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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION
• This week, the House is in session, holding “Committee Work Days” under its updated 2020 schedule. The Senate is scheduled to be on recess until July 20.

ADVOCACY UPDATE
• Last week, UC FGR worked with Rep. Jimmy Panetta’s office to develop a letter to the administration requesting that the Department of Homeland Security rescind the recently announced Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) modifications to the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP).
• Last week, UC FGR worked with Sen. Dianne Feinstein’s judiciary staff to develop a letter that Sens. Feinstein and Kamala Harris sent to ICE regarding their recently announced modifications to SEVP.
• Last week, Kelsey Martin, dean of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, participated in a webinar for congressional staff hosted by California Life Sciences Association and Biocom about the importance of continuing to incentivize biomedical research during the pandemic.

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS
• UC’s FY 2021 Appropriations Tracker
• UC’s FY 2021 Budget Advocacy Toolkit
• UC’s FY 2021 Funding Priorities
  o On Monday, the House Appropriations Committee will markup the FY 2021 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies; and Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Bills.
  o On Tuesday, the House Appropriations Committee will markup the FY 2021 Defense; Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies; and Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Bills.
  o On Wednesday, the House Appropriations Committee will markup the FY 2021 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill.

THIS WEEK IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND POLICY BRIEFINGS
• On Tuesday, the Energy Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Oversight of DOE During the COVID-19 Pandemic."
• On Tuesday, the House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Sweltering in Place: COVID-19, Extreme Heat and Environmental Justice.”
• On Wednesday, the House Budget Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Software Update Required: COVID-19 Exposes Need for Federal Investments in Technology.”
• On Friday, the Cybersecurity, Infrastructure, Protection and Innovation Subcommittee of the House Homeland Security Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Defending Against Future Cyberattacks: Evaluating the Cyberspace Solarium Commission Recommendations.”
• On Friday, the Energy Subcommittee of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a hearing titled, “From Lab to Market: Accelerating our Progress Toward Economic Recovery and a Clean Energy Future.”

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