



NOWRA's Federal Advocacy



October 31, 2022

Constitutional Right to Advocate



Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

How Can Advocacy Help?

- Interact with industry allies & decision makers
- Build and strengthen relationships with congressional allies & federal agencies
- Secure more federal funding for onsite wastewater treatment
- Prevent federal policies from negatively impacting NOWRA members



Accomplishments So Far

- ✓ Built credibility for NOWRA
- ✓ Strengthened relationships with DC allies
- ✓ Enacted provisions of the NOWRA Act
- ✓ Added wastewater question to future ACS
- ✓ Expanded USDA's Decentralized Water Systems program & increased funding 5-fold
- ✓ Developed & enacted EPA's Decentralized Wastewater Grant Program



Current Legislative Activities

- Adequately fund EPA's Decentralized Wastewater Grant Program
 - ❖ Program is authorized for up to \$50 million annually
 - ❖ Currently set to receive \$5 million in FY'23
- Expand USDA's Decentralized Water Systems Grant Program
 - Program is authorized for up to \$20 million annually
 - Set to receive \$5 million in FY'23



Executive Branch Activities

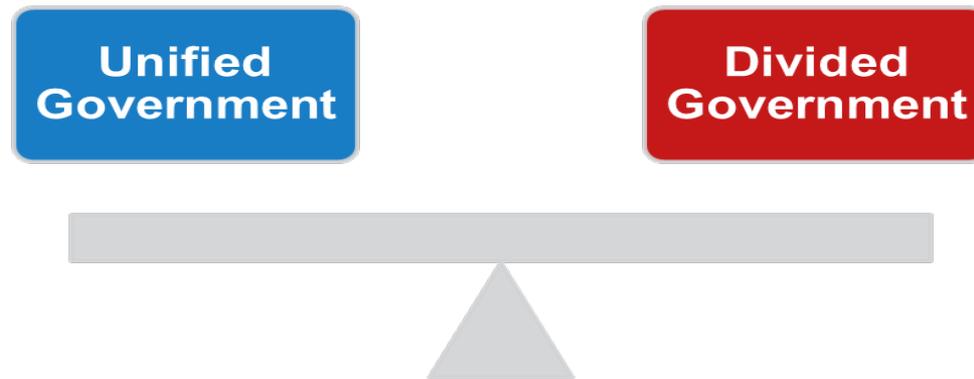
- Strengthen relationships with Biden Administration
- Lay groundwork with EPA to implement Decentralized Wastewater Grant Program and expand USDA program
- Advocate for additional funding opportunities
- Ensure decentralized systems have a role in environmental justice efforts



Midterm Elections



Congress in the Balance

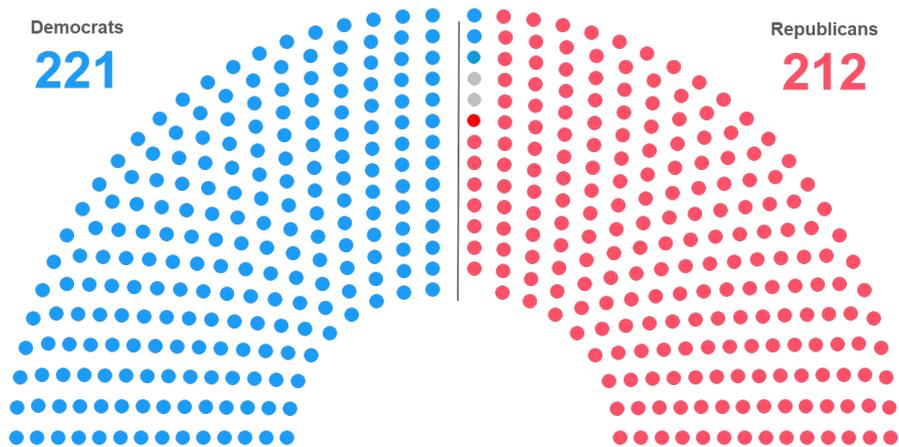


Political Environment

- Mid-Term Election History
- Economy
 - Inflation
 - Employment
- Issues
 - Abortion, Immigration, Crime, Jan. 6th
- Polls



Current State of Play in the House



+ **2 Vacancies** (Walorski, R-IN and Crist, D-FL)

- Thin margins
- Significance of retirements and open seats



House Races to Watch



HOUSE

The Cook Political Report: 2022 House Race Ratings

Oct 5, 2022

RATINGS SUMMARY

SOLID SEATS

D - 162

R - 186

LIKELY/LEAN SEATS

D - 30

R - 14

TOSS-UP OR WORSE

D - 28

R - 12

Likely : These seats are not considered competitive at this point, but have the potential to become engaged.

