



Memorandum

TO: Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners
FROM: Greenberg Traurig
DATE: September 10, 2012
RE: August Report to the Board of County Commissioners

Below please find a summary of Greenberg Traurig's efforts on behalf of Miami-Dade County in August.

Summary of Legislative Efforts in August

Congress was in recess for most of August. Therefore, congressional activity was extremely limited. However, GT monitored and reported on the developments surrounding the Farm Bill prior to Congress leaving town.

Prior to leaving for the August recess, Congress failed to pass a reauthorization of the 2008 Farm Bill. The current Farm Bill is set to expire at the end of September and, so far, the two chambers remain far apart. The Senate bill has been rejected by the House as containing too much spending while the House proposal remains a non-starter in the Senate because of its major cuts to food stamps and nutrition programs. Realizing that the House version did not have the votes to pass, leadership instead attempted to pass a disaster relief bill, which also failed.

GT will continue to monitor developments related to the Farm Bill and report to the County as Congress works towards completion of the overdue reauthorization.