caucus
- WVNOW
- Yew Mountain Center
- Young West Virginia Forward