

**Call to Action**

**June Push**

***Special District Fairness and Accessibility Act H.R.2766***

**2025**

NSDA Federal Advocates! We are launching our June Call to Action ahead of a House floor vote. It is critical we take these steps to ensure broadbased, bipartisan support as locally driven as possible.

**Our ask of you:**

* Contact Members of Congress
* Reach out to any contacts you have in other key states to call their Congressmembers
* Contact your State and National Industry Association for support
* Share your progress with Paragon so they can support you

**Your Strategy:**

* If you, a staff member, board member, district member or special district contact within various inner circles who have a direct line to any key members of Congress, ask those folks to reach out accordingly.
* Ask for an in person or virtual meeting with the Congress member or staff
* Use the speaking points and highlight any specific local details and stories for the Congressional District
* Bring influential Association or District board members or district leaders in the Congressional District to do the pitch, especially if they have a direct relationship.
* Follow-up in writing with a thank you for the meeting

**Background Update:**

The *Special District Fairness and Accessibility Act* (H.R. 2766) was introduced by Rep. Pat Fallon (R-TX) on April 9, 2025. Currently, there are eight cosponsors of the bill, as follows: Rep. Brittany Pettersen (D-CO & Democratic co-lead of the legislation); Rep. David Valadao (R-CA); Rep. Young Kim (R-CA); Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-CA); Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-WA); Rep. Jay Obernolte (R-CA); Rep. Josh Harder (D-CA): and, Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR).

Because Republicans control the House, a key objective for NSDA is garnering additional GOP cosponsors/supporters of the legislation. In particular, NSDA and its membership will be working to secure support from members of the House Freedom Caucus (HFC). It should be noted that Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee (HSGAC) Chairman Rand Paul (R-KY) - who prevented the special district bill from advancing in the Senate last year - closely aligns himself with the members of the HFC. In fact, Senator Paul indicated that it was HFC opposition to the bill that swayed his views and opinion of the legislation.

**Top 5 Speaking points:**

* This reintroduced bill is the same, except a small change in the title. There is discussion that this will move directly to the House floor in the coming month. We have not heard any opposition from local government associations.
* Why is this important in (State) for your constituents?
	+ **Supports your voters**
		- Our State has XXX special districts, in almost every county and municipality which provide critical services to your constituents from fire protection, water systems, ambulances, parks and recreation etc.
	+ **Empowers Local Communities self-determination**
		- Purest expression of local control. Created by communities to meet their specific needs, they operate with direct accountability to residents and respond swiftly and effectively to local demands without layers of bureaucracy.
	+ **Ensuring Fair and consistent treatment in Federal programs**
		- Will eliminate confusion within Federal departments to receive the support to continue serving their communities.
	+ **Delivering Efficiency & Specialization**
		- Unlike general-purpose governments, special districts have operational efficiencies, cost-effective management, and innovative solutions.
* **What this bill does**
	+ Clarifies the Role of Special Districts to end confusion in the Federal bureaucracy
	+ Recognizes as vital units of local government
	+ Reinforces Local Control & Accountability – Keeping decision-making in the hands of the communities they serve.
	+ Supports Critical Public Services & Strengthening infrastructure, emergency response, and essential operations.
* **What this bill does not do**
	+ Does not have a fiscal note
	+ Does not take away anything from or compete with other units of local government
* **Last year, you voted (yes, no) and we ask you support this (again or this time) by co-sponsoring and voting yes on the floor**
	+ Can we count on that? What can we do to get you to yes?

**Priority contacts:**

**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

To follow are the members of the House who voted **against** last year's version of the special district definition bill, known as the *Special District Grant Accessibility Act* (H.R. 7525). Note: "\*" indicates HFC Member. Special districts that are located in any of these Member's Congressional Districts should work to secure the support of their Member.

Alabama

Rep. Barry Moore (R-AL)\*

Arizona

Rep. Andy Biggs (R-AZ)\*

Rep. Eli Crane (R-AZ)\*

Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ)\*

Colorado

Rep. Lauren Boebert (R-CO)\*

Florida

Rep. Kat Cammack (R-FL)

Rep. Byron Donalds (R-FL)

Rep. Cory Mills (R-FL)

Georgia

Rep. Andrew Clyde (R-GA)\*

Rep. Mike Collins (R-GA)\*

Rep. Majorie Taylor Greene (R-GA)

Kentucky

Rep. Thomas Massie (R-KY)

Ohio

Rep. Warren Davidson (R-OH)

Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH)\*

Oklahoma

Rep. Josh Brecheen (R-OK)\*

Rep. Kevin Hern (R-OK)

Pennsylvania

Rep. Scott Perry (R-PA)\*

South Carolina

Rep. Ralph Norman (R-SC)\*

Tennessee

Rep. Tim Burchett (R-TN)

Rep. Andy Ogles (R-TN)\*

Texas

Rep. Michael Cloud (R-TX)\*

Rep. Chip Roy (R-TX)\*

Virginia

Rep. Ben Cline (R-VA)\*

Notably, the following HFC Members voted in **favor** of H.R. 7525. Special districts that are located in these Member's Congressional Districts should remind their Members that they voted in favor of the bill in the previous Congress, thank them for their past support, and urge them to once again vote in favor of the legislation when it comes to the House floor.

Alabama

Rep. Gary Palmer (R-AL)

Florida

Rep. Greg Steube (R-FL)

Idaho

Rep. Russ Fulcher (R-ID)

Illinois

Rep. Mary Miller - (R-IL)

Louisiana

Rep. Clay Higgins (R-LA)

Missouri

Rep. Eric Burlison (R-MO)

Tennessee

Rep. Diana Hashbarger (R-TN)

Rep. Scott DesJarlais (R-TN)

Rep. Mark Green (R-TN)

Texas

Rep. Keith Self (R-TX)

Virginia

Rep. Morgan Griffith (R-VA)

Wisconsin

Rep. Tom Tiffany (R-WI)

Note: Rep. Andy Harris (R-MD), the current chair of the HFC, did *not* cast a vote on H.R. 7525 when it was on the House floor last year.

**U.S. SENATE**

Senators John Cornyn (R-TX) and Jeff Merkley (D-OR) plan to introduce a companion bill to H.R. 2766 in the near future. Before doing so, the senators are working with NSDA and special districts to identify a **Republican Member of HSGAC** who would be willing to be an original cosponsor of the bill. Because HSGAC has jurisdiction over the *Act*, securing a HSGAC Republican sponsor is key.

To follow are the Republican Members of HSGAC (NOT including Chairman Rand Paul), in order of seniority. Special districts in these states should **urge their senator to cosponsor** the forthcoming legislation.

Wisconsin

Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI)

Oklahoma

Senator James Lankford (R-OK)

Florida

Senator Rick Scott (R-FL) - NSDA member state

Senator Ashley Moody (R-FL) - NSDA member state

Missouri

Senator Josh Hawley (R-MO)

Ohio

Senator Bernie Moreno (R-OH)

Iowa

Senator Joni Ernst (R-IA)