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## 2025 Legislative Outlook

February 11, 2025

# Presentation Overview



About Townsend Public Affairs



Politics: Unified Republican Governance



Policy: Must Pass Legislation



Process: Legislative Timelines

# About Townsend Public Affairs

Townsend Public Affairs, Inc. (TPA) was founded in 1998 by Christopher Townsend with a mission to support organizations that improve our communities.

TPA has a team of 16 registered federal lobbyists and grant writers, with the policy expertise, advocacy experience, and bi-partisan relationships necessary to achieve legislative and funding results.

TPA has offices in Washington, DC, Sacramento, and Fresno.



# About Townsend Public Affairs

Advocate for Fresno County's federal goals and objectives

Work with Fresno County to draft annual legislative platform

Serve as liaison between Fresno County and the County's Congressional Delegation

Conduct bi-weekly federal update calls with Fresno County staff.

Share real-time updates on all federal activities of interest to Fresno County.

Provide monthly federal update reports.

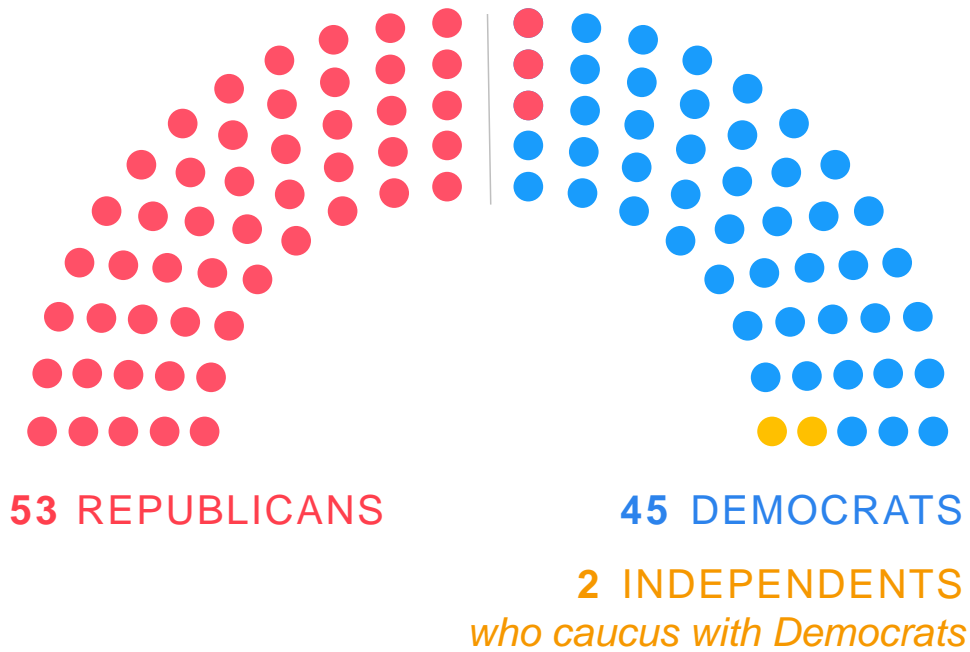
Coordinate with the National Association of Counties.

