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**NEW ANIMATED VIDEO EXPLAINS WHY CONGRESS NEEDS  
TO STREAMLINE APPROVALS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

**The Three-Minute Video – Created by a Former Writer for “The Daily Show” –  
Underscores the Absurdity of the Current Infrastructure Permitting Process**

**New York, NY – May 31, 2017** – Common Good today released a three-minute animated video explaining why Congress needs to streamline the approval process for infrastructure projects. America has an infrastructure backlog totaling more than \$4 trillion, in part because the current permitting process is so ludicrous. It can take more than a decade for major projects.

The video – “Congressional Roadblock” – was created for Common Good by Alex Marino, a former writer for “The Daily Show.” It incorporates his humor, graphic design, and perspective in explaining the issue, highlighting the need to overcome unnecessary delays and to advance a proposed three-page piece of legislation that would solve much of the problem.

The cost of unnecessary delays is explored in detail in a report by Common Good Chair Philip K. Howard titled “[Two Years, Not Ten Years.](#)” It found that red tape delays for infrastructure more than double the cost of large projects and dramatically harm the environment by prolonging pollution.

“This captivating video explains succinctly and clearly why it’s essential that America speed up our infrastructure approval process,” said Philip K. Howard. “It’s up to Congress to solve the problem. Our nation’s economic competitiveness is at stake.”

The video is available [on YouTube](#). It is accompanied by a one-page backgrounder on U.S. infrastructure “by the numbers” – available on [www.SimplifyGov.org](http://www.SimplifyGov.org).

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*Common Good ([www.commongood.org](http://www.commongood.org)) is a nonpartisan reform coalition that believes individual responsibility, not rote bureaucracy, must be the organizing principle of government. It presents proposals to radically simplify government and restore the ability of officials and citizens alike to use common sense in daily decisions. The Founder and Chair of Common Good is Philip K. Howard, a lawyer and author of *The Rule of Nobody* (W. W. Norton) and *The Death of Common Sense* (Random House), among other books.*