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1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **United States of America – National Infrastructure Bank**

3 FOR the purpose of urging the U.S. Congress to pass federal legislation to establish a
4 national infrastructure bank; and generally relating to a national infrastructure
5 bank.

6 WHEREAS, The United States of America lacks critical investment in infrastructure
7 projects; and

8 WHEREAS, The American Society of Civil Engineers, in its 2025 report card,
9 assigned the United States a grade of C regarding the then-current state of infrastructure,
10 and estimated that more than \$9 trillion would be needed to restore the nation's
11 infrastructure to a state of good repair, of which nearly \$4 trillion was then unfunded and
12 the remainder was inadequately funded, with new 21st-century projects also unfunded;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Maryland is in dire need of substantial infrastructure investment and
15 improvement to protect the State's economy and improve its quality of life; and

16 WHEREAS, According to the American Road and Transportation Builders
17 Association, Maryland has 1,563 bridges in need of repairs and, following the collapse of
18 the Francis Scott Key Bridge, there are now 240 "structurally deficient" bridges standing
19 in Maryland; and

20 WHEREAS, Maryland's drinking water infrastructure is aging, with Baltimore City
21 recently averaging 1,000 water breaks per year, with high costs for stormwater repair and
22 replacement and the replacement of lead water service lines projected to cost more than
23 \$75 million; and



WHEREAS, Maryland needs roughly 100,000 new units of affordable housing to address the needs of its most housing-insecure residents; and

WHEREAS, Traffic congestion in the Baltimore metropolitan area costs each driver \$1,371 per year in lost time and wasted fuel, and the average driver in the Washington, D.C., suburban area loses 100 hours per year due to traffic, with a cost of \$2,465 per driver per year, and statewide, drivers lose \$5.8 billion each year in lost time and fuel due to congestion; and

WHEREAS, Congress has introduced H.R. 5356, the “National Infrastructure Bank Act,” which would create a \$5 trillion bank to finance all infrastructure requirements, including bringing the nation’s infrastructure to a state of good repair and building new projects; and

WHEREAS, The National Infrastructure Bank is modeled on previous banks that helped build much of the nation’s infrastructure under Presidents George Washington, John Quincy Adams, Abraham Lincoln, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, and the last such bank played a key role in lifting the nation out of the Great Depression and supporting efforts during World War II; and

WHEREAS, The National Infrastructure Bank is projected to create 25 million new jobs, pay Davis–Bacon wages, enforce Buy America provisions, ensure significant disbursements to disadvantaged business enterprises, and mandate large-scale minority hiring, all without requiring new federal spending or taxes and, according to experts, is expected to grow the economy by 5% per year, as previous infrastructure banks did; and

WHEREAS, The National Infrastructure Bank will collaborate with states to finance the total buildout of broadband, repair all roads and bridges, expand the power grid, fix all drinking water and wastewater systems, invest in affordable housing, replace all lead water service lines, expand mass transit, finance the capital needs of the Washington Metro system, fund high-speed rail in the Northeast Corridor, and more; and

WHEREAS, The National Infrastructure Bank is overwhelmingly supported, with 30 state legislatures that have introduced or passed resolutions of support, as well as county and city councils, and national organizations such as the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators, the National Asian Pacific American Caucus of State Legislators, the Council of State Governments East, the National Association of Counties, the National Association of Development Organizations, the U.S. High Speed Rail Association, the National Association of Minority Contractors, the National Jobs for All Network, the Federation for a Manufacturing Renaissance, and others; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the members of the U.S. Congress are urged to pass H.R. 5356 to establish the National Infrastructure Bank to finance urgently needed infrastructure projects; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
2 Legislative Services to the President of the United States of America; the Maryland
3 Congressional Delegation; the Governor of Maryland; the President of the Senate of
4 Maryland; and the Speaker of the House of Delegates.