



Tuesday, February 5, 2019

I. Advocacy

- **CEF testifying before House Budget Committee on Thursday morning** – CEF will be tweeting during [Thursday's 10am House Budget Committee hearing](#) where Sarah Abernathy is testifying on the importance of federal education investments to the nation's economic and national security. Tomorrow we will send a link to the testimony and some sample tweets. We hope everyone will take the opportunity to share the testimony on Twitter along with examples of the impact of education funding cuts, as well as how greater education investments would benefit students, families, schools, and communities. NDD United – the organization that CEF co-chairs that supports greater non-defense discretionary funding – is urging people to tweet using #RaiseTheCaps and #CutsHurt. CEF will also be using #5Cents4edfunding.
- **Roundup of last week's final two CEF Hill visits** – Last week Hill Teams met with staff for five Members – the three new Democrats on the House Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee and with two Democrats newly appointed to the Education and Labor Committee. Key takeaways from the final two meetings: Leighton Huch said Rep. Cheri Bustos (D-IL) is working with Senator Tina Smith (D-MN) on investments in child care facilities. She will also be focusing on education infrastructure, student aid, and workforce development. She will also be serving on the Defense and the Military Construction-VA Appropriations Subcommittees. Leighton will be handling education for the Representative, and Stefanie Bezruki will be lead on the Labor-HHS-Education Subcommittee. Kaitlyn Montan said Rep. Joaquin Castro (D-TX), newly appointed to the Education and Labor Committee, will continue to focus on preschool (he is co-chair of the Pre-K Caucus), preventing high school dropouts, and access to higher education. We will be scheduling more Hill meetings with other new members on the Education and Labor, HELP, and Budget Committees, as well as freshmen Members of Congress. We will email invitations to participate in the meetings to those on CEF's Advocacy and Hill Teams Committee.
- **Deadline extended: NDD United sign-on letter to increase non-defense discretionary (NDD) spending caps**– [NDD United](#) is circulating a sign-on [letter](#) urging Congress to quickly negotiate a new budget agreement to avert the deep cut to non-defense discretionary (NDD) spending that would occur under the existing discretionary spending caps in fiscal year (FY) 2020. This is a step that CEF thinks is imperative to allow for increased federal investments in education, and we encourage CEF members to sign on. Information on the letter and how your organization can sign on are [here](#). The deadline for signing has been extended to February 14.

II. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Senator Alexander's outline of Higher Education Act reauthorization priorities** – Yesterday Senate HELP Committee chair Lamar Alexander (R-TN) spoke at the American Enterprise Institute

and outlined his plans and priorities for reauthorizing the Higher Education Act by the end of this year. He outlined three goals in his remarks: simplifying the Free Application for Federal Student Aid; condensing student loan repayment plans into two options (an income-based plan requiring up to 20 years of monthly payments automatically deducted from paychecks, and a ten-year repayment plan); and requiring colleges to ensure all their programs lead to gainful employment (he did not provide much information on this last item). His goal is to report legislation out of the HELP Committee this spring.

- **Reminder – CEF membership renewals are due next week** - Thanks to those who have already renewed their membership in CEF for 2019, making us a strong coalition of 113 members that span the education continuum. Without our broad membership and active participation, CEF’s advocacy efforts would not be as effective. We hope you will stay a part of CEF this year, and are happy to answer any questions you may have. Your prompt renewal saves us time and effort that we think is better spent on CEF’s advocacy mission. For your convenience, I’ve attached the renewal form, which also provides your opportunity to make any changes to the information that will appear in CEF’s 2019 member directory. Renewals are due by February 15.
- **CEF Job board** – Don’t forget to check the members’ page of the CEF website for postings of jobs, including the newest one:
 - **Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE)** – Government Relations Manager

III. Events

- **Tomorrow - Briefing on “The Centrality of ANNAPISIs, HBCUs, HSIs, & TCUs to American Progress: The Case for Extending HEA’s Strengthening Institutions Program”** – The Alliance for Equity in Higher Education (which includes CEF members the Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities and the American Indian Higher Education Consortium) is sponsoring a briefing on the importance of AANAPISIs, HBCUs, HSIs, and TCUs on Wednesday, February 6, 2-3:15pm in the Capitol Visitors Center, room SVC 215. For information on panelists and to RSVP, click [here](#).
- **Congressional CTE Caucus briefing on “Career and Technical Education 101” on Friday** – The Congressional Career and Technical Education Caucus is hosting a briefing on how CTE benefits students and businesses, featuring panelists from CEF members AdvanceCTE and Association for Career and Technical Education. The briefing is on February 8 at 11am in 2103 Rayburn House Office Building. Please RSVP to Kerry.Mckittrick@mail.house.gov in Rep. Jim Langevin’s office.
- **CEF’s upcoming schedule** –
 - **Friday, Feb. 8** – 9-11am, at AACTE (1307 New York Ave, NW, auditorium). Guest speaker: [James Redstone, White House Domestic Policy Council](#).
 - **Friday, Feb. 15** – 9-11am, at AFT (555 New Jersey Ave, NW). Guest speaker: TBD.
 - **Friday, Feb. 22** – No CEF meeting during congressional recess.
 - **New! Tuesday, Feb. 26** – CEF Hill reception for the 116th Congress, 4-6pm, 2060 Rayburn House Office Building. All CEF members are invited!
 - **Friday, Mar. 1** – 9-11am, at AACTE (1307 New York Ave, NW, auditorium). Guest speaker: TBD.

