

## Chamber's Clark: Let's Come Together on an Infrastructure Bill that Doesn't Hurt America



The Chamber continues pushing for a big and bold program to modernize our nation's infrastructure, but it must be done in a way that doesn't hurt American workers and our nation's competitiveness and hold back economic recovery.

On CNBC today, Chamber President and CEO Suzanne Clark discussed the need for Washington to begin meaningful negotiations to [responsibly fund needed infrastructure improvements](#).

**Why it matters:** Washington shouldn't raise "taxes at just the time that businesses are getting back on their feet, and we're ready to have an economic recovery," Clark explained.

**Tax hikes would hurt America's competitiveness:** "We have to make sure that our government is making our companies competitive," said Clark. "We want to take care of American workers and American communities and think about that first."

- **Be smart:** "Some of the suggestions we've seen out of the administration about maybe other countries raising taxes just show that they concede that this is not competitive for American companies."

**Moving forward:** "What's going to be important is figuring out what the best policy is, how to get our crumbling infrastructure to a more competitive place, prioritize those investments, and figure out how to pay for them," said Clark. "Let's do the hard work of coming together at the table and doing the right thing for America."

**Bottom line:** "We're optimistic there is a bipartisan compromise here that can get this critical work done on infrastructure, help American families, help American companies, and help us be

more competitive,” Clark said. “I think there are ways we can come to the table and negotiate, but only if that’s done in a bipartisan way and with business at the table.”

**Learn more:**

- We helped build a diverse coalition of over 300 organizations in calling for action on infrastructure by the [Fourth of July](#).