



# Legislative Update

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## Please, Let the Madness End!

2020 has been exhausting. I would have never thought we could still be in a global pandemic. Hopefully, by the time you read this, we will start having some normalcy on our COVID-laden world. Until then, please make sure that you are taking care of your business and yourself.

Just like every other association, NCISS is doing its best to serve its individual, company

and association members. Unfortunately, we have been unable to host or join together with member associations in education, fellowship and networking. However, much is being accomplished behind the scene and we are hopeful for a more normal 2021.

As I write this, Congress and the White House are trying to bridge the gap on another

round of stimulus relief. It is likely that this round will impact all investigators regardless of size. Most promising is current talking points requesting the lowering of payroll taxes and the increase of individual unemployment payments. It is likely that a number of tax credits are likely to be passed in the malaise of the process.

Just as we did with the initial rounds of PPP and Coronavirus relief, NCISS will provide detailed analysis of the legislation and follow up Zoom meetings to make sure all members are aware of the relief packages available.

The Legislative Advisory Board ("LAB"), comprised of representatives of each member's state association, continues to meet on a regular basis. Its agenda continues to focus on the increasing push for deregulation at the local state level. As many of you have heard, Colorado has failed to renew its licensing scheme as the result of an impending sunset bill. A valiant and diligent effort was made by PPIAC and supported by NCISS. This unfortunate setback is not isolated. The LAB is currently monitoring multiple efforts by states to deregulate several professions including private investigators. If you have information on critical legislation, please communicate it to us as soon as possible.

Finally, NCISS is working on a number of outreach programs for our members. This includes an upcoming town hall. This town hall we hope will be an opportunity to hear from all members and discuss the current on goings in NCISS, Washington and at local state levels. We hope this meeting will allow those that are members in NCISS but are unable to make meetings to participate and provide feedback to make your membership worthwhile.

Stay Safe and Healthy!

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