



Monthly Report

The White House and Capitol Hill spent most of June focused on trade, appropriations, and the economy. Earlier this month, President Trump tweeted that the U.S. and Mexico reached an agreement concerning migration flows through Mexico to the southern border of the U.S. The New York Times reported that Mexico agreed to further abide by regulations set forth by the U.S.'s Migrant Protection Protocols. In abiding by these regulations, Mexico has agreed to provide "health, education, and employment opportunities to migrants who are waiting in Mexico while they seek asylum in the United States." President Trump wielded the threat of imposing tariffs on Mexican imports as a means to pressure Mexico into curbing the flow of migrants traveling through the country towards the U.S. As a result of the agreement, the tariffs that the U.S. planned to impose on Mexican imports were suspended. This was confirmed by Mexico's Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard as well as Mexico's President, Andrés Manuel López Obrador, who have been continuously working to improve Mexico's economy.

The trade war between the U.S. and China came to a standstill in late June, as both countries declared a truce. This follows President Trump's decision to not impose an additional \$300 billion in tariffs and a delay in restrictions against Huawei Technologies Co., allowing U.S. companies to resume sales to China's largest telecommunications equipment maker. The White House did not release any details on the agreement made between President Trump and President Xi of China, but it seems the truce has removed the immediate threat of a trade war looming over the economy.

Despite this, Trump tweeted that the existing U.S. tariffs on Chinese products will remain in place and unchanged.

During the month of June, the Lobbyit team continued to meet with offices that are potential allies with NCDA's goal to increase the federal dollars provided for career development professionals to earn credentials. We met with an office that has recently introduced and passed a bill that promotes counseling and they were very interested in learning more. We will follow up with the office in the coming months.

But first, Lobbyit attended the NCDA annual conference in Houston. It was a great opportunity to meet and interact with members, various NCDA committees, and NCDA's leadership and board of directors. We met NCDA members that are eager to participate in advocacy efforts and provide their expertise. Over the coming weeks we will be unpacking action items from the conference, including bringing NCDA leadership to DC to meet directly with Members and staff on NCDA priorities.

Until next month,

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