

Federal Legislative Outlook

Presenters



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Agenda

- Poll
- Congress Update
- Legislative Priorities
- Endorsed Legislation
- Q&A



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Community Norms



Bring your full self and limit distractions



What is learned here, leaves here



No one knows everything, together we know a lot



Don't yuck my yum



Oops, ouch, and educate



Assume best intentions

Poll

Congress Update

- Funding/ appropriations struggle on-going since last fall
 - Shutdown looming again
- Impeachment proceedings
 - Homeland Security Secretary Mayorkas
 - President Biden
- Disagreements over Ukraine funding
- Primary season

Senate Republican Leader Position

- McConnell stepping down in November
 - Will remain in the Senate
- The “three Johns”- top contenders for replacements
 - John Cornyn of Texas
 - John Thune of South Dakota
 - John Barrasso of Wyoming

McConnell's Legacy

- Longest-serving member of the U.S. Senate
 - Began serving in the Senate in 1985
- Judicial nominations
 - Politicization of the judiciary
- Strategic policymaker

John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act

- Introduced in the House and Senate!
- Lobby Corps support
- LWWUS advocacy with offices on the Hill
- Historically the VRA had bipartisan support
 - Some Republican concerns emerging

Legislative Outlook: Tier 1

Making Democracy Work ®

1. Voting rights
2. Money in politics
3. Protecting DC autonomy
4. Supporting the 2030 Census

Final publication of the Equal Rights Amendment in the Constitution

Legislative Outlook: Watch List

1. Climate change
2. Gun safety
3. Immigration
4. Reproductive justice

Endorsed Legislation: MDW®

- John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act
- Democracy Restoration Act
- Expanding the VOTE Act
- Youth Voting Rights Act
- Protecting Our Democracy Act
- DISCLOSE Act

Other Endorsed Legislation: MDW®

- CLEAN Act (“Clean Legislating and Ethical Accountability Now Act”),
- The Including New Voters In The Electorate (INVITE)
- The Accessibility and Inclusion to Diversity Local Government Leadership Act (the AID Local Government Act)
- Removing Access Barriers to Running for Elected Office for People with Disabilities Act
- The Accessible Voting Act
- Vote at Home Act
- Early Voting Act

Other Legislation

- ACE Act
- Election funding
- DC autonomy

Active Action Alerts

- *John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act*
- *Children's Fundamental Rights and Recovery Resolution*
- Bipartisan Voting Rights action
- Equal Rights Amendment
- *DISCLOSE Act*

Questions