Invest in local public infrastructure
- **Basic infrastructure** is the cornerstone of strong communities and economic growth. Together, cities and our federal partners must address the existing core infrastructure backlog, reestablish long-term funding, and use new technologies to serve America's cities for the next 100 years. Local leaders are best positioned to identify where infrastructure needs are greatest and should be given a stronger voice in how limited federal dollars are invested in their communities.

- **Fund expansion** of broadband access in underserved and hard-to-serve communities. Broadband access is integral to communities, small and large, to support basic services like healthcare and education and to drive economic growth.

Invest in safe communities
- **Provide support** for improving our behavioral health system and local response to the opioid addiction crisis. Efforts to reduce the number of opioid and heroin overdoses in our cities require a strong partnership between local, state, and federal health and law enforcement programs. We must ensure that funds appropriated for substance misuse prevention, treatment, and recovery programs are accessible to cities.

- **Continue federal funding** for programs such as Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER), and Justice Assistance Grants (JAG).

- **Support direct grants** to cities to provide homeless shelter services.

Invest in affordable housing
- **Pass the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act of 2019** (S. 1703/H.R. 3077) sponsored by Sen. Maria Cantwell and Rep. Suzan DelBene, with cosponsorship from Reps. Derek Kilmer, Rick Larsen, Cathy McMorris Rodgers, and Adam Smith. The act proposes several changes to the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program, including providing our state with a 50% increase in credit allocations.

Invest in transportation
- **Reauthorize the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act** with increased resources for cities. Develop a more sustainable revenue model for the Highway Trust Fund in order to maintain and improve our aging transportation infrastructure.

Protect local control over public rights-of-way
- **Uphold local control** over local public rights-of-way in order to balance community interests with the need for new telecommunications infrastructure. This includes:
  1. The ability to regulate access to municipally owned poles and other public facilities;
  2. Authority for permitting and siting processes that consider community aesthetics and concerns; and
  3. The ability to negotiate our own franchise agreements with cable companies.

Protect local fiscal sustainability and regulatory efforts
- **Congress must fulfill** its obligation to adopt a federal budget on a timely basis and avoid delays and continuing resolutions. Delays lead to inefficiencies at the local level, substantially impact cities' ability to manage projects, and result in unnecessary cost escalation.

- **Preserve the tax exemption** on all municipal bonds, including Private Activity Bonds (PABs); eliminate the $10,000 cap on the State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction; and restore the tax exemption for advance refunding bonds. Restoring this essential tax exemption would enable cities to refinance their debt to achieve lower interest rates, saving local taxpayer dollars and freeing up capital for additional infrastructure investments.

- **Washington cities oppose** federal policies that undermine local government regulatory authority, impose unfunded mandates, or preempt local government revenues and revenue authorities.