

Guest Editorial

Too extreme for New Mexico

Just when we thought Republican Rep. Yvette Herrell couldn't be more extreme, she proves us wrong.

The U.S. House just voted to pass a historic, bipartisan \$1.2 trillion infrastructure package that will make desperately-needed investments to America's roads, bridges, rail, broadband, water, airports, and jobs!

The bill passed with bipartisan support and is headed to President Biden's desk for signature and enactment, despite some voting against it.

Who on earth would vote against thousands of jobs for New Mexicans and rebuilding our aging infrastructure?

Sadly, the answer is NM-02's own Rep. Yvette Herrell.

Herrell voted AGAINST fixing our roads and bridges, giving us better broadband internet, improving rail travel and public transit, mitigating climate change, and creating jobs.

Recently, **the GOP representative voted to protect Donald Trump's crony and known white supremacist Steve Bannon** from being held accountable for his role in stoking the January 6 insurrection. It's yet another instance of Herrell putting party before country and prioritizing a far-right agenda over our democracy.

Then, **Herrell puzzlingly voted against grants to address the opioid epidemic** and provide further substance abuse support to our communities.

Also, **Herrell became a cosponsor of an anti-vaccine bill** that would stop President Biden from requiring federal workers to be vaccinated against COVID-19. After promoting a potentially dangerous horse deworming drug instead of vaccines, Herrell is once again putting lives at risk as we continue to lose New Mexicans to this ongoing pandemic.

She's only been in office since January, but she's made it crystal clear: **Yvette Herrell is too extreme for New Mexico.**

In 2022 she's got to go. And we need to defend our House Democratic majority so we can continue passing impactful legislation like the Infrastructure Package.

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