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Legislative Update
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RECENTLY PASSED LEGISLATION

- **Appropriations: Congress Passed Continuing Resolution to Keep Government Funded Until January 19, 2018**
 - December 21, 2017: Continuing Resolution (CR) to keep the government funded until January 19, 2018 passed the House by 231-188.
 - The resolution keeps Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) funded through March 2018.
 - No agreement could be reached on funding for this year's natural disasters, including the wild fires in California, so funding for them was not included. The House subsequently passed a stand-alone bill providing \$81 billion in disaster funding. The Senate will consider the bill soon. The bill provides about twice as much funding as the Administration requested.

- **Taxes: Congress Passed Tax Cuts and Jobs Act**
 - On Friday, December 15, 2017, the House and Senate Majorities released the Conference Report for H.R. 1, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The Senate passed the bill on a party line vote of 51-48 on Tuesday December 19. The House passed the bill on the same day, but was required to vote again on the bill on December 20 due to parliamentary problems. During the second vote, the House passed H.R. by a vote of 224-201.

 - **Congressman Rohrabacher voted NO.**

"Today, I once again voted for the interests of my constituents. Our district in California is a major exception to the economic conditions in other states. The high value of homes as well as the high state and local tax rates in our district means that we are especially impacted by the slashing of deductions that we take. Although the impact of the conference version of H.R. 1 will not be as damaging as the original House version would have been, the final version still increases taxes on a substantial number of my constituents, and thus I could not join my fellow Republicans whose districts are different than mine in supporting H.R. 1."

"The heavy burden imposed on California taxpayers by irresponsible and profligate Democrat taxing and spending causes great damage to the wellbeing of the people of our state. Tax reform at a national level, to be effective in all parts of our country, will have to take into consideration these kinds of state and local challenges."

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CURRENT EVENTS

- **Rohrabacher Called on President Trump to Back Iranian Protesters**
 - WASHINGTON – Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, today released the following statement on this week’s protests in Iran:
“Eight years ago, in what we called the Green Movement, or the Persian Awakening, thousands of Iranian protesters took to the streets to call for an end to radical Islamic tyranny. They were brutally suppressed, the streets running with their blood. As masses of protesters were killed or jailed, the new Obama administration faced its first foreign crisis. It watched passively as the mullahs doubled down on death and snuffed out the dreams of a new, forward-looking generation of Iranians.”
“As 2017 closes, reports out of Iran tell of a new wave of uprisings challenging the hideous regime that remains the world’s chief sponsor of terrorism. The protests have broken out across the country in all the major cities. As the mullahs attempt to crack down, the Trump administration must not make the same mistake its predecessor did. I call on President Trump to make clear, this New Year, that a new government is his fondest wish for the Iranian people. He must offer all manner of support, moral and material, to those Iranians who aspire to a life free of religious and political tyranny.”

REGULATORY WATCH

- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
 - The EPA has issued a proposed rule to repeal the Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units (EGUs), commonly referred to as the Clean Power Plan (CPP). After examining the regulation, the agency is concerned that the CPP threatened to impose massive costs on the power sector and consumers, invaded traditional areas of state regulation, deviated from prior regulatory practices, and did not contribute to the national affordable, reliable electricity.
 - **COMMENTS DUE 01-15-2018**
- Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
 - The FDA has issued a request for comment on existing regulations from the Center for Food and Safety and Applied Nutrition that could be repealed, replaced or modified to reduce burdens on the public while allowing the agency to continue to fulfill its obligations. Specifically, the agency is looking for existing regulations on food or cosmetics that eliminate jobs, are outdated, impose costs that are higher than benefits, or interfere with regulatory reform initiatives. This request for comment is in accordance with Executive Orders 13771, “Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs” and 13777, “Enforcing the Regulatory Agenda.”
 - **COMMENTS DUE 02-05-2018**