

ATTENTION WASHINGTON MEMBERS! **Request for Campaign Materials - I-2117** **"Vote Yes, Pay Less "**

The Washington Independent Distributors of Energy is committed to supporting the "Vote Yes, Pay Less" campaign, particularly regarding Initiative I-2117, which seeks to repeal the Climate Commitment Act. This initiative will appear on the ballot on November 6, 2024, and we are eager to help spread the word.



Here is a peek at the pump topper. We are currently finishing up on door signs, counter signs, pump stickers, and statement stuffers to support the initiative. Although these materials are still in production, we would appreciate your input to facilitate the process and ensure that your needs are met.

Click [here](#) to order materials online.



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Inside the Beltway Update

Stop us if you've heard this before, but we're 10 days from the end of FY 2024 and, at this point, we're again facing the possibility of a government shutdown. Earlier this week, House Republicans attempted to pass a doomed 6-month Continuing Resolution (CR) that included the election-related SAVE Act, which would require proof of citizenship for individuals to register to vote. This vote failed for a few reasons. First, roughly a dozen House Republicans will never vote for any CR. Second, at this time, you must be a citizen to vote, so the SAVE Act was too big of a partisan pill for some swing-district Republicans to swallow. Since the CR vote failed, House Appropriators have started the process for a relatively clean CR that would extend funding to December 13 and, in all likelihood, Democratic votes will be needed for passage. A clean CR is expected to sail through the Senate and move to President Biden's desk for signature. But there is a catch. Former President Trump has urged repeatedly for Congressional Republicans to oppose any funding bill that does not include the SAVE Act—a risky maneuver considering it would trigger a government shutdown a month before the election. Still, he has a significant amount of influence, so nothing is over until it's over.

Aside from working to avert a potential government shutdown, with 46 days to go, both chambers of Congress are preoccupied with political show votes. In the Senate, Democrats forced Republicans to kill legislation protecting in vitro fertilization (IVF) and House Republicans forced a vote on a [resolution](#) to repeal the EPA's tailpipe rule using the Congressional Review Act (CRA). While the bill passed the House, given the Democratic leadership in the Senate and the White House, it is unlikely to go anywhere else. Still, it is indicative of actions Congressional republicans may take if they control both chambers of Congress in January.

And while Congress is largely preoccupied with funding the government and partisan politics, the Biden Administration is working to churn out as many rules as it can before staff turn their ID badges over to the next Administration. To that end, on Wednesday, the Department of the Treasury issued a [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) that would provide up to \$1,000 for

individuals and \$100,000 for businesses for each EV charger they install. If finalized in its current form, this rule would provide significant credits to offset the costs of installing multiple chargers. More details in the next article on this issue.

In the coming weeks, we expect Congress to pass a short-term CR that funds the government past the election (despite President Trump's objections), and once that is completed, we expect members will depart Washington and get back to the campaign trail. While the election heats up, EMA will continue meeting with Congressional staff to set the table for a quick start to the next Congress and/or the unlikely scenario of a busy Lame Duck session post-election.

[IRS issues guidance on the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Refueling Property Credit](#)

The Department of Treasury and Internal Revenue Service recently issued proposed regulations to provide guidance for the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Refueling Property Credit. The Inflation Reduction Act amended the credit for qualified alternative fuel vehicle refueling property. The changes apply to qualified alternative fuel vehicle refueling property placed in service after Dec. 31, 2022, and before Jan. 1, 2033.

The credit amount for property not subject to depreciation is 30% of the cost of the qualified property placed in service during the tax year. The credit amount for depreciable property is 6% of the cost of the qualified property placed in service during the tax year but may be increased to 30% of the cost of the qualified property if the prevailing wage and apprenticeship requirements are met. The credit is limited to \$1,000 per item of non-depreciable property and \$100,000 per item of depreciable property. Property must be placed in service in an eligible rural area census tract to qualify for the credit. An eligible census tract is any population census tract that is a low-income community or any population census tract that is not an urban area. The proposed regulations provide guidance for determining whether a population census tract is an eligible census tract.

