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Dear CEF Members:

#### I. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Appropriation status** – The House of Representatives has recessed for the summer after passing six of the twelve fiscal year (FY) 2019 government funding bills. The remaining six bills – including the Labor-HHS-Education bill – have been approved by the House Appropriations Committee but have not gone to the House floor. The Senate is in session today and just passed a package of four spending bills (the Agriculture, Financial Services, Interior, and Transportation-HUD bills), bringing its total to seven appropriations bills passed. The Senate will return to session the week of August 13 and may take up a measure consisting of the two largest appropriations bills: the Defense and Labor-HHS-Education bills. House conservatives are raising objections to pairing the two bills for final action, which would require support of almost the entire Republican caucus since Democrats oppose the House Labor-HHS-Education bill for funding and policy riders. In contrast to the House, the Senate has taken a bipartisan approach to its appropriations action, and hopes that by passing most of its bills by the end of the summer, the House will be inclined to follow suit to wrap up appropriations and not need to resort to an omnibus spending package, which President Trump has vowed not to sign.
- **Potential sticking points to fast appropriations action** – Even though the House and Senate are ahead of their recent timetable for passing appropriations bills, it is unlikely that all 12 appropriations bills will be done before the new fiscal year starts on October 1, meaning that Congress will need to pass a short-term continuation of funding for at least parts of the government before then. Several issues will slow up progress.

- **Border wall funding** - Republican leaders had announced an agreement with the White House to postpone decisions on whether or how much to provide for a border wall until after the election, under the assumption that they would postpone final action on the Homeland Security bill until then. However, President Trump this weekend threatened to shut down the government if Congress didn't provide funding for a border wall by time the fiscal year ends, raising new questions about when Congress would need to pass a final Homeland Security bill and how much border wall funding would be sufficient; the House Appropriations Committee bill includes \$5 billion and the Senate's version has \$1.6 billion.
- **Politically sensitive policy riders** – Many of the remaining bills include contentious policy “riders” that will make them harder to pass. The House and Senate have not even been able to officially start the conference to work out differences among the first three bills, which are considered to be the least controversial.
- **Time constraints** – The House will be in session for only 11 days before the end of the fiscal year, leaving little time to pass bills, negotiate differences with the Senate versions, and pass the final version. The Senate will also be spending time on the Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court nomination this fall.
- **Perkins Career and Technical Education (CTE) reauthorization signed into law** – Yesterday President Trump signed into law the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Act (Perkins V), which reauthorizes the Carl D. Perkins CTE Act for six years. CEF members Advance CTE and the Association for Career and Technical Education jointly published [a summary of the new law](#), which takes effect in July 2019.

## II. Events

- **CEF Gala 2018 sponsorship** – Thanks to the many sponsors (listed above) of CEF's annual gala on Wednesday, September 26, at Union Station! This is our annual gathering of the education community, when we come together to not only have fun, but also honor the commitment of those working to support the nation's students by increasing the federal investment in education. A ticket to the Gala also includes attendance at the legislative conference in the morning. The gala is also a fundraiser for CEF, and we encourage you to sign up now to be a sponsor. You can do so by contacting CEF directly, or you can purchase a sponsorship or individual tickets directly on our website [here](#). You can also find information about the benefits of each sponsorship category [here](#).
- **CEF's upcoming schedule** –
  - **Friday, August 3, 9-11am:** at University of California, 1608 Rhode Island Ave, NW, auditorium. Guest speaker: Vincent Sarubbi, LA, Rep. Donald Norcross (D-NJ).
  - **Thursday, August 9, 10-11:30am:** CEF research briefing, “**Career Technical Education (CTE) Across the Education Continuum,**” at University of California, 1608 Rhode Island Ave, NW.
  - **Thursday, August 23, 10-11:30am:** CEF research briefing, “**Paying for College: What the Federal Investment Means for Students and Universities,**” at AACTE, 1307 New York Ave, NW, auditorium.

- **Friday, Sept. 7**, at AFSCME, 1625 L ST, NW, conference room. Guest speaker: TBD.

My best,

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