



TRC QUARTERLY REPORT

SECOND QUARTER 2026

CONGRESSIONAL OVERVIEW

After a turbulent start to the year, the second quarter saw Congress finally end the historic Department of Homeland Security (DHS) shutdown. After 76 days without enacted funding, Congress approved a partial funding measure to fully fund the Coast Guard, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), Secret Service, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), and other offices, while excluding funds for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP), instead seeking to fund those agencies through a reconciliation package. In June, congressional Republicans successfully advanced a reconciliation package providing approximately \$70 billion in long-term funding for ICE and CBP through the remainder of President Trump's term. The legislation passed largely along party lines, 52-47 in the Senate and 214-212 in the House.

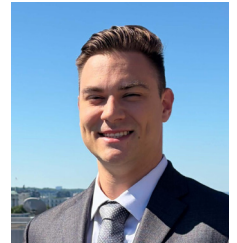
Meanwhile, Congress has begun work on Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 appropriations. To date, the House has passed two of the twelve annual appropriations bills, including the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs and the Agriculture, Rural Development, and Food and Drug Administration bills. All twelve appropriations bills have advanced through committee. In the Senate, however, the appropriations process has largely ground to a halt. Senate Appropriations Committee Chair **Susan Collins (R-ME)** canceled committee markups for two consecutive weeks after negotiations with Democrats over topline spending levels broke down. Senate Democrats, led by Vice Chair **Patty Murray (D-WA)**, have insisted they will not support advancing President Trump's \$1.5 trillion defense request without an increase in non-defense spending as well. Furthermore, markups were canceled for a third consecutive week due to **Sen. Mitch McConnell's (R-KY)** absence.

At the same time, lawmakers are continuing work on several major legislative priorities, including the FY27 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) and the surface transportation reauthorization bill. The NDAA [advanced](#) through the House Armed Services Committee by a 44-12 vote, and the Senate's version of the legislation [advanced](#) through the Senate Armed Services Committee with an 18-9 vote. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee advanced the surface transportation bill, dubbed the "Building Unrivaled Infrastructure and Long-term Development (BUILD) for America's 250th Act," by a vote of 62 to 2. ●

TRC OVERVIEW

In May, TRC welcomed **Zach Piampi** to the team as our Government Affairs Coordinator for the summer. Zach has been serving in the Pennsylvania National Guard for six years, developing leadership, teamwork, and operational planning skills. He is a senior at Shippensburg University studying Political Science and Criminal Justice.

At TRC, Zach supports clients by conducting outreach, performing policy research, and coordinating schedules.



City of Aberdeen, Maryland

In May, **Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD-01)** [secured](#) \$2 million in community project funding for Aberdeen's Swan Meadows water infrastructure project through the FY27 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Act, which [advanced](#) through the full Appropriations Committee in early June by a vote of 34-27, and now awaits floor consideration. Senators **Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)** and **Angela Alsobrooks (D-MD)** requested \$6 million for this project through the FY27 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

Senators **Chris Van Hollen (D-MD)** and **Angela Alsobrooks (D-MD)** have also requested \$5 million for Aberdeen to secure two new fire engines and a rescue vehicle through the FY27 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Act.

Granite Construction

In April, **Rep. Jack Bergman (R-MI-01)** and **Rep. David Valadao (R-CA-22)** toured Granite Construction's facilities.

In May, Granite Construction hosted a reception during the U.S. Naval Academy's Commissioning Week and Blue Angels air show, bringing together representatives from the Associated General Contractors of America, the National Asphalt Pavement Association, the National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association, and the American Road & Transportation Builders Association.

Throughout the quarter, TRC tracked the surface transportation reauthorization bill, [H.R.8870](#), the BUILD for America's 250th Act. In [H.R.8748](#), the Surface Transportation Research and Development Act, TRC [secured](#) language encouraging the use of reclaimed asphalt pavement, one of Granite Construction's key priorities. The bill advanced out of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee by voice vote on May 20th.



Don Roland of Granite Construction (right) with Chairman Capito (R-WV).

In June, TRC led efforts to secure an amendment to the NDAA, led by Chairman **Sam Graves (R-MO)** and Chairman **Mike Ezell (R-MS)**, authorizing the use of progressive design-build for U.S. Coast Guard projects.



Cyware

In June, TRC hosted Cyware in Washington, D.C., for a series of congressional meetings with members of the Texas delegation. During the visit, Cyware highlighted its role in supporting cybersecurity preparedness and threat intelligence for Texas's newly established Cyber Command.

