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Your Voice on Capitol Hill

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In August, a bipartisan infrastructure package addressing some of President Biden's priorities passed the Senate, as did a \$3.5 trillion budget framework "blueprint." Now in the House for deliberation, both face an uncertain future, given the Democrat's very narrow majority.

It is likely that the fall session will be consumed by debate over these two legislative efforts. As always, the Hardwood Federation will remain vigilant, and continue its frequent conversations with key House and Senate allies—Democrat and Republican—regarding our sector's concerns and priorities.

But competition for attention and support is intense as our federal government officials hear from a multitude of interest groups—not all of them friendly to the hardwood industry. That's why the Hardwood Federation's efforts on Capitol Hill are more important than ever. And so, we are appealing to all HMA members for your help!

Please consider providing the necessary corporate or personal financial assistance to support the Federation's work plan in 2021 and beyond. To those of you that are already supporters in 2021, thank you for your support and engagement. To those that have yet to contribute, you may do so in one of two ways: either as a corporate or individual contribution.

- **Corporate Contributions**

Companies may contribute to the **Corporate Operating Fund**. These tax-deductible corporate donations support the day-to-day operations of the Washington, D.C., based Federation staff.

Make your corporate contribution [here](#).

- **Individual Contributions**

Individuals may make personal contributions to the **Hardwood Federation Political Action Committee** (HFPAC). HFPAC is an important tool that assists the Federation in opening doors to policy makers by providing financial support to Capitol Hill friends who understand hardwood industry issues, and work with us to ensure a healthy business environment.

Individuals interested in contributing to HFPAC may do so [here](#).

The bottom line is that now, more than ever, U.S. businesses cannot afford to be without representation. And the Hardwood Federation cannot continue its efforts without financial support from the industry. By contributing how and what you can, you are making an investment in the future of the hardwood industry—and your place in it.