

American Subcontractors Association WASHINGTON, DC FLY-IN Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Last week, ASA advocates visited our Nation's Capital to ensure the voices of subcontractors, who make up three-fourths of the construction industry, were heard. Along with the visit to Capitol Hill, ASA was also invited to meet at the White House and speak out about the need for tax reform. This was a special opportunity and further highlights the value of ASA's advocacy in Washington D.C.

The visit came as both Chambers of Congress and the White House are diligently working to finalize the budget reconciliation bill among other legislative priorities.

Forty-nine ASA advocates, one of the largest groups in recent history, participated in <u>15 Senate</u> meetings and <u>20 House meetings</u> to discuss ASA's legislative priorities and to weigh in on the tax provisions currently being discussed with in the "Big Beautiful Bill."

ASA members also participated in several high priority group meetings:

- **Senate Small Business Committee** Members met with Small Business Committee Legal counsel to discuss the *Small Business Payment for Performance Act* and the collaborative effort to amend the legislation and advocate for its support.
- Sen. Maizie Hirono (D-HI)- Members met with Senator Hirono's staff to discuss federal procurement issues. Senator Hirono's position on the Senate Armed Services Committee and Small Business Committee is valuable and we have a strong working relationship with her team.
- Senator Steve Daines (R-MT)- Members met with Senator Daine's Finance Committee staff to discuss the *Main Street Tax Certainty Act*. Senator Daines authored the legislation which would make the 20% pass through business tax deduction permanent, and ASA supports the legislation.
- Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID)-Members met with the Senator's Tax Counsel for the Finance Committee to reiterate their priorities in the tax reform legislation and to advocate for continued tax certainty for small businesses.
- **Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND)** Members met with key members of the Senator's staff to discuss his legislation, *The Water Infrastructure Subcontractor and Taxpayer Protection Act.* ASA supports this legislation which seeks to improve project delivery and reduce risk of default on federally financed water infrastructure projects by requiring surety bonds on contractors working public private projects.
- **Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ)-** Sen. Kelly is the Democrat co-sponsor of the *Water Infrastructure Subcontractor and Taxpayer Protection Act*. Members had an opportunity to meet staff to reiterate their support of this legislation which requires surety bonds for federally funded water infrastructure projects.



- House Small Business Committee minority and majority staff- Members engaged senior staff for both the minority and majority on federal procurement issues, and more specifically the Small Business Payment for Performance Act.
- **Rep. Pete Stauber (R-MN)** Members met with Rep. Stauber who is the sponsor of the *Small Business Payment for Performance Act* which mandates quick payment for contractors following change orders. Rep. Stauber is also Co-chair of the Congressional Construction Procurement Caucus, and we are grateful for his time and continued advocacy of our issues.
- Rep. Hillary Scholten (D-MI)- Members met with Rep. Scholten's staff to discuss ASA's legislative priorities and other small business issues. Rep. Scholten is the democratic Co-chair of the Congressional Construction Procurement Caucus, and we appreciate her advocacy.
- **Rep. Bost (R-IL)-** ASA members met with Rep. Bost's key staff to discuss bonding issues. Rep. Bost is the sponsor of the P3 legislation requiring bonding for federally funded public private partnership projects. We appreciate Rep. Bost's continued efforts to amend the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act with this legislation.



ASA members at the White House





ASA Oklahoma meets with Sen. Markwayne Mullin



ASA members meeting with the House Small Business Committee





A day of engagement and advocacy on Capitol Hill



Our Voices Were Heard

ASA's Capitol Hill Fly-In is an important opportunity for members to engage legislators and key committee staff members on our shared priorities. The ASA's government relations team is always working to advance these priorities, but it is your voice and collective experience as constituents that drives our message even further. Thank you to all the members who took time from their busy schedules to advocate for these critical issues that impact subcontractors.

ASA 2025 Legislative Priorities

Change Orders - We support the Small Business Payment for Performance Act of 2025, which would require prompt payment to contractors for change orders. The federal government must do more to address enforcement of prompt payment to subcontractors and suppliers.

P3 Bonding Requirements - We support the Water Infrastructure Subcontractor and Taxpayer Protection Act of 2025 (H.R. 1285 / S. 570), which seeks to affirm that existing payment and performance security requirements extend to infrastructure projects financed through the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA), including Public-Private Partnerships (P3s).

Refine Tax Reform - We support efforts to restore tax rate parity for all businesses and make individual tax rates, pass-through deductions, and tax extenders permanent. We support the Main Street Tax Certainty Act (H.R. 703 / S.213), which would permanently extend Section 199A of the Internal Revenue Code. Additionally, we oppose the Death Tax; thereby, we support the Death Tax Repeal Act of 2025 (H.R. 1301 / S. 587).

Supporting Workforce Development - Workforce development remains a priority, with the ASA supporting apprenticeship funding opportunities and opposing the misclassification of workers as independent contractors. Strengthening the workforce is essential for the growth and sustainability of the construction industry.

Encouraging Construction Procurement Reform - Lastly, the ASA supports the House Construction Procurement Caucus, focusing on improving construction procurement policies. This caucus serves as a platform for addressing issues that affect the construction industry and ensuring that procurement practices are equitable and efficient.