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**MAYOR DE BLASIO APPLAUDS U.S. SENATE PASSAGE OF AMERICAN RESCUE  
PLAN**

**NEW YORK**—Mayor Bill de Blasio today released the following statement applauding the passage of the American Rescue Plan in the U.S. Senate. The legislation now moves to the U.S. House for final passage.

"Cities like New York have been on the frontlines of the COVID-19 response for almost a year and have suffered enormous challenges. Too many mothers, fathers, siblings, grandparents, neighbors and friends have lost their lives to this terrible disease, while too many businesses have closed and our budget has suffered. But we are now seeing the light at the end of the tunnel. The recovery for the nation begins New York City. With robust local aid, we will have the necessary investments to push forward with our testing and vaccination efforts, further help small businesses, fully reopen schools in the fall and more. I thank Senate Majority Leader, and proud son of Brooklyn, Chuck Schumer and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and look forward to Speaker Pelosi and the entire New York delegation taking the next step forward."

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