

County of Monterey Federal Issues Track 2019-20

Measure	Author	Topic	Brief Summary	Position	Notes
Medical Marijuana appropriations rider	Blumenauer	Cannabis	Prohibits DOJ from spending funds to prevent certain states “from implementing their own State laws that authorize the use, distribution, possession or cultivation of medical marijuana”	Support	1/28/19 passed House as part of appropriations package to reopen the government
CAFE standards	EPA/NHTSA	Environment	EPA proposal would lower auto emission standards and revoke CA waiver to set more stringent standards	Oppose	10/25/18 comment letter submitted to regulations.gov
H.R. 978	Matsui	Environment	Clean and Efficient Cars Act of 2018 – codifies Obama fuel economy standards	Monitor	
Census Question on Citizenship	Commerce Depatment	Immigration	Commerce Department intends to include a question on citizenship on the 2020 Census	Oppose	1/30/18 letter to Secretary of Commerce and congressional delegation
S. 175 H.R. 641	Feinstein Harris Panetta	Immigration	Agricultural Worker Program Act - farmworkers who have worked in agriculture for at least 100 days in each of the past two years may earn lawful “blue card” status and potentially transition to lawful permanent residency	Support	2/11/19 draft letter presented to Leg Com
S. 292 H.R. 541	Feinstein Harris Panetta	Immigration	Keep Families Together Act – prohibits DHS from separating undocumented children from their parents at or near the border	Support	2/11/19 draft letter presented to Leg Com

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Pajaro River Flood Control Project		Infrastructure	Monterey and Santa Cruz counties are working with the Army Corps of Engineers to authorize and fund a flood control project for the Pajaro River	Support	3/2/19 NACo resolution to be considered
H.R. 530	Eshoo	Government	Legislation to overturn an FCC rulemaking on 5G wireless network deployment that curtails local authority	Monitor	
Area Census Office	Commerce Department	Government	The U.S. Census Bureau is opening 248 local census offices around the country to assist with the 2020 Census	Support	1/16/19 Panetta letter to Commerce 10/1/18 letter sent to U.S. Census Bureau in support of opening a local census office in Monterey County 11/13/18 response letter received from U.S. Census Bureau denying request
S. 4	Harris	Tax	LIFT Middle Class Act – establishes a refundable middle class tax credit of up to \$3,000 for individuals and \$6,000 for married couples	Monitor	