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Sullivan: “Crapo has already voted against 8,200 Idaho Jobs”

DATELINE - Democratic Senate challenger Tom Sullivan has voiced support for recently announced national infrastructure funding and is determined to see some of that money at work in recovering Idaho's economy. The infrastructure plan will give the economy a \$50 billion boost while building the roads, rails, and flight navigation systems America needs to compete in the 21st century. The plan will be paid for by cutting offshore tax loopholes for government subsidized big oil and gas. ([Peoples Word](#))

“The first stimulus was a demonstrated success, with over eight thousand jobs being created right here in Idaho – and Mike Crapo opposed this legislation. ([Recovery Act](#)) Instead, he has spent these critical years being wined and dined by Wall Street in return for votes against banking reform while regular Idahoans have been hurting,” said Sullivan. Now Mike Crapo is at it again, opposing infrastructure spending to which in the past he has given lip service.” ([FOX 12 Idaho](#)) “The Feds are giving away billions and Idahoans are getting nothing in return for the taxes they work hard to pay. Rest assured, though - Mike Crapo is working hard everyday to pay back his buddies at JP Morgan, Goldman Sachs, and Citigroup.” ([Open Secrets](#))

Even the magazine *Popular Mechanics* agrees with the need in Idaho, listing the Dover Bridge in Bonner County among “The 10 Pieces of U.S. Infrastructure We Must Fix Now.” Despite twelve years in the Senate and a powerful seat on the both the Budget and Environment and Public Works committee, Senator Crapo appears helpless to help Idaho with even basic transportation needs. In contrast, Tom Sullivan is committed to voting for legislation like the American Recovery Act of 2009 and the upcoming infrastructure bill – both bills that bring hundreds of millions of dollars and thousands of jobs to local Idahoans. ([Popular Mechanics](#))

Sullivan asks the question directly, “Why does Crapo oppose our recovery at every turn? It seems Crapo has not learned from the recent past, when he voted against legislation credited with over 8,000 jobs in Idaho. We *need* to see ‘Made in America’ again. I’d like to see more jobs saved – including jobs right here in Idaho!”

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