Lean : These are considered competitive races, but one party has an advantage.

Toss-Up : These are the most competitive; either party has a good chance of winning.

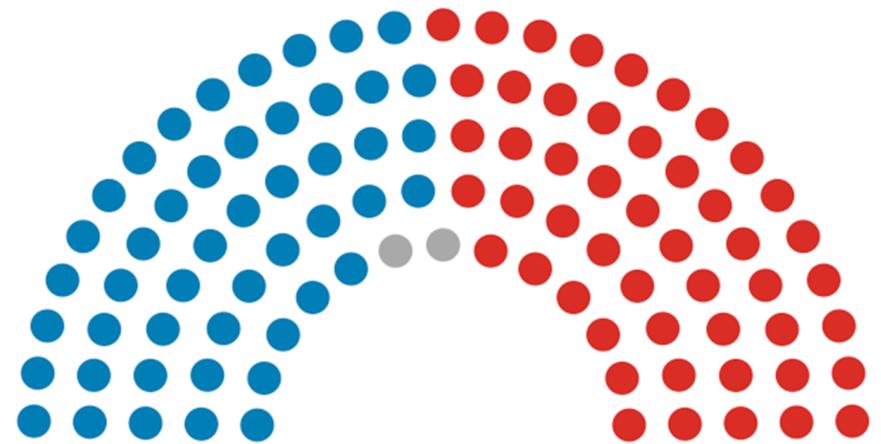
COMPETITIVE RACES

*Italicized name denotes Freshman member

LIKELY DEMOCRATIC 15 Dem • 0 Rep	LEAN DEMOCRATIC 15 Dem • 2 Rep	DEMOCRATIC TOSS UP 20 Dem • 0 Rep	REPUBLICAN TOSS UP 0 Dem • 10 Rep	LEAN REPUBLICAN 5 Dem • 6 Rep	LIKELY REPUBLICAN 3 Dem • 8 Rep
AZ-04 Stanton	CA-47 Porter	AK-AL Peltola	AZ-01 Schweikert	AZ-02 O'Halleran	CA-03 Open
CA-09 Harder	CA-49 Levin	CA-13 Open	CA-22 Valadao	AZ-06 Open	CA-40 Kim
CO-07 Open	CT-05 Hayes	IL-17 Open	CA-27 Garcia	CA-41 Calvert	FL-13 Vacant
CT-02 Courtney	IL-13 Open	IN-01 Mrvan	CO-08 New Seat	CA-45 Steel	FL-15 New Seat
GA-02 Bishop	MI-03 Open	KS-03 Davids	NC-13 Open	FL-27 Salazar	IA-02 Hinson
IL-06 Casten	MI-08 Kildee	ME-02 Golden	NE-02 Bacon	IA-01 Miller-Meeks	MI-10 Open
IL-11 Foster	NC-01 Open	MI-07 Slotkin	NM-02 Herrell	IA-03 Axne	MN-01 Finstad
IL-14 Underwood	NH-02 Kuster	MN-02 Craig	NY-22 Open	NJ-07 Malinowski	MT-01 New Seat
MD-06 Trone	NV-04 Horsford	NH-01 Pappas	OH-01 Chabot	NY-01 Open	NY-02 Garbarino
NC-06 Manning	NY-03 Open	NV-01 Titus	TX-34 Merged Seat	WA-03 Open	NY-11 Malliotakis
NJ-03 Kim	NY-17 Maloney	NV-03 Lee		WI-03 Open	TX-15 Open
NJ-05 Gottheimer	NY-18 Ryan	NY-19 Open			
NM-03 Leger Fernandez	OH-09 Kaptur	OH-13 Open			
NY-04 Open	OR-04 Open	OR-05 Open			
PA-12 Open	OR-06 New Seat	PA-07 Wild			
	TX-28 Cuellar	PA-08 Cartwright			
	VA-07 Spanberger	PA-17 Open			
		RI-02 Open			
		VA-02 Luria			
		WA-08 Schrier			

