



NSBA Priority Issues for the 116th Congress

At the beginning of each new session of Congress, NSBA brings its members together at the Small Business Congress to discuss the issues and craft an agenda for the coming two years. This gives NSBA's members the opportunity to bring new issues to the table as well as further debate and develop previous priorities.

1. **Rein-in the Costs of Health Care**
NSBA urges policymakers to reduce health care costs through market-based incentives, reducing the rate of medical utilization, eliminating wasteful and harmful care, and improving quality and transparency.
2. **Tax Reform 2.0**
NSBA urges further tax reform that simplifies the tax code for small businesses, creates stability and predictability in our tax laws, moves toward greater tax parity and addresses the national debt.
3. **Trained Workforce**
NSBA urges policymakers to seek solutions to the worker skills gap that makes hiring especially challenging and to ensure hiring is not hampered by unnecessary and unfair regulations.
4. **Deficit Reduction and Entitlement Reform**
NSBA supports a two-pronged approach to reduce the ever-growing national debt which includes broad, pro-growth tax reform and much-needed entitlement reform.
5. **Cybersecurity and Financial Protection**
NSBA urges Congress to establish pragmatic, streamlined guidelines and protocols to ensure the protection of online data and financial resources without an undue burden on small business.
6. **Immigration Reform**
NSBA supports immigration reform that ensures fair and legal access to workers in a variety of fields, avoids unfair penalties for inadvertent hiring mistakes and seeks to reduce burdens on hiring.
7. **Data Privacy Regulations**
While NSBA supports enhanced consumer data security and transparency, any legislation or regulation must address the potential burdens on small businesses and promote innovation and competitiveness.
8. **Access to Credit & Strengthen SBA Lending**
NSBA urges Congress and regulators to improve and enhance the availability of credit, capital and equity financing to small businesses, and strengthen SBA's successful lending programs.
9. **White House Conference on Small Business**
NSBA is calling on President Donald Trump to support and Congress to authorize and appropriate funds for a White House Conference on Small Business within the next two years.
10. **Regulatory Reform and National Regulatory Budget**
Congress should seek to ease the massive federal regulatory burden through proposals such as a national regulatory budget to bring much needed regulatory reform and transparency.