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## 11/08/21 Weekly Washington Update

### Infrastructure Update

- The House passed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Package late Friday night, 11/5, with support from 13 Republicans. This is a major step forward for Democrats, especially after a major loss in the Virginia gubernatorial election last week. The Build Back Better Act has gone through some procedural votes in the House, and Democrats are aiming to pass it by Thanksgiving.

### Headlines to Know

- With the passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Package, the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has six months to create the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program to support projects to construct and deploy broadband networks. Congress has allocated \$42.45 billion for the program which will prioritize expansion of broadband in rural areas and states that rank below other states on broadband access and deployment.
- Parts of President Biden's new vaccine rules for businesses could take effect on December 5th. Starting December 5th, all businesses with 100 employees or more must mandate masks indoors for all unvaccinated employees. By January 4th, businesses must mandate the vaccine or weekly testing. A federal appeals court has temporarily blocked the rule from taking effect, the first of what will likely be many legal hurdles.

### This Week on Capitol Hill

#### ***Hearings of Interest:***

- Tuesday, November 9th | 12:00 PM House Financial Services hearing on "There's No Pride in Prejudice: Eliminating Barriers to Full Economic Inclusion for the LGBTQ+ Community"
- Tuesday, November 9th | 3:00 PM Committee on House Administration Oversight of the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights Subcommittee hearing on: Lessons Learned from the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 Reform Act

#### ***Schedule of Floor Activity:***

- The House is in committee work week through Wednesday.
- The Senate is not in session this week.