My best,
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COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION FUNDING

2019 Membership Commitment Form

Payment of dues signifies support for CEF's mission to maximize the federal investment in education. By joining CEF, your organization agrees to be listed in the CEF membership directory.

2019 Membership Dues

Institutional Members

(Government agencies, School Districts & postsecondary institutions, and government relations firms with at least one client that is a member of CEF)

Dues: \$1,250

Organizational Member's Operating Budget:

Dues:

- A. \$250,000 or less \$1,000
B. \$250,001 to \$500,000 \$2,000
C. \$500,001 to \$1,000,000 \$3,000
D. \$1,000,001 to \$3,000,000 \$4,000
E. \$3,000,001 to \$5,000,000 \$5,000
F. \$5,000,001 to \$8,000,000 \$6,000
G. \$8,000,001 plus \$7,500

Organization Name: _____

Operating Budget (Line 18 total expenses on 2017 990 Tax Form)

Please indicate your organization's operating budget as reported on your IRS Tax Forms.

Operating Budget _____ Authorized Person _____

Membership Dues

Based on the dues structure above, my organization commits to pay CEF membership dues of:

2019 Committed Dues _____ Authorized Person _____

Payment Options

Please select a payment option. Your organization will be invoiced for the dues upon receipt of signed commitment form. In order to be included in the CEF Membership Directory, your full payment or the first half of your payment is due by February 15, 2019.

- Payment of total dues by February 15th
Payment of 50% of dues by February 15th and the remainder of dues by August 5th

Membership dues, contributions and subscriptions are not tax deductible for federal tax purposes. Approximately 20% of membership dues, contributions and subscriptions are allocable to CEF's lobbying activities.



Please return via email to abernathy@cef.org

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2019 CONTACT INFORMATION

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED BY FEBRUARY 15 TO BE LISTED IN THE 2019 DIRECTORY.

A. Organization Abbreviation: _____

Web Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Twitter handle: _____

B. President

Name: _____

Address (If different from above) _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____ Twitter handle: _____

C. Executive Director or CEO

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address (If different from above) _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____ Twitter handle: _____

D. Primary Contact (First point of contact for CEF: will receive action alerts, meeting notices and publications)

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address (If different from above) _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____ Twitter handle: _____

E. Other CEF Contacts (Will receive action alerts, meeting notices and publications)

1. Name: _____ Title: _____

Address (If different from Part A) _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____ Twitter handle: _____

2. Name: _____ Title: _____

Address (If different from Part A) _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____ Twitter handle: _____

F. Billing Contact (Individual responsible for processing invoices)

Name: _____ Title: _____

Address (If different from Part A) _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION FUNDING
ORGANIZATION DESCRIPTION

MUST RETURN BY FEBRUARY 15 TO BE LISTED IN THE 2019 DIRECTORY

The **Committee for Education Funding Directory** provides each member with the opportunity to publish a brief description of its organization. Below you will find **an example of a description** submitted in the 2018 CEF directory. The Directory information will be published in hard copy and also on-line.

*****SAMPLE*****

AASA, the School Superintendents Association

AASA, the School Superintendents Association, advocates for the highest quality public education for all students and develops and supports school system leaders. Founded in 1865, AASA is the professional organization for more than 13,000 educational leaders in the United States and throughout the world. AASA members range from chief executive officers, superintendents and senior level school administrators to cabinet members, professors and aspiring school system leaders. AASA members advance the goals of public education and champion children's causes in their districts and nationwide. As school system leaders, AASA members set the pace for academic achievement. They help shape policy, oversee its implementation and represent school districts to the public at large.

- Please use my organization's description shown in the [2018 Directory](#). (Please check for any errors in last year's description before selecting this option)

- Please use attached description that has been edited (please limit descriptions to one paragraph).

Please return via email to Sarah Abernathy at abernathy@cef.org