

As Congress leaves for August recess, what issues do you think they'll be focusing on when they're back in their state/district?



Charles Cooper, Managing Partner & Co-Founder

“The list will be long because of the number of large, important bills that remain on the sidelines. However, the landscape post- August recess will be different and more complex in terms of moving legislation because of the proximity to the election. Therefore, the focus will be on “must-pass” bills and political messaging bills. ”



Madeline Wade, Partner & Co-Founder

“While all issues feel national these days, members will try to make their policy positions as local as possible. Both parties will work to make the other one seem out of touch with a throughline of affordability and who can get results as voters decide who should hold majorities in each chamber. ”



Brett Fulcer, Vice President

“When Members return home for August recess, I expect affordability and cost-of-living concerns to dominate conversations with constituents, alongside economic uncertainty, taxes, and the impact of federal policies on household budgets and local businesses. ”



Marc Berejka, Senior Advisor

“The heat around the upcoming elections will be cranked up. With localized flavor, Democrats will zero in on nagging inflation, uncertainty in the economy, the war with Iran, the Epstein files, and their concern about challenges to the elections themselves. Republicans will continue to home in on divisions in the country regarding cultural issues and then put a spotlight on electoral successes in the primaries by several self-proclaimed Democratic Socialists. ”