The proposed regulations also provide guidance on how to calculate the credit, including what constitutes an "item" of qualified alternative fuel vehicle refueling property, the additional costs considered in determining the cost of the item, and how to treat dual-use property.

Additionally, today's guidance provides definitions, general rules, and special rules, including basis reduction, recapture, and apportionment of the credit between business-use and personal-use property. The Treasury Department and the IRS also issued [Notice 2024-64](#) providing guidance on rural areas that qualify for the EV fueling credit. [Appendix A](#) and [Appendix B](#) in the notice, contain. More information about the [alternative fuel vehicle refueling property credit](#) may be found on the [Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 page on IRS.gov](#).

[EMA Urges Congress to Oppose RECHARGE Act](#)

This week EMA joined like-minded associations in a [letter](#) of opposition of the RECHARGE Act (S. 4989) to Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell. The bill would allow electric vehicle (EV) charging on the Interstate right-of-way (rest areas), which would undermine small, family owned and operated businesses along the interstate highways by repealing the ban on privatizing and commercializing Interstate rest areas.

Many off-highway businesses have already invested in EV charging stations, and others are in the process of working with their state departments of transportation to install EV charging stations at locations along the Interstate. They are also considering investing in a variety of other clean fuel technologies. Businesses' desire to invest in these alternative fuels will be unmistakably diminished if EV chargers are permitted at Interstate rest areas. Beyond undermining private investment in EV charging stations, permitting alternative refueling infrastructure at rest areas or on the Interstate right-of-way would inevitably lead EV users to demand additional relaxations of the commercialization ban so they could purchase food and beverages at rest areas while they charge their vehicles.

[USDA Accepting Applications for Higher Blend Infrastructure Grants; Announces 160 New Grant Recipients](#)

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced it is continuing to accept applications for its higher blend Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIIP) for energy marketers. In addition the agency announced that USDA is funding [160 projects in 26 states](#) to expand access to clean energy systems and increase the availability of domestic biofuels. HBIIIP seeks to increase the availability of higher blends of ethanol and biodiesel derived from U.S. agricultural products by sharing the costs to build and retrofit biofuel-related infrastructure. Grants cover up to 75% or \$5 million of total project costs to help facilities convert to higher-blend fuels. The fuels must be greater than 10% for ethanol and greater than 5% for biodiesel.

The \$450 million in new funds are made on a quarterly calendar basis starting July 1. Each quarter the USDA is making available \$90 million to support a variety of fueling operations:

Approximately \$67.5 million will be made available to transportation fueling facilities, including fueling stations; convenience stores; larger retail stores that also sell fuel; and transportation, freight, rail and marine fleet facilities.

Approximately \$18 million will be available to fuel distribution facilities, including terminal operations, depots and midstream operations.

Up to \$4.5 million will be made available to home heating oil distribution facilities.

There will be five application windows for HBIIIP between July 1, 2023, and Sept. 30, 2024. A sixth application window will be opened if funding has not been exhausted. USDA continues to accept HBIIIP [applications](#) until September 30, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. ET. For more information, go to the [HBIIIP webpage](#).

Continue to Urge Congress to Support the Credit Card Competition Act!

EMA continues to urge all jobbers and retailers to reach out to their Senators and ask them to VOTE YES on the Credit Card Competition Act. This bill would reduce swipe fees and allow retailers a choice of network to handle the transaction through competition which would save Americans and businesses around \$15 billion in swipe fees per year. Our industry's share of that comes to around \$9,000 per store per year.

[CLICK HERE TO SUPPORT THE CREDIT CARD COMPETITION ACT](#)

Special EMA Members Code for NACS Show 2024 Registration

FINAL CALL: Pre-Show Pricing Ends September 27

The NACS Show is returning to Las Vegas this October, and deadlines are approaching. After September 27, on-site registration will increase by \$150.

[Click Here for EMA's Fall Meeting at the NACS Show Information](#)

Using this code provides EMA with \$100 for every retailer or jobber paid registration at any rate. **EMA encourages EMA state execs to promote and share with your state association's member companies. Please see attached [flyer](#).**

**Please note that EMA State Execs are comped for NACS Show registration, and this link was sent out on August 12. Additionally, the NACS Show registration is separate from EMA's Fall Meeting registration.

