

## Advocacy Related to ICE Announcements

Since issued on July 6 and July 7, respectively, a [new broadcast message](#) and [FAQs](#) issued by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) have caused alarm for the international members of our community. As the final rule has not yet been filed in the Federal Register, many questions remain about the scope of the regulation, and the kinds of coursework that would substantiate “in-person” attendance for an international student who would be removed from the country if their campus was considered “online only.”

There are a number of advocacy activities underway:

### Legislative

1. Representative Jimmy Panetta (D-CA), Debbie Dingell (D-MI), and a growing number of Members of Congress are circulating “Dear Colleague” letters requesting that ICE rescind the recently-issued guidance. Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) is also circulating a bicameral letter, which UC FGR has shared with Senators Harris and Feinstein’s offices for consideration. UC FGR has promoted these and similar letters with the California congressional delegation, APLU, AAU, UCSA and UCGPC.
  - a. UC FGR worked with Rep. Panetta’s office to develop and circulate the Congressman’s letter. It has received strong support from members of the California congressional delegation, including Higher Education and Workforce Investment Subcommittee Chairwoman Susan A. Davis (D-CA), Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler (D-NJ), and Immigration and Citizenship Subcommittee Chairwoman Zoe Lofgren (D-CA). UC FGR has been in touch with member office signing the letters throughout the day
2. UC FGR has been in touch with our counterparts in the CSU federal relations office and encouraged them to weigh in with our delegation as well, specifically the remaining Republicans.
3. UC FGR is continuing to solicit examples of students who would be affected by the new regulation from our student partners at UCSA, UCGPC and the UAW. This is in partnership with OGC, which is seeking declarants for UC’s litigation filing.
4. UC FGR has suggested several advocacy opportunities to UCSA and UCGPC, and has encouraged them to support congressional letters urging withdrawal of ICE’s guidance.
  - a. UC FGR has also encouraged them to reach out to peers attending institutions in Republican-led states and encourage those peers to contact their Members of Congress in order to ensure all Dear Colleague letters are bipartisan in support.
  - b. UCGPC actively reached out to a number of congressional offices urging members sign on. Congressional offices were very responsive.

5. UC FGR had discussions with Congresswoman Roybal-Allard's staff to float the idea of placing a policy rider on the FY2021 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill, a possible continuing resolution or the next COVID-19 supplemental. Those conversations are ongoing.
6. UC FGR will be having similar discussions with additional Appropriations and Judiciary Committee staff to ask for a policy rider on the next COVID-19 supplemental package. UC FGR is already in direct contact with Congresswoman Lofgren's office on this issue.
7. UC FGR met with staff from the CA Lt. Governor's office to brief them on the issue and the steps we have taken on federal advocacy. We also encouraged them to support a policy rider on the next COVID-19 supplemental if we are not able to get a nationwide injunction in place.
8. The American Council on Education (ACE) is drafting a letter to Congress and the Department of Homeland Security asking for a **one-year waiver of these new guidelines for currently enrolled international students**.
9. ACE is also drafting an institutional sign-on letter in support of this request which is under development.
10. AAU has reached out to the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and NIH to express deep concerns about this new guidance and the impact it will have on research, especially COVID-19 research. AAU asked OSTP and NIH to advocate for a one-year waiver with the White House Domestic Policy Council.
11. Advocacy groups with which UC is actively working to reverse this decision: AAU, ACE, APLU, Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration, the Association of International Educators (NAFSA), UCGPC, UCSA, and UAW.