



Monday, July 10, 2017

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Dear CEF Members:

I. House Labor-HHS-Ed mark-up

- We are hearing that the House Labor-HHS-Ed Subcommittee will be marking up its bill on Thursday afternoon, but it has not been noticed yet. We'll continue to provide updates on spending levels as we gather more information, and we'll be monitoring the mark-up and providing analysis throughout the day.

II. Advocacy

- **Reminder – Budget Book event this Thursday** – We hope everyone will be able to attend the event on July 13, 10am-noon, in room G11 Dirksen Senate Office Building - the attached flyer includes all the specifics. If you haven't already, please RSVP to Janet Nice at Nice@cef.org.
- **Budget books and 2017 CEF Directory available next week** – For those in DC, you can pick up your own budget book and directory at the ACG offices on Wednesday, July 12, or any time thereafter. We are at 1800 M Street, NW, Suite 500

South Tower, Washington, DC 20036. If you know when you're going to come get your books, please email Janet at Nice@cef.org in advance and we'll have your name at the lobby desk (otherwise, the officer can call up to provide clearance for the elevator).

- **Your help delivering Budget Books to Hill offices** – Thank you to all who have already signed up to deliver the budget books and CEF directories to targeted Hill offices after our event on Thursday (deliveries don't have to be completed that day, but should be in the following few days). We could still use some help delivering materials to House offices. As you know, we provide the books to all Members of the Education and the Workforce and the HELP Committees, House and Senate Budget Committees, House and Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee, and to Leadership staff. If you can deliver some of the books, please sign up at the link below – the assignments are organized by building and floor – there are separate tabs for House and Senate - and most involve no more than 9 offices.:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ysJu15nyoeR8CVv50mayqGRFVknoXVg3CUyPW89q89w/edit?usp=sharing>

III. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **PTA's #STOPCutsToClassrooms campaign** – CEF member the National PTA is running a new campaign to raise public awareness that federal funding for education is an inadequate investment for our children. It dovetails well with CEF's "5¢ Makes Sense" advocacy campaign to increase education investments to 5% of the federal budget. The PTA is holding funding Fridays in which we are encouraging members to use their social media platforms every Friday from July 7 to Sept 29 to discuss education funding and demand Congress to #STOPCutsToClassrooms and invest more than 2% in federal education programs this next fiscal year. PTA has a [Social Media Toolkit](#) for the three-month campaign, and has more information at PTA.org/STOPCuts.
- **Tuesday Group "thank you" day tomorrow (on Tuesday, of course)** – As I wrote in the CEF Update on June 30th, 20 members of the moderate Republican "Tuesday Group" sent a letter (attached) to Speaker Ryan supporting a bipartisan agreement to raise spending caps and opposing a budget resolution that imposes deeper spending cuts, among other items. NDD United is organizing a "thank you" day for tomorrow, July 11, to show support for that message at a time when the House Budget Committee may be getting ready to mark up a budget resolution that cuts nondefense discretionary (NDD) funding even further below the austerity-level sequester cap for the coming fiscal year. NDD United has prepared sample letters and tweets for each Member who signed, as well as email addresses for their Legislative Directors and Chiefs of Staff to whom letters can be sent (all are attached above).
- **More Appropriations Committee markups this week** – In addition to the Labor-HHS-Education bill mentioned above, three more bills are scheduled for mark-up in

the House this week, meaning only the State-Foreign Operations bill will remain to be considered on the House side (the Senate has not started the process yet) if Labor-HHS-Education is marked up this week:

House Subcommittee markups:

- Transportation-HUD – Tuesday, July 11, 7pm in 2358-A Rayburn HOB
- Interior – Wednesday, July 12, 3:00pm in 2007 Rayburn HOB
- Homeland Security – Wednesday, July 12, 4:30pm in 2008 Rayburn

House Full Committee markup:

- Agriculture, and Energy and Water bills – Wednesday, July 12, 10:30 am in 2359 Rayburn HOB

The Senate Appropriations Committee is marking up its first fiscal year 2018 funding bill this week. The Military Construction-VA bill will be marked up in the Subcommittee on Wednesday at 2:30pm in 124 Dirksen, and in full Committee on Thursday at 10:30am in 106 Dirksen.

- **CBO re-estimate of the President’s budget due on Thursday** – On Thursday at 11am – when we are at CEF’s budget book event! – the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) will release its re-estimate of the President’s budget. It is likely that CBO’s estimates of the budgetary impact of some of the mandatory spending proposals, including those for student loan changes, will differ from the Administration’s estimate. (Using the Office of Management and Budget’s estimates, the President’s budget included \$143 billion in savings from several proposed changes to student loan programs.) CBO’s estimate will also reflect the Joint Committee on Taxation’s estimates of the tax proposals. Congress uses these scores, and not the Administration’s, in its budget resolution and in legislation. Of course, if the House Budget Committee has marked up a budget resolution by then, its numbers will not be built on these updated estimates of the President’s proposals (if the budget resolution numbers assume enactment of certain of the President’s proposals).