## Services TPA Provides Fresno County

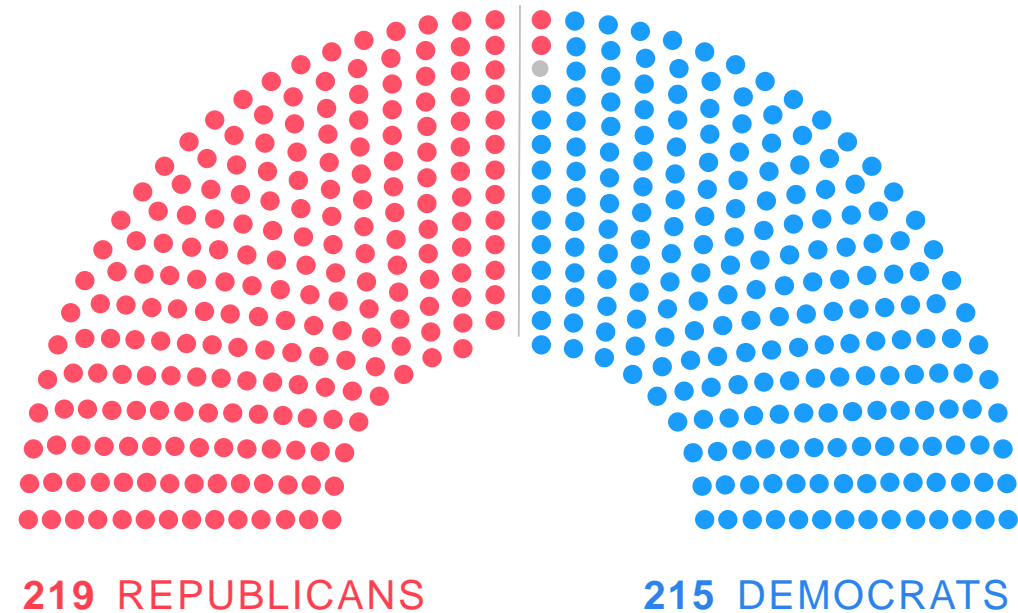


# Politics

## Senate

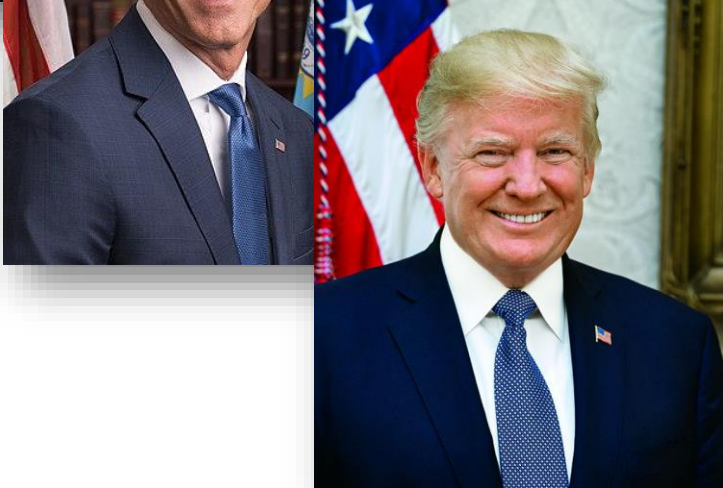


## House of Representatives



# Politics

## Governing Leadership



President Donald Trump



Speaker Mike Johnson



Senate Majority Leader John Thune

# Politics

## Fresno County Congressional Delegation

### U.S. Senate

Senator Alex Padilla

Senator Adam Schiff

### U.S. House of Representatives

Rep. Tom McClintock (CA-5)

Rep. Adam Gray (CA-13)

Rep. Vince Fong (CA-20)

Rep. Jim Costa (CA-21)

# Policy

Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriations

FY26 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)

Reconciliation Package: Tax Cuts and Jobs Act,  
Energy, Immigration

Farm Bill

Debt Ceiling

Surface Transportation Reauthorization (2026)



## Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriations

- March 14 funding deadline for FY25
- Opportunity for Community Project Funding
- Advocate for programmatic funding
- Support County's funding priorities

## **Reconciliation Package: Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, Energy, Immigration**

- Extension and revisions to the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act
- Funding for immigration enforcement
- Changes to federal energy policy

# Policy

## Farm Bill

- Reauthorization of federal agriculture, nutrition, and rural development policy
- Current programs begin to expire on September 30

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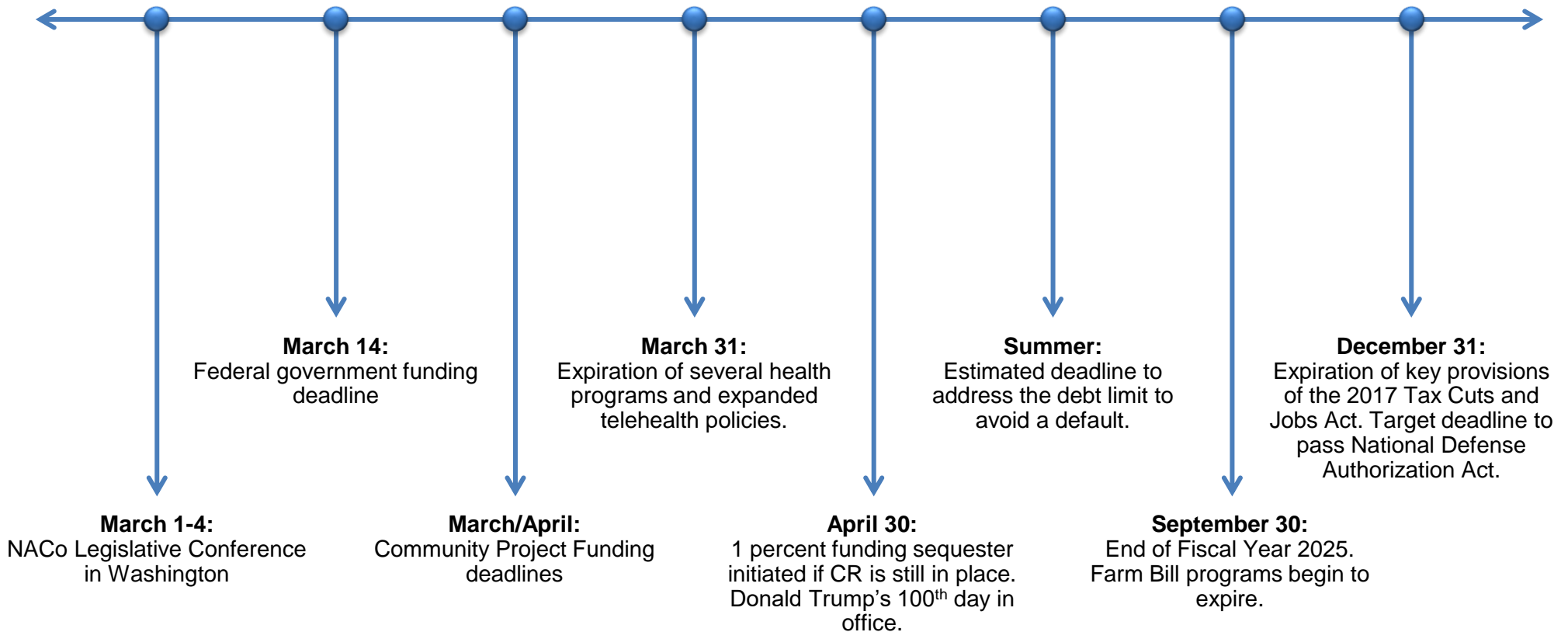
## Debt Ceiling

- Congress must raise debt ceiling or risk default
- Congress may use the debt ceiling to negotiate unrelated policies

## Surface Transportation Reauthorization (2026)

- Congress will reauthorize federal programs for highways, rail, and transit
- Program authorizations lapse September 30, 2026
- Congress will begin to debate the reauthorization in 2025

# Process



# Thank You



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