Again, the EMA NACS Show Registration Code is: EMANS2024 and [CLICK HERE](#) for full instructions to register.

Questions registering for NACS Show? Contact NACS Show registration customer service at nacs@maritz.com or 469-513-9489, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST, for assistance.

On-Demand Webinar: Beneficial Ownership Reporting for Energy Marketers

The January 1, 2025 deadline for BOI report filings is rapidly approaching. To assist you in staying compliant and avoiding penalties, the Energy Marketers of America recently hosted a highly informative webinar, "*The BOI Reporting Deadline is Approaching: What Energy Marketers Need to Know to Stay Compliant*," in collaboration with Wolters Kluwer on September 10th. Thanks to all who joined us live!

In this webinar, we covered the types of entities affected by the BOI requirements, emphasized the urgency of meeting the federal deadline, and provided an overview of the BizFilings BOI reporting solution. We also included a step-by-step demonstration of the tool to guide you in filing your BOI reports on time and maintaining compliance with this federal regulation.

For those who were unable to attend, we're pleased to provide you with the recording. Access these resources at your convenience to stay informed and prepared.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the on-demand webinar.

Next Steps:

- Need to figure out if your business is impacted by BOI? [Take the quiz](#).
- Ready to file? [Click here to file now](#) and use EMA12 for 12% off your filing.

Avoid penalties and fines - get organized, save time, and file your BOI report today.

Weekend Reads

[California's Tax on Arizona and Nevada | WSJ](#)

[FDA Takes Action Against Unauthorized E-Cigarettes Promoted at Industry Trade Show | CSP Daily News](#)

[Big oil companies defeat US consumer lawsuit over production, prices | Reuters](#)



Federated Insurance® Launches 2½-Day Risk Management Academy Offerings for 2024

FINAL ONE FOR 2024: All Industries: November 5-7 – Last Reminder

Federated Insurance® is excited to formally invite business owners to attend one of our complimentary 2½ - Day Risk Management Academy (RMA) offerings that began in January 2024. These industry-specific sessions are held at Federated®'s Home Office in Owatonna, Minnesota, and are led by risk management professionals.

Often, business owners may find themselves so busy in the day-to-day workings of their company that they may have less time to focus on the overall safety of their business. The RMA sessions can help business owners learn how to prevent losses impacting their bottom line by developing risk management best practices, connecting with industry peers facing similar challenges and insurance professionals who are committed to helping owners, and applying what is learned to make a difference at their businesses.

Building a culture of workplace safety starts with business leaders. [Learn more and sign up today](#) to attend one of these valuable 2½-Day RMAs to help take risk management to the next level. Need answers to questions or would you prefer to speak with one of our Risk Management Resource Consultants? Call 1-800-533-0472 or please contact your [Federated](#) regional representative Joel Rothman at jrothman@fedins.com



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UPMRA Convention

October 1-3, 2024

Hilton Garden Inn - St George, UT

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2025 WPMAEXPO KEYNOTE SPEAKER DONALD TRUMP JR

PLEASE NOTE UPCOMING DATES FOR WPMA EVENTS

September 19, 2024 - Nevada (NPM&CSA) Little Dogs Golf Event - Wolf Run Golf Club, Reno, NV

October 1-3, 2024 - Utah (UPMRA) Convention - Hilton Garden Inn - St. George, UT

February 18-20, 2025 - WPMAEXPO, MGM Grand Resort, Las Vegas, NV

April 24-25, 2025 - Nevada (NPM&CSA) Big Dogs Event - Red Rock Casino/Angel Park Golf Course

June 3-4, 2025 - Montana (MPMCSA) Convention - Fairmont Hot Springs - Fairmont, MT

June 16-18, 2025 - Washington (WIDE) Convention - Davenport Hotel - Spokane, WA

July 20-22, 2025 - Oregon (OFA) Conference - Sunriver Resort - Sunriver, OR

July 30-August 1, 2025 - Idaho (IPM&CSA) Convention - Sun Valley Resort - Sun Valley, ID



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Petro Pete: What's the best flower for a boy to give on Mother's Day? A son-flower.

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