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County Impacts from the White House & Congress

December 11, 2025

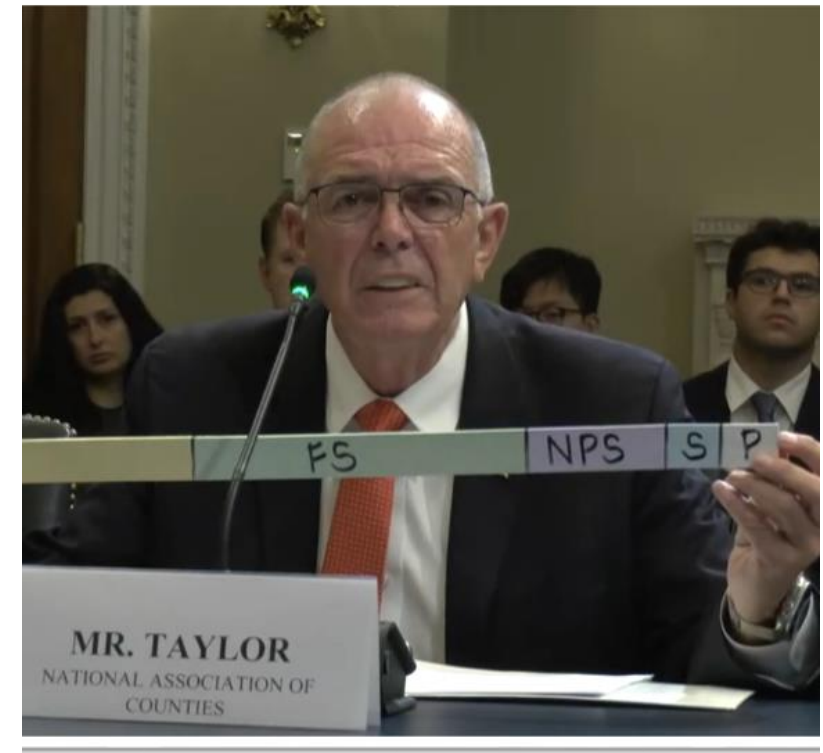
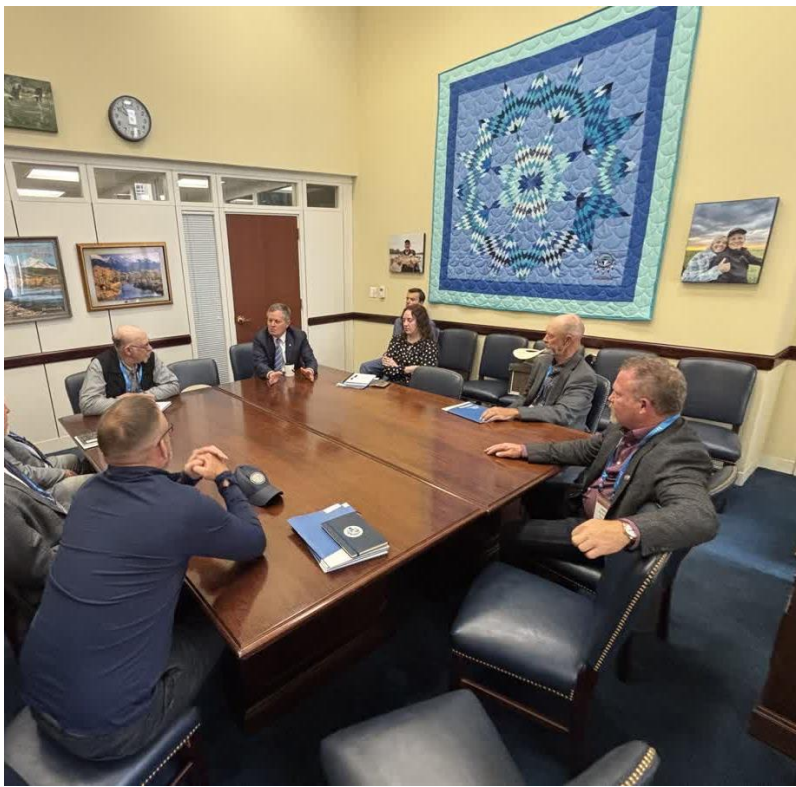
SRS Reauthorization

Secure Rural Schools reauthorization has been signed into law!

- NACo-led coalition convinced the House to pass SRS on Dec 9
- Provides funding for FY 2026 and provides back pay for missed FY 2025 and FY 2024 payments
 - Avoids duplicative payments (25% timber payments)
- Reauthorized until 2028
- 700+ Counties will receive a payment



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SRS Reauthorization

Government Funding

Now that Congress is back in D.C., they are working to avoid another government shutdown once funding expires for certain agencies on Jan. 30, 2026.

- Potential “minibus” in Senate – Attaches discretionary funding to Defense funding bill
- Topline numbers for the 9 remaining funding bills are still being negotiated
- House and Senate Appropriators still need to agree on a path forward
- Negotiations are likely to be punted to the new year



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Surface Transportation Reauthorization

CALL TO ACTION!

- Package is currently being written – Text is forthcoming
- **Key NACo priorities:**
 - Streamline formula funding directly to counties
 - Improving the federal grant process
 - Maintain competitive federal funding access for local governments
 - Streamline permitting process for smaller projects
- Reach out to your Senators and Representatives
- Share your role as county leaders, owners & operators
- Talk about the challenges in your county
- Highlight county priorities
- Continue connecting and working with the NACo team

Surface Transportation Reauthorization



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Transportation Reauthorization Hub*

Continuum of Care Program



- **NOFO Withdrawn on December 9**
- HUD's CoC Program is a \$3.5 billion grant awarded to 400 regional coalitions nationwide for homelessness services and housing
- Grants were expected to be on a two-year cycle, but HUD released new guidance outlining funds will only be available for 1 year and capped, with some grants *set to expire January 2026*
- Urgency raised by bipartisan bicameral letters: Recent letter highlights delays in HUD's CoC grant process and urged an extension
 - Without full 12-month renewals of current grants, communities may face long delays or lapses in funding



Learn more about HUD's announcement, the CoC Program and impact on counties

Reported Executive Order on AI



- News reports have indicated that a Presidential Action may be underway to direct federal agencies to challenge state and/or local laws that pertain to artificial intelligence (AI)
- Reported provisions include a litigation task force at the U.S. Department of Justice, a direction to the U.S. Department of Commerce to withhold select broadband funding to offending states, and directives to independent agencies to pursue preemptive measures
- **Counties support a meaningful, intergovernmental policymaking role for AI that fosters responsible growth and protecting resident interests. Counties urge the White House and Congress to reject calls for preemption of state and local governments**



Learn more about county priorities for federal policy-making on AI



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