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Another Tool in the Ambassador's Toolkit

This week AALU Ambassador Anthony Domino traveled to D.C. to host a lunch with Congressman John Larson (D-CT). Rep. Larson is a member of the Ways and Means Committee and a longtime supporter of AALU. Prior to his election to Congress, Rep. Larson owned an insurance agency. He values your profession and appreciates what life insurance products provide for Americans.



AALU Ambassador Anthony Domino with Rep. John Larson (D-CT)

[Read Rep. Larson's Advice for AALU](#)

Increasing Our IMPACT with Guardian



On Monday and Tuesday, Guardian and AALU welcomed a small group of producers to Washington for an AALU IMPACT. Participants experienced two days of education, training, and meetings with key policymakers. They also got the best tour in the nation's capital and had dinner in the LBJ room of the Capitol.

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199A webinar on Estate Planning Impact—Family Aggregation and Trust Planning Opportunities and Limitations.

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The Rift to Watch: Progressive v. Moderate Democrats

Why this matters? AALU will be watching the debates between these factions closely because of their potential to impact future tax and fiscal decisions—particularly in the 2021-2026 period after the next two Presidential elections where the expiring provisions from the TCJA are likely to force action on major tax legislation.

You could fill a small library with everything that has been written about Republicans governing challenges during their House majority from 2011-2019. Those challenges boiled down to division between the moderate and far right wings of the party.

Unity in opposition to President Trump and a focus on the progressive media darlings mask the same divide among Democrats. Speaker Pelosi's majority is made on moderates from purple and even some red districts across the nation. *AALU's Intel from the Hill this week suggests the first casualty of this divide in their ranks will be an inability to pass a Budget in the House this year.* Nothing is final and they have about six weeks to work through their differences, but as of today, it does not look like they can put together a budget that will get the 218 votes necessary to pass the House.

Progressives want the budget to reflect their campaign promises like Medicare for All, while moderates in districts won by President Trump in 2016 want the budget to focus on reigning in federal deficits. Even where the two sides share common goals, their solutions differ greatly in scale and strategy. Nowhere is that gap greater than in whether and how to pay for it all. [The gap in preferences will make it difficult for House Democrats to pass a budget this year.](#)

[Click here to learn more about the divisions in the Democratic Party](#)

Correction: *Last week, we mistakenly identified a picture of Rich Maus, an AALU Ambassador, as "Rick" Maus in a picture with Minority Whip Steve Scalise (R-LA). Our apologies to Rich.*



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