

February Advocacy Update

2020 NAWBO Advocacy Agenda

NAWBO National's [2020 Advocacy Agenda](#) is here!

How can your chapter get involved? Use the [toolkit](#). Overwhelmed by all the pieces? Check out this [webinar](#) and [PowerPoint](#) that walks you through the process.

2020 NAWBO Membership Survey

We need your help! To change policies and to continue to improve the business environment for women business owners, we need sound data, and your participation will make our survey valuable nationwide. Click [here](#) to participate and please share it in your chapter newsletters.

February Advocacy Call: Meeting Your Advocacy Goals

The February call will take place Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 12PM ET/9AM PT.

This month's call will focus on how to meet your Advocacy goals for 2020. It will also provide an update on activity in Washington, D.C. and NAWBO supported legislation. Please use these call-in details to join the conversation – (646) 749-3112 Access Code: 496-440-885

New Legislation Update

Focusing on Retirement

Rep. Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (D-MP-At-Large) introduced [H.R. 5676](#) the Retirement Plan Modernization Act, a bipartisan bill to increase the amount of accrued benefit (\$5,000 to \$8,000) which a pension plan may distribute after employee separation.

Focusing on Cyber

Chairman Marco Rubio (R-FL), and Ranking Member Ben Cardin (D-MD) of the Senate Small Business & Entrepreneurship Committee sent a [letter](#) to Administrator Jovita Carranza of the SBA, urging her to take immediate action to help small businesses prepare for potential cybersecurity threats from Iran and its proxies.

In addition, Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV) introduced [S.3205](#) a bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a program to assist small business concerns with purchasing cybersecurity products and services, and for other purposes, and Rep. Abby Finkenauer (D-IA) introduced [H.R. 5669](#) the SECURE Small Business Act, a bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a program to assist small business concerns with purchasing cybersecurity products and services, and for other purposes. Both pieces of legislation have bipartisan support in both chambers.

Another Bipartisan Bill Introduced

Representative Henry C. Johnson (D-GA-4) introduced [H.R.5674](#) a bill to limit the authority of States to tax certain income of employees for employment duties performed in other States.

Save-the-Dates!

NAWBO's March Advocacy Call will be Tuesday, March 17th at 12 PM ET/9AM PT. Details to follow.

NAWBO's Advocacy Day will be June 1-2, 2020!

Want to hear more about NAWBO Advocacy efforts or get involved? Contact Elle Patout via email at epatout@nawbo.org.