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Chapter Legislative Representative Meeting

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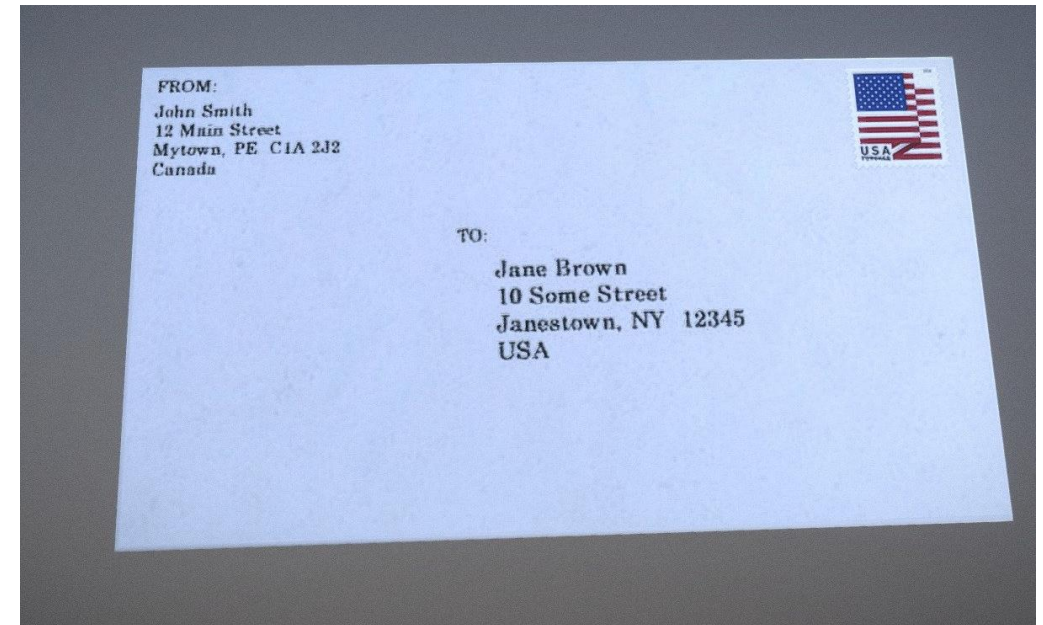
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APIC Advocacy

Joined several coalition letters this month around the following topics:

- Coalition letter calling on Senate leaders to not consider H.R. 497, which would rescind the CMS rule requiring healthcare personnel to receive their COVID-19 vaccination
- IDSA letter supporting the PASTEUR Act, which supports a subscription model for antibiotic research
- Natural Resources Defense Council letter asks members of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee to take action on antibiotic use in food animals





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APIC State Legislative Update

