



# UIDP Webinar Running to Stand Still: Legislative Realities for the New Administration and 117th Congress

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Legislative Realities for the New  
Administration and 117<sup>th</sup> Congress

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# New Administration/New Congress

- Old Priorities With a New Focus
- New Priorities With an Old Focus

*I'm from the Government and I'm here to help*

# Realities of a Closely Divided Congress



- The House: Democrats Hold a 4 Seat Majority — The smallest in nearly a century
- The Senate: 50-50 Split
- The Majority Makers, The Majority Breakers

# What to Expect in the Months Ahead



- The Tortoise and the Hare
  - The Sprint
  - The Slog
- Reconciliation—For the Byrds

# Rhetoric and Reality



- The Battlefield
  - Take it to the Limit (Budgets and Debts)
  - Tax quagmire
- Common Ground
  - Science and Technology Funding
  - Security
- The Truce
  - More Targeted Domestic Discretionary Spending
- Research and Innovation Authorizations



# Conclusion and Questions

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