

NDA Sends Comments to Congress on FY 2024 Appropriations Bill

Earlier this week, NDA [sent comments](#) to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees urging Congress to support policies that will boost the demolition industry and small businesses in the fiscal year (FY) 2024 appropriations bill. Congress must pass twelve appropriations bills by the end of September to fully fund the federal government for FY 2024. The House and Senate Appropriations Committees have begun to draft legislation and will be prioritizing movement of these bills in the month of July.

NDA called on Congress to prioritize workforce development programs in the FY 2024 bill along with other bipartisan initiatives that will help lay the groundwork for a strong economy. These priorities are listed below:

- Workforce Development;
- Infrastructure/Permitting Reform;
- EPA Brownfields Program;
- Disaster Recovery;
- Community Development Block Grants; and
- Small Business Relief.

White House Begins Review of DOL Overtime Rule

The Department of Labor (DOL) has sent a [proposed rule](#) that would change the criteria for exemptions to federal overtime pay requirements to the White House Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) for review. This is a required initial step in the regulatory process before the DOL can publish any rule in the federal register.

The substance of the proposed changes or how long the White House will take reviewing the regulation remain unclear. However, this action indicates the DOL is on track to issue the proposed by their target date of next month. NDA will be continuing to engage both the White House and the DOL to express the views of the demolition industry.

OSHA Set to Issue Final Workplace Injury and Illness Reporting Rule

NDA has learned that the White House's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) has completed its review of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) [rule](#) to amend employers' injury and illness reporting requirements. Now that the White House has completed its review, OSHA is expected to publish the final rule in the Federal Register shortly. NDA will keep members updated on the details of the final rule once it is published by OSHA.