

# Hydropower/River Conservation: Congressional Letter Requesting Inclusion in Biden Infrastructure Package



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Forty members of the United States Congress sent a March 22nd letter to President Biden requesting the inclusion of funding to retrofit, rehabilitate and remove dams.

Cited in the March 22nd letter in support of the request is an October 2020 Joint Statement of Collaboration to work together on the previously referenced activities by environmental organizations and hydropower companies.

This [Joint Statement of Collaboration](#) was organized by Stanford University.

In support of its request for funding in the infrastructure package, the letter states as potential benefits:

- Increased clean energy production
- Promotion of river conservation and public safety
- Creation of good-paying jobs (particularly in disadvantaged communities)
- Proven energy technologies providing the United States with more than seven percent of its electricity
- Firms up variable solar and wind power with pumped-storage hydropower
- Electricity output could be increased by approximately 50 percent by 2050, substantially cutting CO2 emissions
- Improve public safety by addressing 6,000 “high-hazard” dams
- Address opportunities to remove unnecessary dams that do not benefit society or have safety issues/environmental impacts

A copy of the letter can be downloaded [here](#).