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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION

- This week, the Senate and House are in session, with the House holding “Committee Work Days” Monday-Wednesday and votes Thursday and Friday.
- This week, the Senate and House are expected to take up police reform legislation; each chamber currently has its own bill.
- This week, the House is expected to try to override President Trump’s veto of H.J. Res. 76, a resolution rebuking a Department of Education rule regarding student loan borrowers’ ability to seek loan forgiveness.
- This week, the Senate is expected to take up the nomination of Cory Wilson to be an appeals judge on the Fifth Circuit.
- On Friday, the House is expected to take up legislation that would grant Washington, D.C. statehood.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

- On Monday, UC President Janet Napolitano participated in the briefing, “Rapid Response Briefing: Implications of Supreme Court’s Decision on DACA,” hosted by the Presidents’ Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration, TheDream.US and the Community College Consortium for Immigrant Education.
- On Monday, UC Systemwide Title IX Coordinator Suzanne Taylor participated in the roundtable, “Survivors Deserve Better: Why Secretary Devos’ Title IX Rule Makes Us Less Safe,” hosted by the House Democratic Women’s Caucus.
- On Tuesday, UC Deputy General Counsel Margaret Wu will participate in the webinar, “U.S. Supreme Court’s DACA Decision,” hosted by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities.
- On Wednesday, UC FGR will host its fourth virtual briefing, “UC COVID-19 Briefing Series: Impacts of NSF RAPID Grants,” focusing on the COVID-19 response from UC’s research enterprise by highlighting a wide variety of research being conducted on several UC campuses. The briefing will be hosted by Vice President of Research and Innovation Theresa Maldonado and panelists will include researchers from the UC campuses at Berkeley, Irvine, Riverside and San Diego.
- Last week, following the June 18 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to strike down the Trump Administration’s arbitrary attempt to end the DACA policy, UC launched a UC Advocacy Network pledge campaign asking advocates to join the University in calling on Congress to enact permanent legal protections for DACA recipients.
- Last week, UC FGR continued its ongoing advocacy related to COVID-19, engaging with Congress as well as partner organizations:
  - On June 17, the Academic Health Center (AHC) Working Group, of which UC Health, UCLA Health and UCSF Health are individual members, sent a letter to Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar asking that a
future tranche of already appropriated CARES Act COVID-19 provider relief be directed towards helping academic medical centers’ faculty practice plans.

- On June 19, the AHC Working Group sent a letter, signed by system leaders from UC Health, UCLA Health and UCSF Health, to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy advocating for their priorities in the next COVID-19 legislative package.

**BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS**

- UC’s FY 2021 Appropriations Tracker
- UC’s FY 2021 Funding Priorities
- UC’s FY 2021 Budget Advocacy Toolkit

**THIS WEEK IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND POLICY BRIEFINGS**

- On Tuesday, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee will hold a hearing titled, “COVID-19: Lessons Learned to Prepare for the Next Pandemic.”
- On Tuesday, the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Oversight of the Trump Administration's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic."
- On Tuesday, the House Budget Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Health and Wealth Inequality in America: How COVID-19 Makes Clear the Need for Change.”
- On Tuesday, the Senate Judiciary Committee will hold a hearing titled, “The Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act, Coronavirus, and Addressing China’s Culpability.”
- On Wednesday, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a hearing titled, "The Role of the Strategic National Stockpile in Pandemic Response."
- On Wednesday, the Senate Budget Committee will hold a hearing to consider the nomination of Derek Kan to be deputy director of White House Budget Office.
On Friday, the Housing, Community Development and Insurance Subcommittee of the House Financial Services Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Insuring Against a Pandemic: Challenges and Solutions for Policyholders and Insurers.”

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