

NPMA LEGISLATIVE ALERT

As proud essential workers, NPMA supports Congressional efforts to support businesses struggling as a result of COVID-19.

As an essential industry, National Pest Management Association (NPMA) member companies help maintain the safety of America's food, health, and property. With over 150,000 service technicians on the ground in the United States backed by over 19,000 companies, we protect the nation's food production facilities, grocery stores, medical institutions, multi-family housing units, warehouses, homes and businesses from pests and the diseases they carry. COVID has disrupted many industries, and as Congress proactively looks at how best to support the economy, NPMA advocates for the inclusion of the following issues in future bills:

Disinfection Tax Credit: In addition to exterminating pests, NPMA represents companies that also offer disinfection services to help businesses remain pest and disease free as normal activities resume. Many businesses are struggling with how to reopen or operate safely and will be facing significant costs to disinfect their offices, retail and other types of locations. NPMA supports S. 537 The Healthy Workplaces Tax Credit Act, and supported H.R. 7079, The Clean Start: Back to Work Tax Credit Act during the 116th Congress. This bipartisan bill creates a refundable tax credit for 50% of the costs incurred by a business for disinfecting, extra cleaning, and other measures to keep Americans safe and healthy. Our industry strongly supports the protection of public health, and a tax credit for disinfection services would assist businesses across the country in maintaining a safe experience for customers and employees while not creating an unmanageable expense.

Food Supply Essential Workers Tax Credit: NPMA members help keep the food supply chain safe from the factories where food is processed, to grocery stores where it is sold, to the restaurants and homes where it is cooked and served. NPMA supported H.R.6841 The AG CHAIN Act in the 116th Congress, and would support any bill in the 117th that was similar in scope: a federal tax holiday and a payroll tax exemption for all essential employees in the food and agriculture industry (which include pest control.)

As businesses of every size struggle to keep their doors open, our industry is committed to keeping Americans safe. Our small, often family-owned, businesses help care for the most vulnerable populations by keeping hospitals, nursing homes, restaurants, and schools free of pests that carry disease. Many of the businesses and industries we serve have been hit the hardest by COVID-19 closures so these policies will benefit huge swathes of the economy. As Congress looks at passing additional COVID packages, please consider supporting essential workers and businesses struggling to stay afloat during this difficult time.

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