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

Grid Resiliency

- The bipartisan law includes Padilla's [POWER On Act](#) and will 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 law will 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 law 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 law creates a grant program for large-scale water recycling projects in California and the other sixteen western states and will allow federal funding to be used for an increased range of activities to plan for and mitigate against drought.

Lead Pipe Replacement

- This bipartisan package includes \$15 billion to replace lead pipes and service lines across the country. Earlier this year, Senators Padilla and Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) introduced the [Lead-Free Drinking Water for All Act](#), an ambitious effort to begin to replace every lead service line and pipe in America over the next 10 years. Currently, up to 10 million American households and 400,000 schools and child care centers lack safe, lead-free drinking water.

Electric School Buses

- The bipartisan law will deliver thousands of new electric school buses nationwide, helping school districts across the country buy clean, American-made, zero-emission buses. The law 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.

Improved Urban Indian Health Infrastructure

- The law includes the Senator's [bipartisan bill](#) to reverse a long-standing injustice by allowing Urban Indian organizations (UIOs) to spend appropriated funds on construction and renovation projects to improve the safety and quality of health care provided to urban Indians living in California and other urban centers.

Reconnecting Communities

- The law 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.