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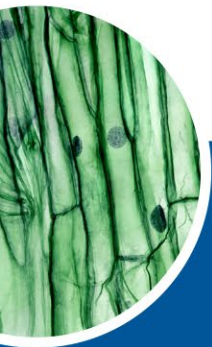


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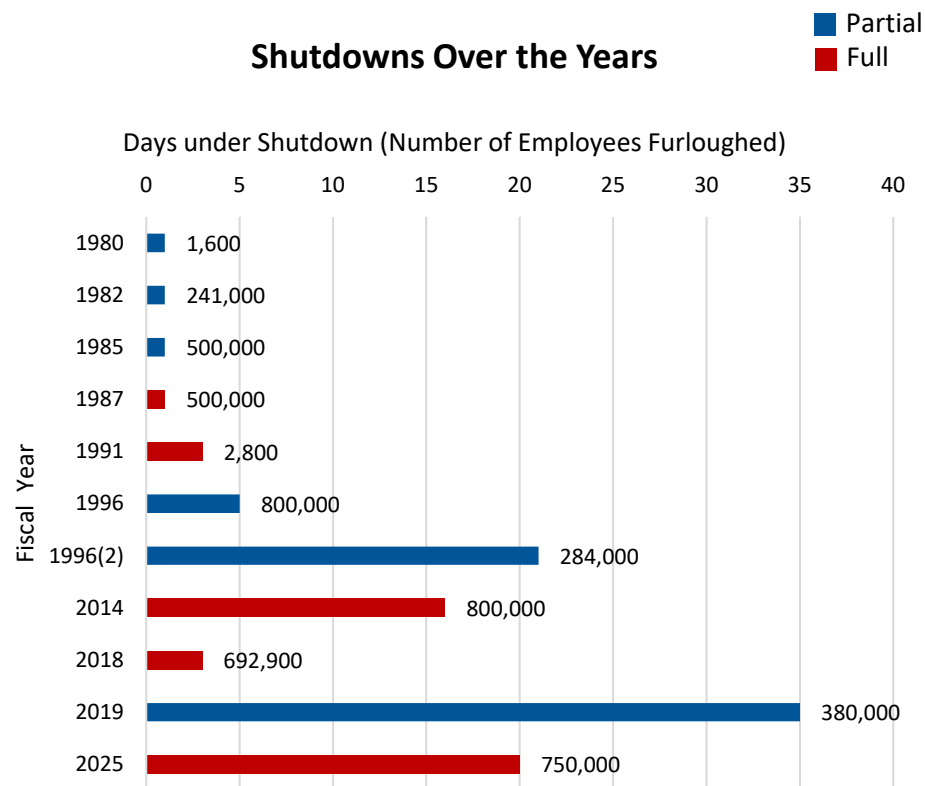


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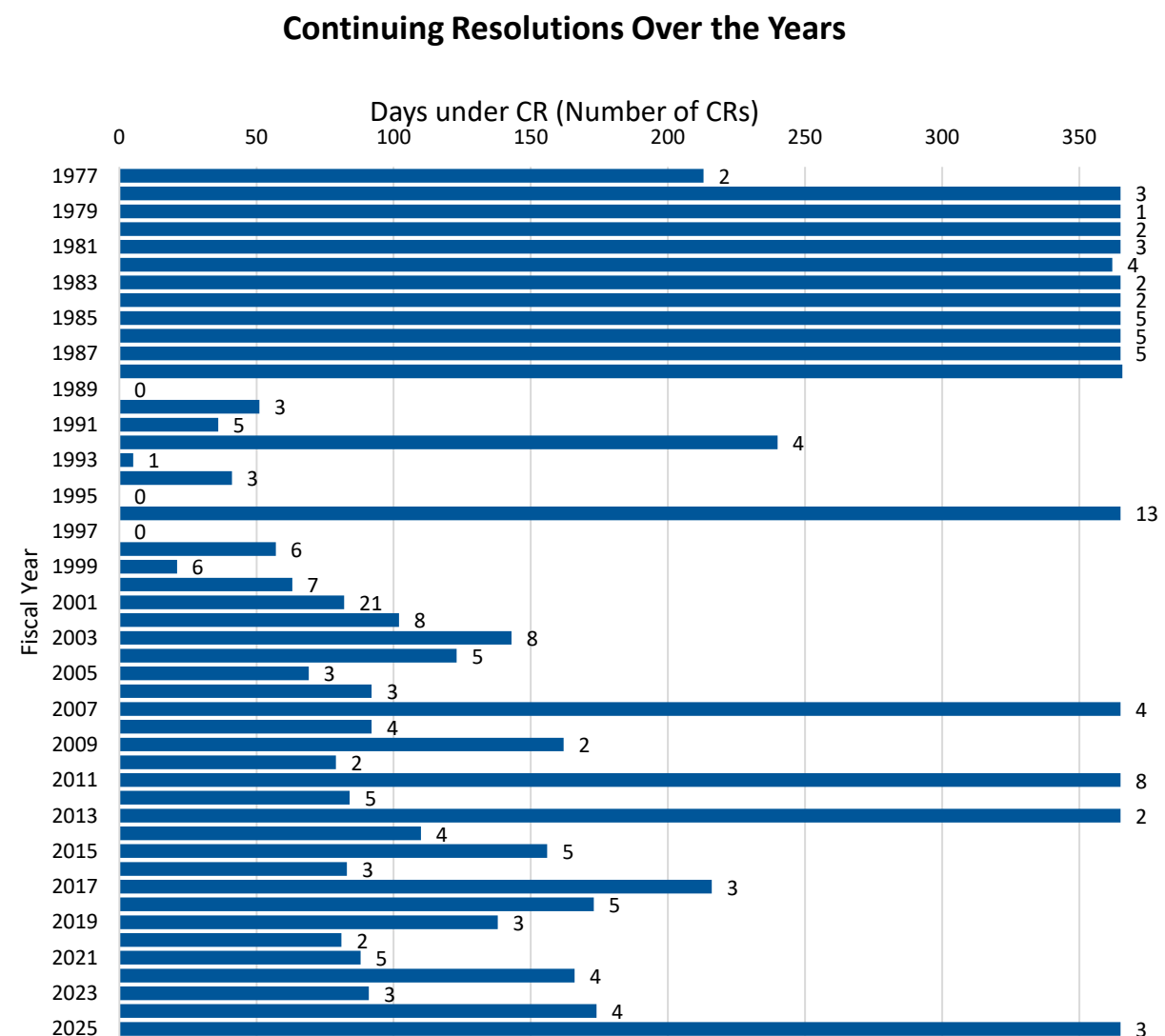
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Current Outlook



