

**Bolster SBA Lending | [DOWNLOAD](#)**

Policymakers must ensure that programs and pandemic-related program changes are not closed if the need for lending still exists.

Support Robust Small Business Contracting | [DOWNLOAD](#)

NSBA supports reasonable reforms and policies that will further promote and facilitate small-business participation in the federal marketplace.

Improve Access to Credit | [DOWNLOAD](#)

Congress needs to protect and support the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) loan programs and increase the authorization level for SBA loans in order to prevent unnecessary stalls in lending.

Rein in the Costs of Health Care | [DOWNLOAD](#)

Congress must seek broad health care reform to reduce costs, provide universal access, improve quality, focus on individual responsibility and drive out unnecessary, wasteful and harmful care.

Enact Tax Reform That Prioritizes Simplification | [DOWNLOAD](#)

Lawmakers should work to simplify the tax code for small businesses, creating stability and predictability in our tax laws, and moving toward greater parity in the treatment of various business forms.

Close the Partisan Divide and Reform Politics | [DOWNLOAD](#)

Reducing the partisanship in Congress and transforming it into a higher-performing institution must be a priority for policymakers; it will not happen overnight but there are several steps that can be taken.

Improve Workforce Training | [DOWNLOAD](#)

Policymakers must ensure small business hiring is not hampered by unnecessary and unfair regulations that interfere with the regular hiring process, or other state-level requirements.

Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction | [DOWNLOAD](#)

Relief from the massive federal regulatory burden can be achieved through proposals such as establishing a national regulatory budget and requiring a cost-benefit analysis of new regulations.

Strengthen Federal Innovation Programs | [DOWNLOAD](#)

NSBA urges Congress to permanently authorize and increase funding for the SBIR and STTR programs while retaining oversight through regular agency reporting to avoid potentially ruinous shut-downs.

Oppose Counter-Productive Minimum Wage Increases | [DOWNLOAD](#)

Policymakers must take caution in promulgating any kind of federal wage mandate on small businesses – particularly now under the weight of the pandemic and massive economic downturn.

Support Fair and Simple Capital Gains Taxes | [DOWNLOAD](#)

Any proposal to raise the taxes on capital gains must be structured to ensure that small businesses do not bear the burden.