



# MEMORANDUM

**TO: IEDA Board**  
**RE: Federal Legislative Committee Report**  
**DATE: October 17, 2024**

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## Election Issues

**Final Countdown** – With 18 days until the election, polling continues to show a tight race. It appears the VP Harris’ momentum has hit a ceiling, as she has not differentiated herself from President Biden. Both have proposed tax policies trying to curry favor with voters, but neither have proposed a comprehensive plan that have caught the attention of voters.

Recently, what some have called the “basement strategy” seems to be insufficient. The comparison between interviews by each candidate (and running mate) is stark in frequency. The lack of momentum has Presidential Candidate Harris recruiting past presidents to stump for her. The favorability on former President Clinton seems tarnished and the approach by former President Obama might backfire, as they try to stop the shift of Hispanic and black males toward Trump.

This continues to be about the swing states, Arizona, Nevada, Georgia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin.

**Presidential Options Debatable** – The reaction to the recent VP Debate, which was cordial, and more policy based, seems to have resurfaced the “double haters” that weren’t happy with either candidate.

While the first rule of being the VP is “do no harm”, a surprising response after the VP debate was, “why can’t these be our options?”

## **Hill Update**

**Grijalva** – Congressman Grijalva has announced that this will be his last election. Given his health issues, I expect him to step down before the end of his term.

**Senate ENR Hearing** – The full committee markup has been rescheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Continuing Resolution** – The CR has been signed and will need an extension by December 20<sup>th</sup>, providing a pathway for a year-end omnibus.