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RE: REALTORS Legislative Meetings and Trade Expo

Thank you for the opportunity once again to attend the May meetings in Washington DC. As always, it was a busy week with lots of information, learning, walking, and fun!

I attended the Federal Legislative & Political Forum on Tuesday, followed by the State Leadership Idea Exchange Council Opening Session and the Small State Forum. Ideas shared included an Installation event for leadership, separate from the state convention, that combined installation of officers, Leadership Academy graduation and a charitable fundraiser; an expansion of Legislative Impact Day to include having at least one REALTOR present at the State Capitol every Tuesday during the session; a collaboration of past State presidents with YPN to share ideas, and many more. Several states, small and otherwise, are discussing teams and the challenges facing our industry in that regard. Also, several states are pursuing legislation to provide a tax-deferred savings plan for first-time homebuyers.

On Tuesday, I also attended the NAR 360 and was privileged to represent NDAR on state, along with Past-President Cindy Harvey, to be recognized for our RPAC success.

Wednesday morning included a very interesting meeting with guest speaker, Chris Wallace, talking about Washington and the Trump presidency. Following that event, we attended the Hill visits, meeting with Senators Heitkamp and Hoeven, and Representative Cramer. We brought the message of Tax Reform and the need to focus on how the present proposal affects homeownership, the reauthorization of National Flood Insurance Program, and the protection of sustainable homeownership.

My committee meeting, Professional Standards, met on Thursday afternoon. Discussion included an update on the Commitment to Excellence program, an Arbitration Settlement Agreement, and the use of dissenting opinion in Professional Standards cases.

Friday included the State Presidents/State Presidents-Elect Information Exchange, followed by the Region 8 luncheon and the Region 8 caucus.

Saturday morning was the Board of Directors meeting, where we heard the President's report, an update on REALTORS Property Resource, a REALTOR University update, and several other reports. Most significantly, NAR Board of Directors voted to continue our support and financial commitment to the Upstream project.

Sincerely,

Lyn Dwyer
NDAR President