

**County of Monterey Federal Issues Track 2019-20**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Author</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Brief Summary</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Notes</b>
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”	Monitor	1/28/19 passed House as part of appropriations package to reopen the government
<b>H.R. 1595</b>	<b>Perlmutter</b>	<b>Cannabis</b>	<b><i>SAFE Banking Act – creates a safe harbor for financial institutions to provide services to lawful, state-authorized cannabis businesses</i></b>	<b>Monitor</b>	<b><i>3/28/19 approved by Financial Services Com</i></b>
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	
McKinney-Vento program	Department of Education	Housing	Department of Education provides funding to local education departments to address student homelessness issues	Support	3/6/19 meeting with congressional delegation
Emergency Solutions Grant program	HUD	Housing	Provides grants to local governments to address homelessness issues	Support	3/6/19 meeting with congressional delegation
<b>S. 923</b>	<b>Feinstein</b>	<b>Housing</b>	<b><i>Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act – provides grants to local governments for housing and homeless services</i></b>	<b>Support</b>	<b><i>4/8/19 draft letter presented to Leg Com</i></b>
Census Question on Citizenship	Commerce Department	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 3/5/19 meeting with Department of Commerce and Census Bureau officials in DC 3/6/19 meeting with congressional delegation

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<b>H.R. 6</b>	<b>Roybal-Allard</b>	<b>Immigration</b>	<b><i>American Dream and Promise Act of 2019 – provides Dreamers and TPS recipients with an earned pathway to citizenship</i></b>	<b>Monitor</b>	<b><i>3/12/19 cosponsored by Panetta</i></b>
<b>S. 879</b>	<b>Van Hollen</b>	<b>Immigration</b>	<b><i>SECURE Act – provides TPS recipients with an earned pathway to citizenship</i></b>	<b>Monitor</b>	<b><i>3/26/19 cosponsored by Feinstein</i></b>
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	2/12/19 letters to Panetta, Feinstein & Harris 3/6/19 meeting with congressional delegation
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	<b><i>2/12/19 letters to Panetta, Feinstein &amp; Harris</i></b>
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 adopted 3/5/19 meeting with Panetta
H.R. 8	Thompson	Justice	Bipartisan Background Checks Act – requires background checks for all gun sales		2/27/19 passed House
H.R. 1112	Clyburn	Justice	Enhanced Background Checks Act – closes loophole related to three day waiting period for gun sales		2/27/19 passed House
<b>H.R. 530</b>	<b>Eshoo</b>	<b>Government</b>	<b><i>Legislation to overturn an FCC rulemaking on 5G wireless network deployment that curtails local authority</i></b>	<b>Support</b>	<b><i>3/11/19 draft letter presented to Leg Com 3/15/19 letter sent to Panetta</i></b>
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 to U.S. Census Bureau in support of opening a census office in Monterey County 11/13/18 response letter received from U.S. Census Bureau denying request

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<b>S. 4</b>	<b>Harris</b>	<b>Tax</b>	<b><i>LIFT Middle Class Act – establishes a refundable middle class tax credit of up to \$3,000 for individuals and \$6,000 for married couples</i></b>	<b>Support</b>	<b><i>4/8/19 draft letter presented to Leg Com</i></b>
Salinas Valley Water Project		Water	Biological Opinion for project has been rescinded by NOAA/NMFS		2/28/19 update provided to Rep. Panetta staff