



# Government Affairs Update

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# Legislative and Regulatory Update



# Federal Bills of Interest

## Permitting Reform

- Several bills introduced in both House and Senate
- Key issues
  - National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reform
  - Transmission
    - Cost allocation
    - Interregional planning
  - Endangered Species Act (ESA) reform
  - Judicial reform
  - All forms of energy included

# Federal Bills of Interest

- Electric vehicles
- Inflation Reduction Act repeals
- Nuclear
  - Streamline permitting
  - Funding
  - Fuel from safer places
- Environmental, social, and governance (ESG) bills
- Restore advanced refunding
- Cyber security reporting
- Drones
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) – increased funding

# Frequent Congressional Questions

- Concern over proposed EPA regulations
- Transformer manufacturing and DOE standards
- Continuation of permitting reform
- Direct pay under IRA (do not take it away)
- Domestic content rules and direct pay provisions



# Local Update



# Local Update on Visits and Contacts

- Sarpy County Commissioners
- Cass County Commissioners
- Mayor of Louisville
- Louisville City Council
- Cass County Planning Chairman
- Cass County Planning and Zoning Administration
- MAPA on joint strategic planning opportunities
- City of Papillion
- City of Springfield
- City of Ashland
- Village of Waterloo
- Villages of Manley
- Village of Murray
- Douglas County Commissioners
- Omaha City Council
- Village of Hooper
- Louisville City Administration
- Weeping Water City Council
- City of Omaha
- Ralston City Council
- City of Fort Calhoun
- Village of Mead
- City of Bennet
- City of Dunbar
- Saunders County Commissioners

## Key projects and areas of focus include:

- Participating in Cass-to-Sarpy Transmission Project local leader meetings and open houses in both Springfield and Louisville
- Working directly with stakeholders in York County and communities involving K-Junction Solar
- Hosting Coffee with the CEO sessions