



NCDA Monthly Report

Dear Paul,

In the month of June, Jason attended the NCDA Conference and our team continued expanding our contacts on the Hill.

Advocacy Updates

The beginning of the month saw Republicans in Congress taking a poll to determine what their fall agenda should look like. The expectation being that they were on track to have available time in the legislative calendar to pursue some priorities. However, throughout the month it quickly became clear that this is not the case.

Quite possibly the biggest earthquake came near the end of the month with Justice Kennedy's retirement. This has mobilized the Republican and Democratic base and promised that the coming months will be full of fireworks. Democrats are going to try every trick in the parliamentary book to delay a vote on the nominee and this means that we can anticipate only the highest priority and must-pass bills will get votes.

There was also chatter regarding a new Obamacare repeal plan that is spearheaded by the Heritage Foundation. However, this plan does not seem to have the support necessary to see the light of day. Particularly because they don't have the ability to

pass a repeal through reconciliation with a simple majority of the vote, meaning they will need Democratic support for anything proposed.

Additional details have also come out about a tax cut 2.0 package that Congress, led by Representative Brady (R-TX), is currently hashing out. These would include multiple mini packages that would seek to get 'home run' issues before Republicans. Issues that every member of the caucus could vote for. Among the list of issues is education and making tax extenders permanent.

We worked to further increase our contacts during the month of June. We spoke with Nancy Martinez in Sen. Young's office regarding the Senator's priorities regarding CTE and what her anticipation was regarding the Perkins bill, which hadn't been made public at that point. We had a great conversation and she will be a good partner going forward. Additionally, we spoke with Rep. Thompson's office regarding the bill and whether they anticipated that they would be supporting the bill when it went to conference to hammer out any differences. At that point, the bill wasn't released yet either so we will be following up with her.

Additionally, Jason attended the NCDCA Conference and met with multiple committees as well as the board. It was a productive time in Arizona and offered us an opportunity to learn more about the work that is occurring in different parts of the NCDCA membership. It was a chance to see what expertise is available within the organization and what are additional opportunities for advocacy here in DC. In the coming months we will be working with the GR Committee to identify the best use of our resources in light of the feedback from the conference

Until next month,

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