Current State of Play in the Senate

- 117th Congress: 50-50 Democrat majority
- 34 Senate seats up for election: 14 Ds, 20 Rs
- 28 Senators seeking re-election: 13 Ds, 15 Rs
- 6 Senators retiring: 1 D, 5 Rs



● Democrats ● Republicans ● Independents*

Senate Races to Watch

Republicans Defending:

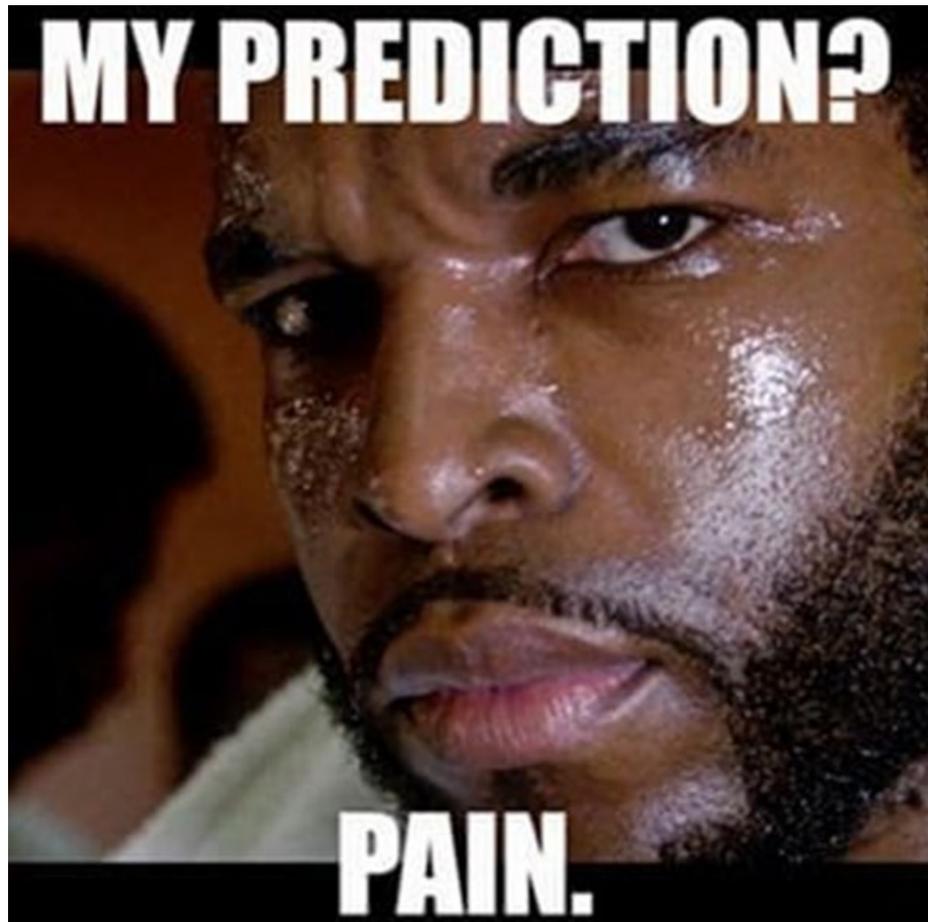
- ❖ PA—Pat Toomey is Retiring
- ❖ OH—Rob Portman is Retiring
- ❖ NC—Richard Burr is Retiring
- ❖ WI—Sen. Ron Johnson

Democrats Defending:

- ❖ NV—Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto
- ❖ GA—Sen. Raphael Warnock
- ❖ AZ—Sen. Mark Kelly
- ❖ NH—Sen. Maggie Hassan



Prognostications



2023—A New Year

- New Congress—118th
 - new Senators & Representatives
 - new committee composition & leadership
 - new agendas w/change in party control
- Same Administration, but always turnover
- Tight budgets



2023 Congressional Activities

- Secure more funding for EPA's new Decentralized Wastewater Grant Program
- Increase funding for USDA's Decentralized Water Systems Grant Program
 - Through FY'24 appropriations process
 - Through Farm Bill reauthorization
- Be positioned to take advantage of legislative opportunities and defend against budget cuts
- Increase outreach and cultivate new allies

What Can You Do?

- Write or call your Representative /Senator and urge their support to **fully** fund decentralized wastewater programs
- Invite your Representative/Senator to visit your company
- Contribute money and time to campaigns
- Participate in NOWRA's congressional outreach efforts