

An Update From Our CEO



Remember the time when August in Washington was mostly quiet? Those days are long gone, especially in an unprecedented year like 2020.

There has been plenty of activity on Capitol Hill as lawmakers wrangled over topics like Phase 4, the Postal Service, antitrust hearings, and more—though there has been little to show for it so far. We continue to put pressure on lawmakers to take the necessary steps to help businesses and workers while advocating for pro-growth progress on a range of priorities—namely, liability protections to prevent businesses from a flood of warrantless lawsuits—necessary to our economic recovery.

The political campaign has heated up too, with both parties making forceful appeals to voters during the first-ever remote conventions last month. Although the Chamber doesn't get involved in presidential politics, we're watching the policy proposals closely while engaging vigorously in key Senate and House races to advance the business agenda in the next Congress.

Even as policy and politics take center stage heading into the fall, we are reminded daily of the staggering challenges facing our country—the continued effects of the pandemic on people's lives and livelihoods; the families, communities, and businesses impacted by catastrophic storms and wildfires; and the ongoing civil unrest in Kenosha, Wisconsin; Portland, Oregon; Washington, D.C., and other cities across the country.

There are too many challenges and priorities confronting our nation today to take a pause. The Chamber continues to work with urgency and focus to help our members, serve our country, and put our economy back on the path to strength.

In this month's update, you'll find a guide to what's happening now and throughout the busy month of September.

As always, reach out to Suzanne or me at any time if we can be helpful to you.

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