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Government Affairs Committee—Spring 2024 Report

The Government Affairs Committee has been busy since the NSPS fall 2023 meeting. To prepare for the 2024 Day on the Hill, myself as well as our Executive Director Tim Burch meet at the offices of Miller / Wenhold Strategies, LLC with our federal lobbyists JB Byrd and John Palatiello to discuss and choose the three issue we will be bringing to the “Hill” this year. The three being

- Monument Preservation
- Licensing
- Transition Assistance Program (TAPS) for the Defense Bill

The first two issues we have brought to the Hill in previous years and felt these issues important enough to continue pressing for action. The TAPS is new this year and we hope to have legislation added to the Defense Bill which will steer appropriately trained transitioning military personal towards the survey profession.

The Committee, along with our federal lobbyist, worked with a number of our Directors to help prepare them to attend and possible speak at locally held roundtables and listening sessions.

We have offered guidance to our members and member organization on the Davis-Bacon Act on how it may impact the profession as well as continuing to press for land surveying to be exempt from the Act.

NSPS continues to be a member of the GPS Innovation Alliance monitoring the continuing threat of GPS interference should Ligado be permitting to move forward.

Other issues we continue to monitor and address include:

- Railroad Abandonment
- The draft Licensing Resolution
- The Sinkhole Mapping Act
- Various lawsuits pertaining to mapping

Our federal lobbyist JB is continuously meeting with members of Congress promoting our profession and organization as well as discussing issues which will impact our profession.

I look forward to seeing you all at our spring meeting and having another successful Day on the Hill. Till then I remain as always, obediently yours;

Mark C. Sargent, LLS
Chairman

