## New Speaker Considering Short-Term Funding Bill to Avert Shutdown

This week, new House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) told his colleagues in Congress that he is considering a two-month continuing resolution (CR) to fund the federal government at current levels through Jan. 15, 2024. Congress must pass an appropriations bill by Nov. 17 to avert a government shutdown. Speaker Johnson also told reporters that the House may look at passing a "laddered" continuing resolution that would extend funding for different agencies for different lengths of time. It remains to be seen whether the Senate will support either approach proposed by the Speaker. NDA is closely monitoring government funding negotiations on Capitol Hill and will keep members updated on the latest developments.