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# S. 2576

To amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to establish a discretionary spending limit for infrastructure spending.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. PAUL introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Budget

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## A BILL

To amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to establish a discretionary spending limit for infrastructure spending.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Infrastructure Spend-  
5 ing Limit Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. DISCRETIONARY SPENDING LIMIT FOR INFRA-**  
7 **STRUCTURE SPENDING.**

8 (a) DEFINITION.—Section 250(c)(4) of the Balanced  
9 Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2  
10 U.S.C. 900(c)(4)) is amended—

1           (1) in subparagraph (D), by inserting “other  
2 than in the infrastructure category” before the pe-  
3 riod;

4           (2) in subparagraph (E), by inserting “or the  
5 infrastructure category” before the period;

6           (3) by redesignating subparagraph (F) as sub-  
7 paragraph (G); and

8           (4) by inserting after subparagraph (E) the fol-  
9 lowing:

10           “(F) The term ‘infrastructure category’ means  
11 discretionary appropriations for the following appro-  
12 priation accounts or programs:

13                   “(i) For the Federal Aviation Administra-  
14 tion:

15                           “(I) Facilities and Equipment.

16                           “(II) Grants-in-Aid for Airports.

17                           “(III) Operations.

18                   “(ii) For the Federal Highway Administra-  
19 tion:

20                           “(I) Highway Infrastructure Pro-  
21 grams.

22                           “(II) Emergency Relief.

23                   “(iii) For the Federal Transit Administra-  
24 tion:

25                           “(I) Capital Investment Grants.

1                   “(II) Grants to the Washington Met-  
2                   ropolitan Area Transit Authority.

3                   “(III) Transit Infrastructure Grants.

4                   “(iv) For the Federal Railroad Administra-  
5                   tion:

6                   “(I) Northeast Corridor Grants to the  
7                   National Railroad Passenger Network.

8                   “(II) National Network Grants to the  
9                   National Railroad Passenger Network.

10                  “(III) Railroad Research and Devel-  
11                  opment.

12                  “(IV) Safety and Operations.

13                  “(V) Consolidated Rail Infrastructure  
14                  and Safety Improvements.

15                  “(VI) Federal-State Partnership For  
16                  State Of Good Repair.

17                  “(VII) Restoration and Enhancement.

18                  “(v) For the Maritime Administration:

19                  “(I) Port Infrastructure Development  
20                  Program.

21                  “(II) Assistance to Small Shipyards.

22                  “(III) Maritime Guaranteed Loan  
23                  (title XI) Program Account.

24                  “(vi) For the National Aeronautics and  
25                  Space Administration, Aeronautics account,

1 amounts for the Airspace Operations and Safe-  
2 ty Program and the Advanced Air Vehicles Pro-  
3 gram carried out under chapter 401 of title 51,  
4 United States Code.

5 “(vii) For the Department of Defense,  
6 Military Construction:

7 “(I) Military Construction, Army.

8 “(II) Military Construction, Navy and  
9 Marine Corps.

10 “(III) Military Construction, Air  
11 Force.

12 “(IV) Military Construction, Defense-  
13 Wide.

14 “(V) North Atlantic Treaty Organiza-  
15 tion, Security Investment Program.

16 “(VI) Military Construction, Army  
17 National Guard.

18 “(VII) Military Construction, Air Na-  
19 tional Guard.

20 “(VIII) Military Construction, Army  
21 Reserve.

22 “(IX) Military Construction, Navy Re-  
23 serve.

24 “(X) Military Construction, Air Force  
25 Reserve.

1 “(XI) Family Housing Construction,  
2 Army.

3 “(XII) Family Housing Construction,  
4 Navy and Marine Corps.

5 “(XIII) Family Housing Construction,  
6 Air Force.

7 “(XIV) Family Housing Operations  
8 and Maintenance, Defense-Wide.

9 “(XV) Family Housing Improvement  
10 Fund.

11 “(XVI) Military Unaccompanied  
12 Housing Improvement Fund.

13 “(viii) For the Environmental Protection  
14 Agency, Infrastructure Assistance:

15 “(I) Clean Water State Revolving  
16 Funds and the Drinking Water State Re-  
17 volving Funds.

18 “(II) Water Infrastructure Finance  
19 and Innovation Act Program Account.

20 “(III) America’s Water Infrastructure  
21 Act Grant Programs under section 1459A  
22 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C.  
23 300j–19a).

24 “(IV) Alaska Native Village Waste  
25 and Drinking Water Facilities Programs

1 under section 221 of the Federal Water  
2 Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1301)  
3 and the Consolidated Farm and Rural De-  
4 velopment Act (7 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.).

5 “(ix) For the Department of Agriculture:

6 “(I) Forest Service, Capital Improve-  
7 ments and Maintenance.

8 “(II) Natural Resources Conservation  
9 Service:

10 “(aa) Watershed Rehabilitation  
11 Program.

12 “(bb) Private Lands Conserva-  
13 tion Operations under the Soil Con-  
14 servation and Domestic Allotment Act  
15 (16 U.S.C. 590a et seq.).

16 “(cc) Emergency Watershed Pro-  
17 tection Program established under  
18 section 403 of the Agricultural Credit  
19 Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 2203).

20 “(dd) Small Watersheds Program  
21 established by the Secretary of Agri-  
22 culture to carry out the Watershed  
23 Protection and Flood Prevention Act  
24 (16 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

25 “(III) Rural Utilities Service:

1                   “(aa) Electric loans under the  
2                   Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7  
3                   U.S.C. 901 et seq.).

4                   “(bb) Telecommunications loans  
5                   under the Rural Electrification Act of  
6                   1936 (7 U.S.C. 901 et seq.).

7                   “(cc) Rural Water And Waste  
8                   Disposal Program Account.

9                   “(dd) Broadband Loan and  
10                  Grant Pilot Program.

11                  “(IV) Rural Housing Service—Rural  
12                  Community Facilities Program Account.”.

13                  (b) SPENDING LIMITS.—Section 251(c) of the Bal-  
14                  anced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985  
15                  (2 U.S.C. 901(c)) is amended by striking paragraphs (7)  
16                  and (8) and inserting the following:

17                         “(7) for fiscal year 2020—

18                                 “(A) for the revised security category  
19                                 \$645,325,600,000 in new budget authority;

20                                 “(B) for the revised nonsecurity category,  
21                                 \$580,861,700,000 in new budget authority; and

22                                 “(C) for the infrastructure category,  
23                                 \$61,812,700,000 in new budget authority; and

24                         “(8) for fiscal year 2020—

1           “(A) for the revised security category  
2           \$649,985,500,000 in new budget authority;

3           “(B) for the revised nonsecurity category,  
4           \$585,122,700,000 in new budget authority; and

5           “(C) for the infrastructure category,  
6           \$62,891,800,000 in new budget authority;”.

7           (c) DIRECT SPENDING REDUCTIONS.—Section  
8 251A(13)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Def-  
9 icit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 901a(13)(A)) is amend-  
10 ed by inserting “or the amendment made to section 251(c)  
11 revising the discretionary spending limits for fiscal years  
12 2020 and 2021 by the Infrastructure Spending Limit Act  
13 of 2019” after “Bipartisan Budget Act of 2019”.

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