



Monday, June 7, 2021

I. Advocacy

- **Reminder: Wednesday deadline to sign on to community letter to Appropriations leaders about Labor-HHS-ED funding**— Close to 200 organizations have already signed on to the annual [community letter](#) seeking a strong funding allocation for the House and Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee bills, but we want more before the Wednesday’s signing deadline! CEF writes this letter each year in conjunction with the Coalition for Health Funding, Coalition on Human Needs, and Campaign to Invest in America’s Workforce. We urge all CEF members to consider signing the letter and to share it with your networks. This letter about the Subcommittee’s 302(b) allocation is a great opportunity to show lawmakers the strength of support for the “People’s Bill,” which provides virtually all federal education funding. Individuals cannot sign the letter, but we accept signatures from national, state, and local organizations, institutions, businesses, companies, etc. (please ignore the last box on the form that says it is only for national organizations). To sign, [CLICK HERE](#) by COB on June 9.

II. Policy Intelligence and Education News

- **Upcoming congressional budget/appropriations action** – House and Senate committees are holding a number of budget hearings this week but the only education-related one is:
 - **Hearing on the President’s Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Request for the United States Department of Health and Human Services** – Senate Labor-HHS-Education Appropriations Subcommittee on [Wednesday, June 9, at 10am ET](#).

The next step in the budget/appropriations process is likely to be House consideration of a “deeming resolution” that tells the Appropriations Committee the discretionary total for fiscal year (FY) 2022. It is, in essence, providing the Committee’s 302(a) allocation, something that would customarily be provided in a budget resolution for the coming fiscal year. Neither the House nor the Senate has taken up a FY 2022 budget resolution yet, so a so-called “deemer” lets the Appropriations Committee act. This is the first year since FY 2012 that the discretionary funding total isn’t controlled by statutory caps from the 2011 Budget Control Act, which was amended over the intervening years to raise the caps on defense and non-defense discretionary (NDD) funding. A deemer is likely to provide a discretionary total, leaving it up to the Appropriations Committee to decide how much is for defense and NDD, and to split the total among the 12 subcommittees. It’s very possible that the House and Senate will deem different appropriations totals, making it more difficult to resolve differences between House and Senate versions of the government funding bills. Ultimately, congressional Democrats will need to pass a FY 2022 budget resolution if they want

to use budget reconciliation procedures for fast-track consideration of a big fiscal bill later this year; you only get a reconciliation bill if a conference budget resolution has reconciliation instructions.

III. CEF items

- **Deadline extended - nominate someone to honor at this year's CEF Gala** – Here's your chance to suggest a champion of education to receive an award at CEF's 2021 gala. Past [awardees](#) comprise a bipartisan roster of leaders of efforts to provide federal education funding, including Members of Congress, Administration officials, congressional and administration staff, and others working outside of government on national funding initiatives that help students and promote learning. The attached nomination form lets you detail your nominee's accomplishments in advancing education funding for the Gala Committee to consider when making its recommendation for a slate of honorees. The deadline to submit your nomination form to Gala Committee co-chair Peter DeYoe at peter_deyoe@harvard.edu has been extended to June 18.
- **Welcome two new CEF members** – in the last couple of weeks, CEF gained two new members: First Focus's Campaign for Children, and Chiefs for Change. You'll see their staff at Friday Zoom meetings and future CEF events.

IV. Events

- **CEF's upcoming schedule -**
 - **Friday, June 11** – 9:30-11:00 a.m. ET, [Zoom Quarterly Committee meeting](#) – feel free to invite summer interns and new staff for training on how to conduct Hill visits. All 5 committees will meet to discuss plans for this summer and the rest of the year.
 - **Friday, June 18** – 9:30-10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker TBD.
 - **Thursday, June 24** – 5:00 p.m. ET – in-person happy hour outdoors in DC (venue TBD).
 - **Friday, June 25** – 9:30-10:45 a.m. ET, [Zoom Friday meeting](#). Guest speaker TBD.
 - **Friday, July 2 and 9** – no CEF meetings (enjoy the Independence Day break!)
 - **Tuesday, July 13** – CEF Budget Book release and Zoom briefing (details to come)