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**Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Budget And Appropriations**

The current Continuing Resolution (CR) is set to expire later this week on Thursday, November 21. House Appropriations Chairwoman Nita Lowey (D-NY) and Senate Appropriations Chairman Richard Shelby (R-AL) met last Tuesday evening in an attempt to jumpstart negotiations on the FY 2020 appropriations bills. Following the meeting, Chairwoman Lowey announced that the next CR would extend until December 20. The House and Senate are expected to pass the new CR this week, and President Trump is expected to sign it.

In addition, last Thursday, Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin met with Chairman Shelby and Chairwoman Lowey in an effort to reach a deal on top-line spending levels. Parties involved in the discussion indicated that they were very close to an agreement. Chairwoman Lowey said she hopes to strike a deal on allocations by Wednesday, November 20, the day before government funding expires.

A bipartisan, bicameral deal on spending levels would allow the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees to work out the details of their individual bills, and in fact sources indicate that staff were working this past weekend on their respective measures. Funding for the border wall remains a sticking point, and a decision on that may very well be punted into next year. If lawmakers can successfully agree to a set of top-line allocations yet this week, they may be able to draft final versions of some bills and get them to President Trump's desk by the December 20 deadline.

We will continue to communicate with the Hill and others regarding SSA's administrative funding needs and provide updates.

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