States Going Out of Session

Arkansas – 3/9/23

Georgia – 3/29/23

Idaho – 3/24/23

Kentucky – 3/30/23

Mississippi – 4/2/23

New Mexico – 3/18/23

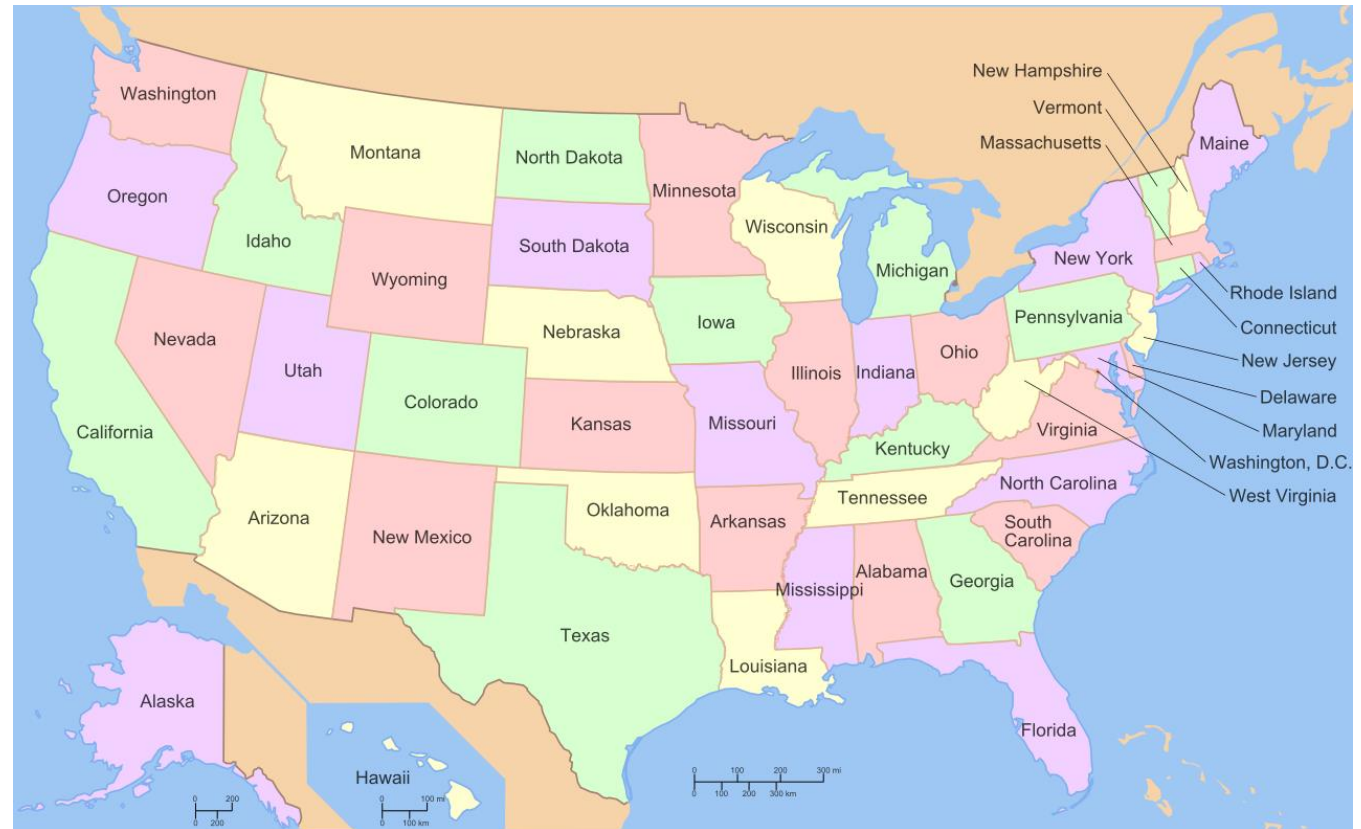
South Dakota – 3/27/23

Utah – 3/3/23

Virginia – 2/25/23

West Virginia – 3/11/23

Wyoming – 3/3/23





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APIC Federal Appropriations Process

Important Terms to Know During Appropriations

Continuing Resolutions (CR)

- Legislation passed to continue government operations until a full appropriations bill is passed
- CRs can be used to fund the government for a few days, weeks, or even months, depending on the circumstances

Debt Ceiling

- Represents the maximum amount of money that the government can borrow to finance its operations
- To raise the debt ceiling, Congress must pass legislation authorizing an increase in the limit. Which can be a bargaining chip to advance their policy goals or to force spending cuts



Important Terms to Know During Appropriations

Government Shutdown

- “Non-essential” government agencies and services are closed

“Mini-buses”

- Smaller version of an omnibus, generally combining several different appropriations bills

Omnibus Spending Bill

- Legislation that combines individual appropriations bills into one large bill that funds the federal government's discretionary spending for a given fiscal year
- Typically a massive and complex piece of legislation that covers a broad range of policy areas and spending priorities



APIC Priorities for FY 2024

National Healthcare Safety Network

- Asking for an increase in funding from FY 2023 levels
- Expand critical user support for NHSN to additional facilities across the spectrum of care
- Enable expansion of NHSN's Antibiotic Use and Resistance (AUR) module reporting options

Antibiotic Resistance Solutions Initiative

- Asking for an increase in funding from FY 2023 levels
- Sustains the Antimicrobial Resistance Laboratory Network of seven AR Regional Labs to serve as a national resource for cutting-edge lab support to states and characterize emerging resistance
- Implement antibiotic stewardship programs that align with CDC's Core Elements for Antibiotic Stewardship in inpatient, outpatient, and long-term care settings



APIC Priorities for FY 2024

BIO Preparedness Workforce Pilot Program

- Incentive program for individuals to enter infectious disease fields
- Passed late in 2023 as part Omnibus Package
- Authorized, but did not fund the pilot program



The 5 Step Federal Budget Process



1.

The President submits a **budget request** to Congress.



2.

Lawmakers release their own budget plans and set overall spending levels with a **budget resolution**.



3.

House and Senate subcommittees set funding for each program through **appropriations bills**.



4.

House and Senate members come together to **resolve differences** in their appropriations bills.



5.

The budget returns to the President for his signature before it **becomes law**.