Invest in the USA

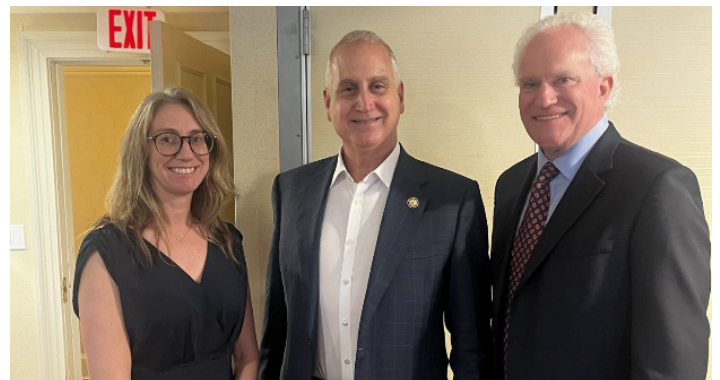
In April, Invest in the USA (IIUSA) [hosted](#) its EB-5 Industry Forum in Washington, D.C., bringing together industry leaders and stakeholders to discuss the future of the EB-5 Regional Center Program. During the forum, George participated in a government affairs panel, providing attendees with an update on the latest legislative and advocacy efforts impacting the EB-5 program.

In May, TRC hosted IIUSA in Washington, DC, for their quarterly fly-in. Across five teams, IIUSA members met with nearly 30 congressional offices to advocate for the reauthorization of the EB-5 Regional Center Program. During meetings with House Ways and Means Committee members and Senate Finance Committee members, IIUSA representatives highlighted that the EB-5 program is expected to generate approximately \$2 billion in tax revenue in 2026 from business and personal income taxes.

The night before their lobby day, IIUSA hosted a fundraiser for **Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL-26)**, Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs.



George McElwee, TRC President (second from the right), speaks to attendees at the IIUSA Industry Forum.



Bill Gresser, IIUSA's President (right) and Noreen Hogan, IIUSA's Vice President (left) with Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL-26) (middle).



Mayor Glaser (left) with Dr. Chris Fall, Department of Commerce (right).

City of Kenner, Louisiana

In April, TRC guided the City of Kenner through the grant submission process for an Economic Development Administration funding [opportunity](#). The City of Kenner submitted a \$20 million application for disaster recovery funds, and TRC secured letters of support from the congressional delegation, including from **Rep. Troy Carter (D-LA-02)**.

In May, Senators **John Kennedy (R-LA)** and **Bill Cassidy (R-LA)** both [requested](#) \$10.25 million for infrastructure improvements to Kenner's Wastewater Treatment Plant through the FY27 Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. Additionally, **Senator Kennedy (R-LA)** [requested](#) \$5 million to support the construction of a permanent fire station in Kenner through the FY27 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Act.

In May, TRC hosted Kenner in Washington, D.C., for meetings with the Department of Commerce and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

National Technology Security Coalition

In May, George traveled to Chicago to attend the National Technology Security Coalition's (NTSC) North Central Roundtable, where cybersecurity leaders from across the Midwest gathered to discuss cybersecurity leadership, the Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE) Program, and evolving cyber regulations. During the event, he moderated a leadership discussion with **Rear Admiral (Ret.) John Kirby**, Director of the University of Chicago Institute of Politics. Admiral Kirby's distinguished career in national security, defense, diplomacy, and crisis communications provided valuable insights into leadership, risk communication, and institutional resilience amid accelerating disruption.

The event was also personally meaningful for George. Early in his Navy Reserve career, he was assigned to the Chief of Information (CHINFO) reserve unit while Admiral Kirby was serving as the U.S. Navy's Chief of Information, giving George the opportunity to observe Admiral Kirby's leadership firsthand.

In June, TRC partnered with NTSC to host a Capitol Hill roundtable on the future of the CVE program. The discussion brought together NTSC members and representatives from CISA, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), the Government Accountability Office (GAO), and key congressional committees to examine the program's future and its role in strengthening cybersecurity.



George McElwee moderates a leadership discussion with Rear Admiral (Ret.) John Kirby, Director of the University of Chicago Institute of Politics.



George McElwee (left) with Rear Admiral (Ret.) John Kirby (right), Director of the University of Chicago Institute of Politics.



NTSC outside of the Capitol after their CVE roundtable discussion.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals

This quarter, George has met with nearly 40 congressional offices to advocate for the Cease Animal Research Grants (CARGO) Act and the newly introduced Preventing Risky Importation of Monkeys to Avoid Toxic Exposures (PRIMATE) Act.

In April, TRC worked with **Reps. Greg Steube (R-FL-17)** and **Dina Titus (D-NV-01)** to [introduce H.R.8471](#), the PRIMATE Act. This legislation would prohibit the importation of monkeys for laboratory experimentation and imports for breeding colonies that supply laboratories.

In June, TRC secured the support of **Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-FL-16)**, who introduced an [amendment](#) to the FY27 NDAA to ban the use of live animals, including dogs, cats, nonhuman primates, and marine mammals, from being used to support live tissue trauma training within the Department of Defense, which has been a long-time PETA priority.



