

## **NDA Urges House Leaders to Take Action on Infrastructure Bill**

Today, NDA sent a [letter](#) to Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) urging the House of Representatives to follow the Senate in taking action on a bipartisan infrastructure bill. NDA is hopeful the House can come together to enact legislation that supports America's infrastructure needs.

NDA reiterated its support for provisions in the Senate's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act that will strengthen the demolition industry and U.S. economy, including:

- Support for new investments in roads, bridges, ports, airports, transit systems, waterways, and other physical infrastructure projects.
- Support for environmental remediation programs including the cleanup of Brownfield and Superfund sites.
- Support for reforms to streamline and expedite the federal permitting and environmental review processes.
- Opposition to new tax increases on small businesses including changes to the 20% pass-through deduction, individual income tax rates, corporate income tax rate, long-term capital gains tax rate, estate tax and mileage tax.

## **NDA Sends Letter to Congress Opposing Tax Increases in Budget Reconciliation**

Today, NDA sent a [letter](#) today to the House Ways and Means Committee and Senate Finance Committee reiterating its strong opposition to any tax increases on the demolition industry in the FY 2022 budget reconciliation process. The letter highlights NDA's positions on several tax proposals listed below that would have a negative impact on demolition contractors:

- Oppose the repeal or reduction of the existing 20% pass-through deduction;
- Oppose increases to personal income tax rates;
- Oppose increases to the corporate income tax rate;
- Oppose changes to the existing estate tax exemption and "step up in basis" provision;
- Oppose tax increases on capital gains;
- Oppose a vehicle mileage tax; and
- Opposes changes to existing provisions on bonus depreciation and Section 179 expensing.

Senate and House Democratic leaders have given their respective committees until Sept. 15 to draft a final budget reconciliation bill for consideration. Budget reconciliation bills only require a simple majority of the vote in both the House and Senate for passage. NDA will continue to lobby Congress against all tax increases on demolition contractors and will be following up with House and Senate committees on additional industry priorities in the coming weeks.

## **NDA Submits Comments to OSHA on COVID-19 Emergency Temporary Standard**

Recently, NDA joined the Construction Industry Safety Coalition (CISC) in submitting [comments](#) to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) reiterating its support for OSHA's decision to exclude the construction industry from the agency's Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) on COVID-19.

The comments lay out reasons for why the construction industry should continue to be excluded from any future ETS rulemakings, including:

- The construction industry's proactive efforts to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on construction workers;
- The development of the ETS does not permit expansion of a final rule to construction;
- The construction industry is low-risk for COVID-19; and
- The ETS is not applicable or even relevant to the construction environment.

### **House Approves \$3.5 Trillion FY 2022 Budget Resolution**

Earlier this week, the House of Representatives voted to approve a FY 2022 budget resolution on a party-line vote of 220-212. Passage of the budget resolution is the first step in the budget reconciliation process which directs legislative committees in the House and Senate to begin drafting a bill that could spend up to \$3.5 trillion on several legislative initiatives supported by President Biden and congressional Democrats. In order to secure enough votes for the resolution in the House among moderate Democrats, Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) has agreed to hold a vote on the Senate's bipartisan infrastructure bill by Sept. 27, 2021.

The budget resolution sets the top-line spending levels for each committee and includes a series of [legislative recommendations](#) for the committees to consider as they draft the bill. House and Senate leaders are requesting that the committees examine provisions relating to climate change, housing, education, immigration, child care, health care, paid leave and other social programs. To offset the cost of the legislation, Democrats have instructed the tax-writing committees to examine tax increases on individuals making over \$400,000 per year and corporations. It is important to note that these are just recommendations and it is unclear which provisions will have enough support to be included in the final reconciliation bill. Any bill is also expected to more narrow in scope than the \$3.5 trillion approved level.

NDA is closely tracking the budget reconciliation process and will keep members updated on the latest developments. Today, NDA sent a [letter](#) to Congress urging them to reject tax increases on demolition contractors and will be weighing in with Congress and the White House on other industry priorities in the coming weeks.