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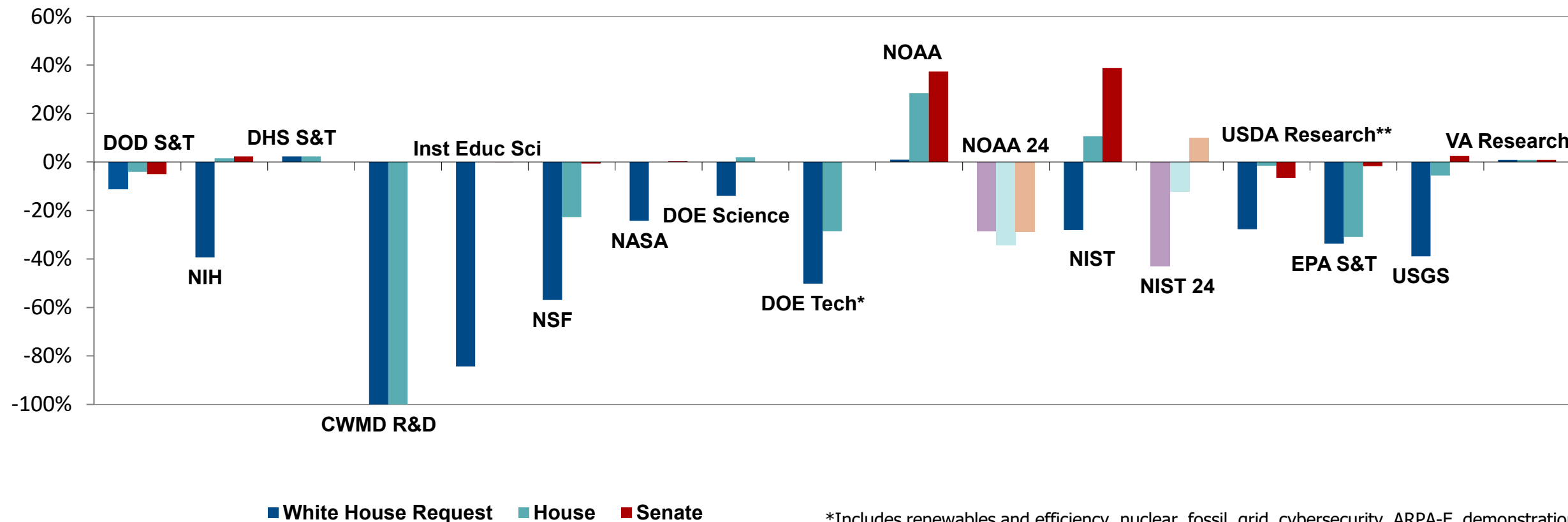
<https://www.aaas.org/news/research-rd-funding-impacts-federal-shutdowns>

