### BIPARTISAN POLICY CENTER

# ADVOCACY NETWORK

Ideas, roundtables, and reports only go so far. The hard work of impacting the federal policy debate requires action on the ground. That's why the Bipartisan Policy Center Advocacy Network (BPCAN) works directly with Congress and the administration—translating BPC projects into workable proposals and finding common ground between Democrats and Republicans. BPCAN pairs the substantive analysis of BPC with strong advocacy efforts and strategic engagement with policymakers.

In 2013, BPCAN conducted three major advocacy campaigns in health, energy, and housing, and established a presence in immigration and financial services. Plus, BPCAN maintained its extensive and respected work on the fiscal challenges facing the nation, with a special focus on the debt ceiling and the sequester.

I appreciate what [BPC does] to promote policies to increase America's competitiveness in the global economy."

—Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR)

Each week BPCAN conducts an average of

10 Hill meetings

promoting BPC's policy recommendations

The Bipartisan Policy Center has been in the forefront of the housing policy discussion, identifying solutions, like the Low Income Housing Tax Credit, that help ensure our nation has an adequate supply of affordable housing."

—Representative Pat Tiberi (R-OH)

#### In the legislative mix:

- Housing Policy:
   Senators Mark
   Warner (D-VA) and
   Bob Corker (R-TN)
   introduced legislation
   to reform Fannie Mae
   and Freddie Mac
   that mirrors BPC's
   Housing Commission
   recommendations.
- Health Care:
   Project leaders were invited to brief 20 senators on BPC's Health Care Cost Containment Initiative (HCCI) policy recommendations.
- Iran:
   Key foreign policy leaders in the Senate, including Senators Robert Menendez
   (D-NJ) and Mark Kirk (R-IL), have incorporated BPC proposals into Iran sanctions legislation.
- Debt Ceiling:
   BPC remains an
   influential voice on the
   impacts of the debt
   ceiling, hosting dozens
   of meetings and
   briefings for members
   and staff.
- Energy Efficiency:
  The Better Buildings
  Act echoes BPC
  recommendations.
  Former Senator Byron
  Dorgan testified before
  the House Energy
  and Commerce
  Subcommittee on
  Energy and Power,
  highlighting BPC's
  report on U.S. energy
  strength.
- Governors' Caucus:
  BPCAN collaborated
  with former governors
  currently serving in
  the Senate to form
  a new Governors'
  Caucus. BPCAN
  supports the
  activities of the
  caucus, providing
  policy briefings on
  topics like workforce
  development and
  improvements to the
  budget process.





## **2013 BPCAN ADVOCACY:**

## A SNAPSHOT

