



Introducing the new NAIFA Congressional Council

The NAIFA Board of Trustees this year approved the establishment of a new program named the Congressional Council. The Congressional Council has recently launched and will be formally announced at the upcoming [NAIFA Congressional Conference](#) in Washington, DC.

The Congressional Council stems from the NAIFA Steering Council which was carried over from AHIA. The purpose of the Steering Council has been to protect our members' businesses from adverse legislation and regulation.

The Advisory Group will be made up exclusively of Congressional Council members. The group's role will be to provide insight and feedback to the NAIFA Government Relations team and NAIFA Government Relations Committee as they work to submit formal policy recommendations to the NAIFA Board of Trustees. The group may be asked to informally advise NAIFA staff on issues related to the member's professional experience and expertise; may receive policy or industry-related surveys; may be asked to assist NAIFA staff with technical data; and may have opportunities to provide comments and specifics on legislation and regulations that fall within their areas of expertise.

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