

FW: CALL TO ACTION - HR 7525 - Special District Grant Accessibility Act

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Hi VCSDA members,

Please see the message below from our Public Affairs Field Coordinator, Richelle Noroyan:

In a major milestone for the nation's special districts, last week, the U.S. House Oversight and Accountability Committee approved the Special District Grant Accessibility Act. The bill ([H.R. 7525](#)), which is sponsored by Representatives Pat Fallon (R-TX) and Brittany Pettersen (D-CO), cleared the committee on an overwhelming 38-2 vote. **To view the committee's action on H.R. 7525, [please click here](#).**

The Special District Grant Accessibility Act embodies the National Special District Coalition's longstanding legislative objective of codifying in federal law a first-ever, formal definition of "special district". In addition to establishing such a definition, H.R. 7525 would direct federal agencies to recognize **special districts as local governments for the purpose of ensuring that districts are eligible to receive appropriate forms of federal assistance, including funding and resources through key grant programs**. Looking ahead, the legislation is expected to be considered by the full House. As of this writing, it remains unclear when House leadership will schedule the bill for a floor vote.

CALL TO ACTION

In preparation for successful action on the House Floor, CSDA is calling all special districts to reach out to their Representatives in Congress to urge them to support H.R. 7525.

- **No later than April 5, 2024, please click here [HR 7525 - Special District Grant Accessibility Act \(wufoo.com\)](#) to authorize CSDA to include your organization on our Coalition Letter; OR**

- ***Download the attached Sample Support Letter and send to your local Congressional Representative(s)***

If you need help identifying or contacting your Congressional Representative, visit: [Find Your Representative | house.gov](#) or contact your CSDA Public Affairs Field coordinator: csda.net/pafc.

I have also attached a fact sheet about HR 7525 and the CSDA coalition letter for more information. If you email a letter to your congressional representative, please also cc' CSDA at advocacy@csda.net so we can keep track of all the messages sent.

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