



Top 10 Priorities – 114th Congress

At the beginning of each new session of Congress, NSBA brings its members together at the Small Business Congress to discuss the issues and craft an agenda for the coming two years. This gives NSBA's members the opportunity to bring new issues to the table as well as further debate and develop previous priorities.

1) **Corporate Tax Reform and Small Business**

NSBA opposes efforts to pass corporate-only tax reform without some kind of workable solution for the millions of pass-through small businesses that will see no relief from corporate-only reform. [\(more\)](#)

2) **Improve Access to Credit and Capital**

NSBA urges Congress and regulators to act on a number of proposals to improve and enhance the availability of credit, capital and equity financing to small businesses. [\(more\)](#)

3) **Deficit Reduction & Entitlement Reform**

NSBA supports a two-pronged approach to reduce the ever-growing national debt which includes broad, pro-growth tax reform and much-needed entitlement reform. [\(more\)](#)

4) **Rein-in the Costs of Health Care**

Policymakers should prioritize health care cost containment and work to improve the Affordable Care Act while removing the most burdensome aspects of the law. [\(more\)](#)

5) **Capital Gains and Dividends**

NSBA encourages Congress to reject proposals to eliminate the step-up in basis on capital gains income, which would significantly increase taxes on inherited businesses. [\(more\)](#)

6) **Tax Extender Permanency**

NSBA urges Congress to work toward expansion and permanency of the various business tax extenders most important to small-business investment and growth to add greater tax certainty. [\(more\)](#)

7) **Export-Import Bank Reauthorization**

NSBA urges Congress to enact a long-term reauthorization of Ex-Im Bank, a critical resource for small-business exporters, and include an increase to its lending cap. [\(more\)](#)

8) **National Regulatory Budget**

Congress should enact a national regulatory budget to bring much needed reform, transparency, and priority setting within the regulatory process. [\(more\)](#)

9) **Immigration Reform**

Lawmakers seeking immigration reforms must embrace policies that foster economic growth and avoid adding substantial burdens on small-business owners. [\(more\)](#)

10) **Strengthen SBA Office of Advocacy**

Congress must allocate the financial resources required for Advocacy to provide consistent, reliable information about small business and advocate within the federal government. [\(more\)](#)

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