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## Monthly Report

For the month of August, the House and the Senate were out of session and Members were back in their home districts. In September they returned, and things quickly heated up when Speaker Nancy Pelosi announced that the House would initiate a formal impeachment inquiry against President Trump. This announcement is notable because impeachment inquiries are rare throughout US history; however, only a handful of committees are involved in this process and the rest are working on their respective issues. These include issues like transportation, workforce development, privacy, labor, and higher education.

A major development in September was the release of a new overtime rule by the Department of Labor. Previously, workers making less than \$23,000 a year qualified for overtime pay, but the new rule will now allow workers making less than \$35,568 to earn overtime pay. Although this will expand overtime benefits to over 1.3 million workers, the Administration opted to not automatically adjust for inflation in the future. The Obama administration previously attempted to expand overtime benefits to workers making less than \$47,000 a year and attach future changes to the cost of living but was met with resistance and

eventually their rule was overturned in favor of this new one by the Trump Administration. The new overtime rule will go into effect on January 1, 2020.

During the month of September, the Lobbyit team hosted Aaron Leson, Director of Credentialing at NCDA and Diana Baily, Chair of the NCDA Government Affairs Committee for a Hill Day in DC. The goal of the day was to take meetings with key offices and provide us an opportunity to either introduce NCDA or build on an existing relationship. The meetings were productive and successful resulting in a higher profile for NCDA and an opportunity to have a legislative impact.

We met with Senator Todd Young's (R-IN) office because he is a leading voice in the Senate on CTE and workforce development. We had a good conversation and will follow-up as appropriate. We also met with the majority staff of the Senate HELP Committee (the Committee with jurisdiction over education) and had an extremely productive meeting. The staffer was very receptive to our position and wants to be engaged with us moving forward.

We had great meetings in the House. We met with the majority and minority staff of the House Education & Labor Committee. Both sides were engaged and happy to hear from us. They felt that NCDA presented a perspective and expertise they don't normally hear from and were interested in learning more.

Finally, we met with two of the House champions on workforce development, the offices of Representatives GT Thompson (R-PA) and Jim Langevin (D-RI). Both offices work in a bipartisan matter (often together) on most matters. We had excellent meetings with both and they requested our feedback on a career development bill that they are working to reintroduce over the coming weeks. This is an amazing opportunity for NCDA. Impacting legislation is incredibly difficult and being asked to provide feedback prior to the bill being introduced at a stage where staff can make whatever changes they want, is great and is an example of how NCDA now has a "seat at the table" when it comes to these issues. The NCDA Government Relations Committee provided feedback and we will be monitoring and updating NCDA members on the bill upon its release to the public.

**Until next month,**

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