

Remarks as Delivered

American Rescue Plan Floor Speech - March 10, 2021

“Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

A once-in-a-lifetime pandemic requires a bold investment, and that is what the American Rescue Plan is

First, this bill invests \$20 billion to get shots in arms and make sure everyone knows where, when, and how to get a vaccine.

Many students are back in school or going back soon. California will get \$15 billion to reopen safely, and keep schools open, to make up for lost time.

We’ve also invested in the backbone of our economy: small businesses.

In fact, economists believe this bill can bring us back to near-full employment in about a year.

To ensure local governments can keep providing essential services, this bill delivers over \$259 million to cities and counties in my district alone.

Finally, this package invests in the American people.

The direct payments, unemployment benefits, tax credits, and health care subsidies will help lift nearly 12 million people out of poverty.

I look forward to voting for this bill. Thank you, I yield back.”