AFCC’s Capitol Hill Round Up
April 2019

Following its review of the President's Budget and agency requests for FY2020, the Alternative Fuels & Chemicals Coalition (AFCC) spent the first part of April preparing write ups listing the programs whose funding levels were of concern (see AFCC’s Capitol Hill Roundup - March 2019), along with tables comparing the FY2020 funding requests with prior year funding levels for FY2016-FY2019.

Summaries of AFCC's write ups and the tables showing funding level comparisons can be found on AFCC's FY2020 Appropriations Requests page.

These write ups and tables were then sent by email at the end of April to key professional staff on the House and Senate appropriations subcommittees for Agriculture; Commerce, Science and Justice (CJS); Energy and Water (E&W); Interior and Environment (I&E); and Transportation, with requests for follow up visits.

Most staff responded that they would take AFCC's input into consideration, saying they would follow up if they had questions or needed clarifications. With only few exceptions, they also said that they are immersed in drafting the appropriation subcommittee bills and were not going to take any meetings until after the markups of these bills were completed.

Once the markups are complete, AFCC will begin setting meetings with key appropriations subcommittee staff to discuss the markups of the subcommittee bills.

In the meantime, AFCC will be making return visits to the offices of the House and Senate appropriations subcommittee chairs and ranking members to advocate for the programs that AFCC has identified as priorities.