

Federal Government Nearing Shutdown

As of Friday, Congress has yet to come to an agreement on legislation to fund the federal government and avert a shutdown before the Sept. 30th deadline. The Senate is expected to pass short-term continuing resolution (CR) by this weekend to fund the government at existing levels through Nov. 17. However, this bill is opposed by House Republicans in its current form.

Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) and House Republicans have been attempting to pass their own short-term CR but have run into blockades from a group of conservative Republicans who oppose all short-term spending bills. Without a sudden change in position from either chamber or party, a government shutdown is looking likely this weekend.

NDA Advocates for Reauthorization of EPA Brownfields Program

This week, NDA [sent comments](#) to Congress advocating for a long-term reauthorization of the EPA Brownfields Program which is set to expire this year. NDA highlighted both the environmental and economic benefits the EPA Brownfields Program provides to thousands of communities across the country.

The House held a committee hearing this week on reauthorizing the program while the Senate approved bipartisan reauthorization legislation out of its Environment and Public Works Committee. NDA will be continuing to lobby Congress in the coming weeks to reauthorize the EPA Brownfields Program.

Biden Administration Announces \$235 Million for Brownfield Projects

This week, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [announced](#) more than \$235 million to expedite the assessment and cleanup of brownfield sites across the country. The new grants through EPA's Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup (MAC) program will help transform once polluted, vacant, and abandoned properties into community assets while spurring economic revitalization. NDA successfully lobbied for a fourfold increase in funding for EPA brownfield projects in the 2021 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.