



ACTION ALERT: PRESERVE FY2015 EDA FUNDING

The fiscal year (FY) 2015 Commerce-Justice-Science (CJS) Appropriations bill will be considered on the floor of the House of Representatives once the House returns from a brief Memorial Day recess on May 28. The CJS bill includes funding for the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). Please contact your member of Congress and ask them to support the full funding included in the House CJS Appropriations bill for EDA and to oppose any amendments offered on the House floor to cut or eliminate funding for EDA. We need your support in protecting this essential regional economic development agency.

Please let NADO legislative staff know when you have made contact with your congressional representative and any feedback you receive from his or her staff. You may contact Susan Howard at showard@nado.org/202.624.8590 or Ted Stiger at tstiger@nado.org/202.624.8467.

NADO recently held a webinar providing an update on FY2015 funding for EDA. Click [here](#) to view a recording of the webinar.

Below is some sample text you may use in emailing your member of Congress. We encourage you to personalize your message with examples of successful EDA projects in your region and how they have been put to use to leverage private sector resources, contributing to economic growth in your region.

SAMPLE MESSAGE

Dear Representative (Your Representative's Name Here),

I am writing to ask you to vote in support of the fiscal year (FY) 2015 Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations bill when it is considered on the House floor. The bill includes important funding for the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). Please oppose any amendments offered to the bill to cut or eliminate funding for EDA.

EDA is unique among federal programs in that it is focused solely on private sector job creation and economic growth in distressed areas. With a modest budget, EDA has developed a record of making strategic investments and building community and regional partnerships to grow high quality jobs in such areas as advanced manufacturing, science and technology, and emerging knowledge-based industries. EDA partners with the nationwide network of Economic Development Districts and state and local officials to address the fundamental building blocks for economic growth: infrastructure investment, business development loans and financing, regional innovation strategies, and public-private partnerships. EDA is positioned to assist communities as they respond to sudden and severe economic dislocations such as plant closures or major natural disasters.

Please support full funding for EDA in the FY2015 Commerce-Justice-Science bill. EDA's programs are a vital resource for addressing economic hardships in distressed communities across the country.

Sincerely,
YOUR NAME
YOUR ORGANIZATION