

#TellCongressToAct

With the 2022 midterm elections in the rear view mirror, join us **Thursday, Nov. 17** to urge Congress to act on NCSL's top five federal priorities for states in the lame duck session.

Use the power of social media and help us create a "twitterstorm," an online mobilization, to spur your congressional delegation to action on NCSL's top five priorities:

1. Include the State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Fiscal Recovery, Infrastructure and Disaster Relief Flexibility Act (S 3011/HR 5735) in any must-pass bill.
2. Support the overall goal of streamlining federal regulatory review processes while opposing provisions in draft permitting proposals that further preempt existing state authority to certify infrastructure projects.
3. Pass the Secure and Fair Enforcement (SAFE) Banking Act (H.R. 1996) to protect banking institutions that choose to offer services to legitimate cannabis-related businesses operating consistent with their respective state laws.
4. Pass the Jackie Walorski Maternal Child Home Visiting Reauthorization Act (H.R. 8876) to reauthorize for five years the Maternal, Infant and Early Child Home Visiting program (MIECHV).
5. Support a one-year TANF extension.

For more information, visit: <https://www.ncsl.org/Portals/1/Documents/statefed/Lame-Duck-Priorities-FINAL.pdf>

Tweet @ Congressional Members

NCSL is making it easy for you to tweet @ your congressional members and leaders of the related congressional committees where the bills or legislation is currently stalled. We also provided you with some sample tweets below. Please feel encouraged to use NCSL's suggested tweets as many times as you would like, or edit them and make them your own.

Remember, we want their support, so please be kind and respectful!

The link to congressional members Twitter accounts is listed here: [Twitter Accounts Spreadsheet](#)

Sharable Graphics:

Download graphics for each of the priority items: [2022-11-17 Twitterstorm Shareable Graphics](#)



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Pass the **Secure and Fair Enforcement (SAFE) Banking Act** to protect banking institutions that offer services to legitimate cannabis-related businesses.

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Jackie Walorski **Maternal Child Home Visiting Reauthorization Act:** Reauthorize the Maternal, Infant and Early Child Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program for five years.

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Support a one-year extension of the **Temporary Assistance for Needy Families** program.

Sample Tweets to send out on Thursday, Nov. 17:

Click the “Tweet” button to automatically generate the tweet below. You will have an opportunity to edit the tweet. Remember to add the graphic before posting.

1. Include the State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Fiscal Recovery, Infrastructure and Disaster Relief Flexibility Act (S 3011/HR 5735) in any must-pass bill.

America’s state, territory, & local governments have been engaged in our nation’s response to COVID-19 since the earliest days.

Congress needs to provide additional flexibility under the American Rescue Plan:
<https://bit.ly/3UhPGDI> #TellCongressstoAct @SpeakerPelosi @SenSchumer



No action has been taken since 2021 on the State, Local, Tribal, & Territorial Fiscal Recovery, Infrastructure and Disaster Relief Flexibility Act. We are urging Oversight and Reform Cmte Chair @RepMaloney to move this measure forward:
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The Treasury Dept. must be able to act with flexibility in its use of admin funds to continue to support state/local governments in carrying out crucial programs. Passing S 3011/HR 5735 will do just that: <https://bit.ly/3UhPGDI> #TellCongressstoAct @SpeakerPelosi @SenSchumer



To **Rep./Sen. @xx**: We urge Congress to pass the bipartisan State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Fiscal Recovery, Infrastructure, and Disaster Relief Flexibility Act to ensure continued support for state and local governments. <https://bit.ly/3UhPGDI> #TellCongressstoAct



The flexibility provided in this bipartisan bill (<https://bit.ly/3UhPGDI>) will allow states and local governments to act and respond to our community needs. That’s why I am urging Congress to act on this important legislation. #TellCongressstoAct @GOPLeader @LeaderMcConnell



2. Support the overall goal of streamlining federal regulatory review processes and oppose provisions in draft permitting proposals that further preempt existing state authority to certify infrastructure projects.

