



NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES



Please consider contacting your congressional delegation and urge them to co-sponsor and support the legislation below that NCSL has been working on:

**Disaster Assistance Simplification Act ([S. 1528](#))**

This bipartisan bill, introduced in May, includes language NCSL helped write during the bill drafting process. The bill would:

- Require the Federal Emergency Management Agency to establish, with input from state and local entities, a universal application across federal agencies for disaster survivors who are seeking federal assistance to recover from hurricanes, floods, wildfires, and other disasters.
- Significantly streamline the disaster relief application process to reduce the burden on disaster survivors.
- Allow FEMA to share information on disaster survivors with other federal agencies to simplify recovery efforts and reduce the burden on survivors after a disaster.

Question, contact [Nicole Ezeh](#).

**Restore the Partnership Act ([H.R. 3480](#))**

This bipartisan bill, introduced in May, would reconstitute the U.S. Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations that was an effective forum for collaboration across all levels of government. The bill would:

- Convene 31 representatives of federal state, local and tribal governments with private citizens to form a commission, including four members appointed by the President from a panel of at least eight members of state legislative bodies submitted by NCSL.
- Would allow the commission to facilitate the fullest cooperation, coordination and mutual accountability among all levels of government, and for other purposes.
- Provide a forum for discussing ways to improve the administration and coordination of Federal grant-in-aid, regulatory, tax and other programs requiring intergovernmental cooperation, and to give state, tribal, and local governments more flexibility and discretion in implementing Federal policies and programs.
- Mandate Congressional hearings to discuss the commission's annual report.

Question, contact [Brian Wanko](#).

**Secure and Fair Enforcement (SAFE) Banking Act ([H.R. 2891/S. 1323](#))**

These bipartisan companion bills, introduced in May, would allow and protect financial institutions that choose to offer services to legitimate cannabis-related businesses operating consistent with their respective state laws.

- Without this provision, the conflict between state and federal cannabis law has forced cannabis businesses in those states to operate as a cash-only entities, rendering them prime targets for theft, burglary, armed robbery, and other property crimes.

Questions, contact [Erlinda Doherty](#).