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## **CNGA Meets with Colorado Legislators in Washington DC**

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Bill Kluth, from Tagawa Greenhouse Enterprises, Tom Halverstadt from Arbor Valley Nursery and Allison Gault with CNGA attended the American Hort, Impact Washington Summit, Sept. 16 - 18. During that time, the Colorado team met with 8 out of 9 representatives and we heard updates on three issues that are impacting our industry.

**Labor:** H-2A labor program complexities and lack of an appropriate number of H-2B workers.

**Trucking:** Needing clarification that Horticulture is part of the Agriculture Trucking Relief Act. Currently, Horticulture does not fall under the Agricultural definition.

**Innovation & Research** – Providing proper funding for three innovation & research programs that creates usable information for our industry.

Our Colorado Representatives were very open and understanding of our concerns. After our visits, we received notification the House of Representatives passed a resolution to include a waiver for matching funds in Specialty Crop Research. In addition, Representative Doug Lamborn signed on as a co-sponsor of [H.R. 1673](#), the Agriculture Trucking Relief Act. We will continue to monitor the areas that are impacting our industry and connect with our representatives to share the industry story and needs. If you would like to read more about each issue, [click here](#).