PRIMATE ACT

Preventing Risky Importation of
Monkeys to Avoid Toxic Exposures
HR 8471

Supply Chain Federation

In May, TRC hosted the Supply Chain Federation for meetings with the Department of Transportation's (DOT) Office of Multimodal Freight Infrastructure and Policy (OST-F) and the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Air and Radiation. In June, TRC led a follow-up meeting with OST-F.

WSP

In June, TRC hosted WSP in Washington, D.C., for a series of meetings with congressional offices and Administration officials. As part of the visit, WSP Vice President of Government Affairs **Gretchen Cividini** met with officials from the Department of Energy and the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council (Permitting Council).

Synderys

In May, TRC helped secure \$3 million in the Senate's FY27 NDAA and report [language](#) requiring DOD to assess a department-wide Third-Party Hardware Evaluation and Independent Analysis (THEIA) program for supply chain security, which is Synderys's number one funding and policy priority

In June, TRC worked with **Rep. August Pfluger (R-TX-11)** to introduce an [amendment](#) to the House's FY27 NDAA to establish a pilot program to evaluate hardware and software to counter the impact of foreign actors influencing critical equipment in our supply chain.

FUNDRAISING & EVENTS

Throughout the quarter, George attended the following fundraisers on behalf of IIUSA's PAC: Majority Leader **Steve Scalise (R-LA-01)**, Majority Whip **Tom Emmer (R-MN-06)**, **Rep. Jeff Van Drew (R-NJ-02)**, **Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA)**, **Rep. Greg Stanton (D-AZ-04)**, **Rep. John Rutherford (R-FL-05)**, and **Rep. Lucy McBath (D-GA-06)**. Additionally,

Katie attended the following fundraisers with Granite Construction: Chairman **Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)**, Chairman **Roger Wicker (R-MS)**, Chairman **Mike Rogers (R-AL-03)**, **Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)**, **Rep. Vince Fong (R-CA-20)**, **Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA-19)**, and **Rep. Adam Gray (D-CA-13)**.



Vice President JD Vance speaking at Majority Whip Emmer's event.



George and Katie with Birdon America and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, Phillip Waldron, at the Coast Guard Foundation dinner.

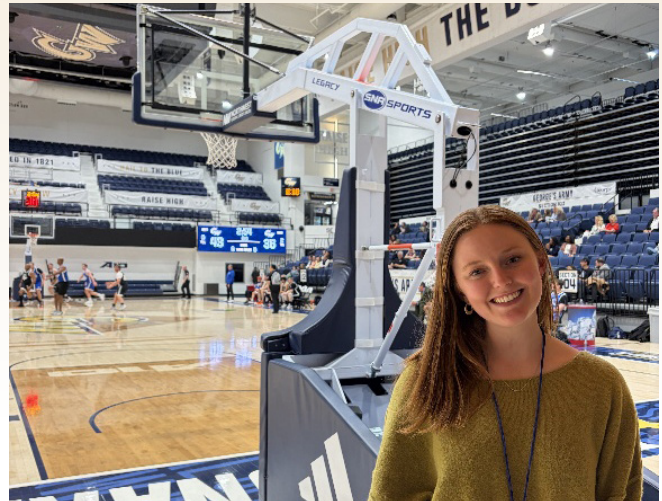
FUNDRAISING & EVENTS (CONT.)

On April 21st, Sophie attended the 26th Annual Congressional Basketball Game at George Washington University. TRC was a proud [sponsor](#) of the event, which brings together members of Congress and the lobbying community to face off on the court. Additionally, in April, Sophie attended an E&E News [briefing](#) on the fight over renewable energy permitting in Congress.

In May, Katie, a board member of the House Chief of Staff Alumni Association (HCOSAA), [attended](#) a HCOSAA event with journalist **Paul Kane**. George, a former board member of HCOSAA, also attended. Also in May, Sophie attended an E&E News [briefing](#) on upcoming energy issues in Congress.

In June, Katie attended an event in the Capitol, organized by Majority Whip **Tom Emmer's** office, with **Vice President JD Vance**. George and Katie also attended the Coast Guard Foundation's Washington, D.C. dinner as guests of client, Birdon America. In addition, Katie participated in an event for current and former Department of Energy political appointees and joined a National Sand, Stone, and Gravel Association quarry tour at a stone plant in Chantilly, Virginia. Finally, in June, Katie and Sophie attended Sen. Armstrong's event, "Getting America Building Again: Permitting Reform for Energy Security and Economic Growth". Also in June, Katie, Sophie and Mackenzie attended the National Asphalt Pavement Association's hill briefing on the BUILD for America's 250th Act.

On June 10th, Mackenzie, Sophie, and Zach [attended](#) the annual Congressional Baseball Game at Nationals Park. ●



Sophie at the Congressional Basketball Game.



Sophie and Mackenzie at the Congressional Baseball Game.

NEW CLIENTS

In April, TRC began representing the **Supply Chain Federation** and **Synderys Cyber Solutions** on behalf of Winning Strategies Washington. ●



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