

## **NDA Urges Congress and Key Senators to Reject Tax Increases in Reconciliation Bill**

This week, NDA sent a [letter](#) to House and Senate leaders urging them to reject any tax increases on demolition contractors in a revamped budget reconciliation bill. In recent days, Democrats in Congress have been attempting to revive President Biden's Build Back Better plan by crafting a scaled-down version of the bill that centers on climate change programs and prescription drug pricing reform. To pay for the bill, Democrats have been discussing tax increases on pass-through businesses and corporations. The budget reconciliation process allows Democrats to pass legislation with a simple majority vote in each chamber of Congress.

In the letter, NDA expressed opposition to all tax increases on the demolition industry, including new tax increases on individuals, pass-through entities, corporations, family-owned businesses, capital gains, and vehicle mileage. NDA highlighted the negative impact that tax increases would have on the economy as businesses continue to grapple with supply chain disruptions, labor shortages and inflation.

NDA also sent the letter to Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV) and Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ) who are seen as key swing votes in the Senate. NDA will be sure to keep members updated on the latest developments on Capitol Hill.

## **CISC Submits Comments on OSHA Powered Industrial Trucks Rule**

The Construction Industry Safety Coalition (CISC), of which NDA is a member, recently [submitted comments](#) to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regarding a notice of proposed rulemaking which would update the design and construction requirements of the powered industrial trucks standard for construction.

The proposed rule would update the standard by incorporating by reference the applicable provisions of the most relevant national consensus standards from the American National Standards Institute/Industrial Truck Standards Development Foundation (ANSI/ITSDF). CISC's letter raised concerns with OSHA's decision to delegate its rulemaking authority to a third-party committee's standards by reference and that the agency has failed to account for costs the construction industry will face if the proposed rule is adopted.