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Building Back Bulletin It's Getting Better with Biden

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10 Million Households Enroll in Broadband Affordability Program

More than 10 million households have enrolled in the Affordable Connectivity Program to receive high-speed, affordable internet. This is the nation's largest ever broadband affordability program. Funded through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, this program will help make sure people can do their school work, get health care, and run their businesses online.

Single-Largest Investment Ever in the Great Lakes

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act included the **single-largest investment ever in the Great Lakes**. The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative received **\$1 billion in funding to clean up and restore our Great Lakes by 2030**.

Ensuring America Leads the Clean Manufacturing Future

The Biden Administration announced actions to ensure America leads the way on clean manufacturing. By producing steel and aluminum needed for electric vehicles, wind turbines, and solar panels, we can **upgrade our transportation and energy infrastructure**, **fight the climate crisis**, **and create even more good-paying jobs**.

Retail Sales are Up 3.8%

Retails sales increased by 3.8% in January. This builds on the strong economic progress we've seen in President Biden's first year: **6.7 million jobs created and the fastest economic growth since 1984**.