

Script for calls to Senators Joe Manchin and Krysten Sinema (negotiation strategy)

My name is _____

I am calling to urge Senator Manchin (Sinema) to recommend a negotiation strategy regarding the “Build Back Better” negotiations even if the final law has a much lower total cost than 3.5 trillion dollars. I urge the Senator to make two proposals.

The first action I propose is to add funding to provide help for those who will lose their livelihood as coal mines close. This additional funding should help former West Virginia miners with re-training and re-employment **new programs** which are not yet in the bill.

The second trade-off action that I hope that (s)he will propose is to **not cut any of the programs related to climate change** that are already in the bill. I hope that (s)he will demand that all climate change related programs be kept in the bill to prepare for the inevitable future devastating climate-change disasters such as hurricanes, forest fires, floods etc.

There is another reason – an important foreign policy reason - to not cut any funding related to climate change this year, even this month. Because in just two weeks the U.S. Government will engage in negotiations with all the nations of the world in Glasgow, Scotland, and the U.S. must come to the table with generous climate goals and commitments in order to grasp and hold United States influence and leadership in the world. The time for cuts is in future years.

In conclusion, I believe that Senator Manchin (Sinema):

- #1 must demand an increase in climate change expenditures to help current coal miners to recover from the eventual and inevitable transition out of coal mining; and
- #2 must propose cuts anywhere and everywhere **except** in climate change expenditures; and

Thank you for taking into account my two recommendations for the “Build Back Better” budget negotiations.

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