



The Investment and Jobs Act includes legislation introduced and championed by Senator Padilla:

Grid Resiliency

The bipartisan bill includes Padilla's [*POWER On Act*](#) and would invest \$5 billion over five years to help prevent blackouts, shutoffs, and utility-caused wildfires by funding projects that enhance the physical resilience of the electric grid in response to extreme weather events and natural disasters. The bill would fund thousands of miles of new, resilient transmission lines to facilitate the expansion of renewable energy and create a new Grid Deployment Authority, invest in research and development for advanced transmission and electricity distribution technologies, and promote smart grid technologies that deliver flexibility and resilience.

Improving Water Resiliency

The bill incorporates the *Drought Resiliency Investment Act*, [cosponsored by Padilla](#), to combat drought and protect the water supply of millions of Americans living in California and other western states. The bill would create a grant program for large-scale water recycling projects in California and the other sixteen western states and would allow federal funding to be used for an increased range of activities to plan for and mitigate against impacts from drought.

Lead Pipe Replacement

This bipartisan package includes \$15 billion to replace lead pipes and service lines across the country. Earlier this year, Senator Padilla introduced the [*Lead-Free Drinking Water for All Act*](#), an ambitious effort to replace every lead service line and pipe in America over the next 10 years. Lead contamination in drinking water is particularly prevalent in California's Central Valley: in 2017, [approximately](#) 25 percent of schools in Fresno County reported lead in their drinking water, while almost 1 in 5 kids statewide attended a school that served drinking water with lead contamination. California is making headway to ensure lead-free water in schools, and this legislation would help guarantee that kids have access to lead-free water when they go home, too.

Electric School Buses

The bill will deliver thousands of new electric school buses nationwide, helping school districts across the country buy clean, American-made, zero-emission buses. It includes an initial investment of over \$2.5 billion for zero-emission buses and makes them eligible for an additional \$2.5 billion in school bus replacement funding. Padilla previously [introduced](#) the *Clean Commute for Kids Act*, legislation that would invest \$25 billion to replace existing diesel buses with electric buses.

Urban Indian Health Infrastructure

The bill includes Senator Padilla's *Urban Indian Health Providers Facilities Improvement Act* to pave the way for increased investment in the renovation and construction of urban Indian health facilities.

Reconnecting Communities

The bill creates a first-ever program to reconnect communities divided by transportation infrastructure. The program is modeled after *the Reconnecting Communities Act*, [cosponsored by Padilla](#). The program will fund planning, design, demolition, and reconstruction of street grids, parks, or other infrastructure through \$1 billion of dedicated funding.