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At the Program level

Select Science & Technology Programs in FY 2026 Appropriations

Nominal percentage change from FY 2025



*Includes renewables and efficiency, nuclear, fossil, grid, cybersecurity, ARPA-E, demonstration.
**Includes ARS, NIFA, ERS, NASS, Forest Service Research. | AAAS 2025

<https://www.aaas.org/news/fy-2026-rd-appropriations-dashboard>

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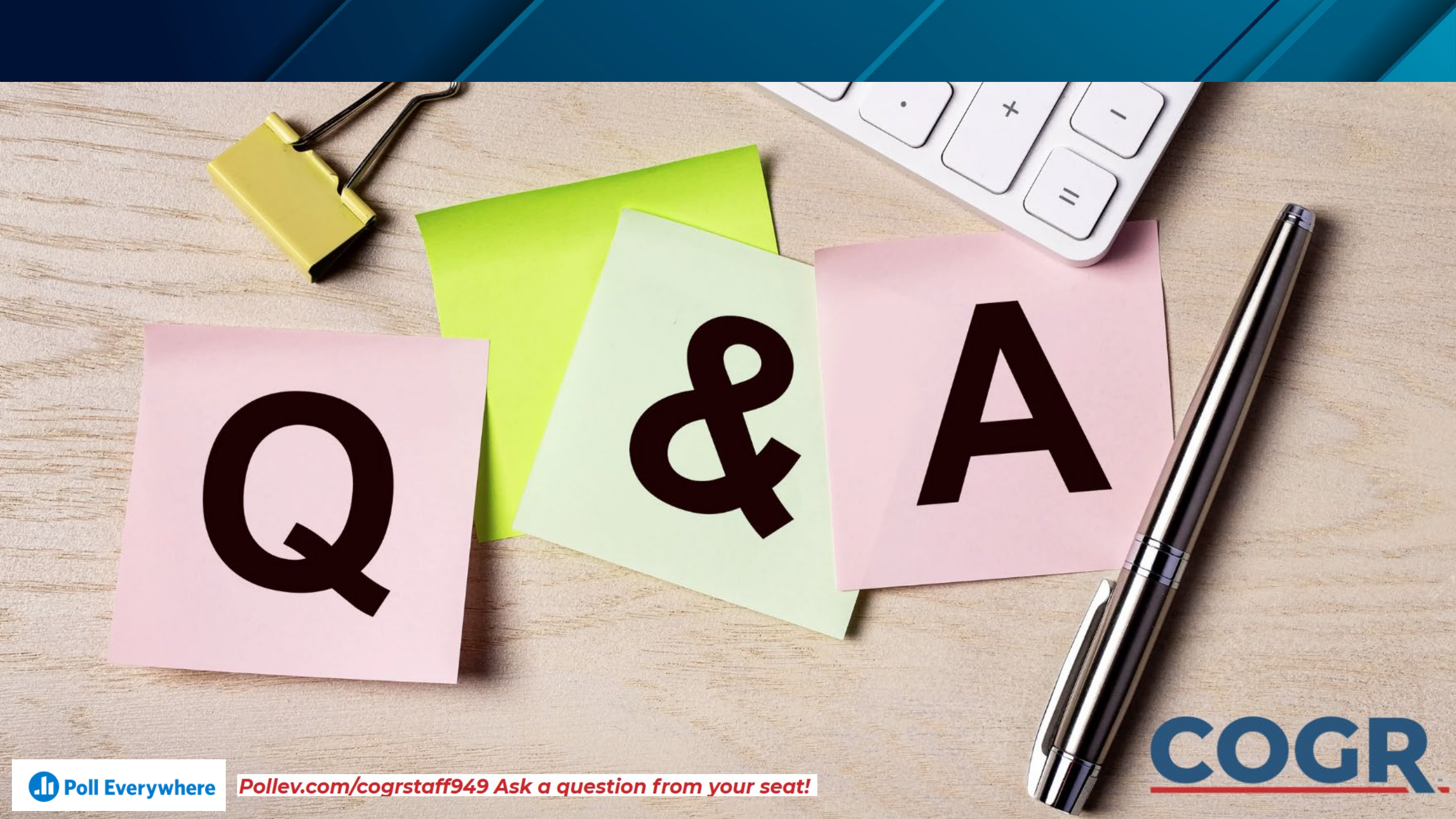


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A top-down view of a wooden desk. In the center, three sticky notes are arranged to spell 'Q & A'. The 'Q' is on a pink note, the '&' is on a light green note, and the 'A' is on a pink note. Behind the 'Q' and '&' notes is a larger yellow sticky note. To the left of the sticky notes is a yellow paper clip. To the right is a silver pen. In the top right corner, a portion of a white laptop keyboard is visible. The background has a dark blue geometric pattern.

Q

&

A