Irrigation Association Washington, DC Fly-In
Focus Issues

Irrigation technologies advance America
- Farm bill implementation
  - Review practice codes, which are due to be updated in 2020.
  - Discuss implementation of report language, specifically highlighting the benefits of efficient irrigation beyond water savings (e.g., increased yield and productivity).
- WaterSense funding
  - Communicate the need for sustainable, long-term funding for the EPA WaterSense program. The program was authorized in 2018 but has not been appropriated any funds directly from Congress.
  - Highlight its value as a market enhancement tool for efficient irrigation products and services.

Labor & workforce development
- H-2A/B seasonal guest worker programs
  - Push for a permanent solution to the H-2B visa cap and distribution problems.
  - Support the Farm Workforce Modernization Act, which reforms the H-2A system and provides a path to citizenship for undocumented farm workers.
- Professional certification
  - Support H.R. 5339, which would allow the use of 529 savings plan funds to pay for professional certifications.

Securing our nation’s water resources
- Managed aquifer recharge
  - Emphasize that we cannot rely on inefficient irrigation for aquifer recharge.
  - Promote investment in proper infrastructure to support aquifer recharge.
- Water-efficient upgrade rebates
  - Support FUTURE Drought Resiliency Act language, which would exempt water efficiency upgrade rebates from federal taxes.

Subject to change.