State legislatures across the U.S. are ready to stand with Congress to work to improve our nation's infrastructure. However, I oppose provisions that preempt existing state authority: <https://bit.ly/3WJFa9O> #TellCongressstoAct @Sen_JoeManchin @SenCapito



The needs of state and local governments must be considered when it comes to electrical transmission siting. I urge Congress to adopt the model of cooperative federalism enshrined in the Clean Water Act. <https://bit.ly/3WJFa9O> #TellCongressstoAct @SenSchumer @LeaderMcConnell



I urge Sen @xx/Rep @xx to oppose changes to section 401 of the Clean Water Act which strip states of their role as integrators and managers of programs impacting their water resources. <https://bit.ly/3WJFa9O> #TellCongressstoAct



While permitting reform is prudent to accelerate infrastructure projects, preempting state authority does not streamline goals/alleviate delays. That's why Congress must reject the preemptive provisions in EISA: <https://bit.ly/3WJFa9O> #TellCongressstoAct @SpeakerPelosi @GOPLeader



Like many of my colleagues across the country, I urge Congress to oppose preempting existing state authority to certify infrastructure projects: <https://bit.ly/3WJFa9O> #TellCongressstoAct @JoeManchinWV @SenCapito



3. Pass the Secure and Fair Enforcement (SAFE) Banking Act (H.R. 1996) to protect banking institutions that choose to offer services to legitimate cannabis-related businesses operating consistent with their respective state laws.

With 47 states permitting legalized cannabis, the federal government must provide a path forward to allow cannabis businesses to utilize banking services. I urge **Sen./Rep. @xx** to support the SAFE Banking Act of 2021: <https://bit.ly/3EcZQQ7> #TellCongressstoAct



Vote YES on the SAFE Banking Act to provide a safer environment for cannabis businesses to operate. Forty-seven states have some form of legalized marijuana and now it's time for Congress to do their part. <https://bit.ly/3EcZQQ7> @SenSchumer @LeaderMcConnell #TellCongressstoAct



Passing the SAFE Banking Act not only provides a safe environment for cannabis businesses to operate, but also protects business owners and their employees. @SenSchumer @LeaderMcConnell

<https://bit.ly/3EcZQQ7> #TellCongressstoAct. RT to amplify.



The SAFE Banking Act gives legal cannabis businesses access to banking services otherwise prohibited by current federal legislation. I urge **Sen. @xx** to stand with businesses and give them an equal playing field. <https://bit.ly/3EcZQQ7> #TellCongressstoAct



4. Pass the Jackie Walorski Maternal Child Home Visiting Reauthorization Act (H.R. 8876) to reauthorize for five years the Maternal, Infant and Early Child Home Visiting program (MIECHV).

The Jackie Walorski Maternal Child Home Visiting Reauthorization Act provides states with much needed resources to operate their home visiting programs. I call on Congress to reauthorize this bill to help our state's high-risk families: <https://bit.ly/3R6KgsH> #TellCongressstoAct



MIECHV is an evidence-based, critical program that provides home visiting programs to high-risk families across the states. Take 30 seconds to urge Rep. @/Sen. @ to prioritize the needs of state's families. <https://bit.ly/3R6KgsH> #TellCongressstoAct RT to amplify.



What the MIECHV does for families in YOUR STATE:

- ✓ prevent child abuse and neglect
- ✓ increase family educational level
- ✓ connect families to needed community resources

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The need for home visits is more important now than ever. Passage of the MIECHV would increase base funding for all states by \$100 million in 2023 with additional federal investment over the next five years: <https://bit.ly/3R6KgsH> #TellCongressstoAct @RonWyden @RepRichardNeal



5. Support a one-year TANF extension.

What does Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) provide?

- ✓ Childcare
- ✓ Job readiness
- ✓ Economic stability

Rep/Sen @xx, help us pass the one-year extension of TANF: <https://bit.ly/3QDByBJ>
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Extending another year of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families will provide essential funding to help state & local governments deliver benefits and services that help families achieve economic mobility. <https://bit.ly/3QDByBJ> #TellCongressstoAct
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Join @NCSLorg, @APHSA1, @usmayors and others to urge Congress to extend the TANF program, which promotes job readiness, employment and increases economic stability.

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We're calling on Congress to take this opportunity to grant a one-year extension of #TANF, a program that keeps vulnerable families from falling deeper into poverty.

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States are prepared to continue to deliver aid to families as we urge the Congress to swiftly act to grant a one-year extension of TANF.

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