IV. Events

- **CEF’s July schedule** –
 - **Thursday, July 13, 10am-noon:** Release of CEF’s Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Analysis book, “Education Matters: Investing in America’s Future.” Room G11 Dirksen Senate Office Building (see attached flyer for info and to RSVP).
 - **Friday, July 21, 9-11 am:** CEF meeting (AFSCME, 1625 L ST, NW, 1st floor auditorium). Guest speaker: TBD
 - **Friday, July 28, 9-11 am:** last CEF meeting before the congressional recess (AASCU, 1307 NY Ave, NW). Guest speaker: TBD

My best,

Sheryl

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You're Invited!

The Release of CEF's

"EDUCATION MATTERS: Investing in America's Future"

Speakers include:

- Phyllis Wolfram, Executive Director of Special Programs for Springfield Public Schools, Springfield, MO, and President-Elect, Council of Administrators of Special Education
- Deborah Akers, Superintendent, Mercer County Schools, Mercer County, WV
- Heather Boutell, Director of Financial Aid, Bellarmine University, Louisville, KY
- Jan McKeel, Executive Director, South Central TN Workforce Alliance, Spring Hill, TN
- Rose Acerra, President, New Jersey PTA

Thursday, July 13, 2017

10 am - noon

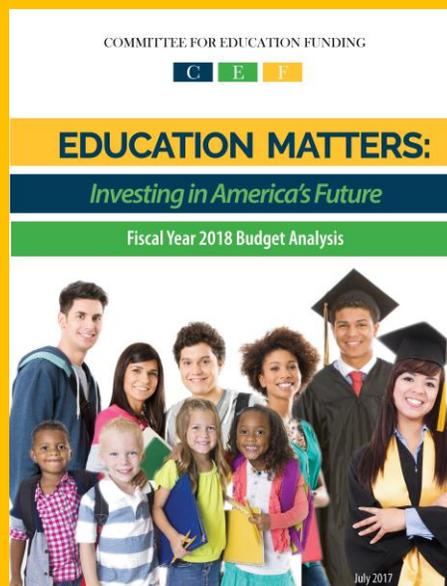
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The Committee for Education Funding (CEF), a coalition of 120 national education associations and institutions from preschool to postgraduate education, invites you to the release of our annual analysis of the President's Budget and federal funding for education.

Education Matters provides extremely useful information on the need to invest in education, details on federal education programs, and how these vital programs improve the lives of millions of Americans and benefit the economy.

Please join us to find out more about how the President's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget would affect education programs and the lives of the students and educators they benefit.



Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 30, 2017

Hon. Paul Ryan
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives
H-232 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan,

As Members of the Tuesday Group Caucus, we write to express our concerns with the direction of the fiscal year (FY) 2018 budget process. Recent reports regarding the details of the budget and reconciliation instructions are extremely problematic and we fear that if the House insists on pursuing this course, it could imperil tax reform and once again lead to instability in the appropriations process.

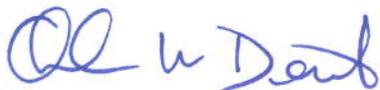
First, we are concerned with proceeding on the FY 2018 budget in the House prior to the completion of the health care debate. Due to the fiscal impacts of many of the policies contained in both the House and Senate versions of health care reform, it is important that we have a clear understanding of the ultimate treatment of the federal health programs prior to making decisions on any potential additional changes to those programs and the people they serve.

Additionally, we believe that the FY 2018 reconciliation should be focused on the enactment of pro-growth, pro-jobs tax reform. While fiscal responsibility and long-term budget stability is essential, requiring hundreds of billions – as much as \$200 billion by some accounts -- in budget savings from mandatory spending programs in the reconciliation package is not practical and will make enacting tax reform even more difficult than it already will be.

Finally, we believe that it is incumbent on the White House and Congressional leaders, both Republicans and Democrats, to reach an agreement that sets spending levels for, at least, FY 2018. This agreement could be immediately negotiated and paired with the vote to increase the debt limit that Congress faces late this summer or early fall. In fact, absent such a bipartisan, bicameral agreement, we are reticent to support any budget resolution on the House floor.

We look forward to continuing to work with your leadership team to ensure that Congress meets its governance obligations to the American people.

Sincerely,





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NDD United Thank You Day Tweets

July 11, 2017

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The Honorable Charlie Dent
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Dear Representative Dent:

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Thank you for your continued support, and for sending a clear message that Congress and the President must begin work now to develop a bipartisan agreement on spending levels for FY 2018.

Sincerely,

[INSERT SIGNATURE]

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Sincerely,

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[INSERT ORGANIZATION LOGO/LETTERHEAD]

The Honorable Carlos Curbelo
1404 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable John Katko
1620 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Reed
2437 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Ryan Costello
326 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Patrick Meehan
2305 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Jeff Fortenberry
1514 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Leonard Lance
2352 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
2206 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable David Valadao
1728 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Brian Fitzpatrick
514 Cannon House Office Building
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2427 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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1117 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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124 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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1124 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Barbara Comstock
229 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Dan Donovan
1541 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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