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THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION

- This week, the House and Senate are in session.
- This week, the House is scheduled to take up a Congressional Review Act resolution. The resolution displays discontentment toward the Department of Education's 2016 Borrower Defense Rule.
- This week, five Senate committees are scheduled to review the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, which passed the House in December.
- As soon as this week, the Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi will send the articles of impeachment to the Senate.
- On Tuesday, the Senate is expected to take up the nomination of Peter Gaynor to be Federal Emergency Management Agency administrator.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

- On Tuesday, FGR will host artificial intelligence (AI) researchers from UC's nine undergraduate campuses and Berkeley Lab to meet with Department of Defense program managers and leadership. The day-long event, organized by FGR, is the first of its kind for UC in that it directly connects UC researchers with key agency program managers, offering the opportunity to identify future research funding opportunities and develop professional relationships. On Wednesday, these researchers will meet with California congressional offices and staff from the Senate Commerce Committee to discuss the AI field and offer feedback on draft legislation.
- On Wednesday, the Institute of Transportation Studies at UC Davis will host a Capitol Hill briefing titled, "[Emerging Research in Freight Efficiency and Sustainability](#)."

VISITORS TO WASHINGTON

- **Emily Rader**, research strategy and portfolio manager; **Shanda Hunt**, research compliance manager; and **Marci Copeland**, associate director of systemwide export controls, **UC Office of the President**; **Kirsten Zimmer Deshler**, director of governmental relations; **Andrea Stith**, director of research development for science and engineering; **Tommy Sprague**, assistant professor of psychological and brain sciences; and **Yufei Ding**, assistant professor of computer science, **UC Santa Barbara**; **Kathy Eiler**, director of federal government relations; **Jiasi Chen**, assistant professor of computer science and engineering; and **Ahmed Eldawy**, assistant professor of computer science, **UC Riverside**; **Brandon Minto**, director of federal government relations; **Zhou Yu**, assistant professor of computer science; and **Jonathan Schofield**, assistant professor of mechanical and aerospace engineering, **UC Davis**; **Louis Bronstein**, assistant director of federal government relations; **Zhou Li**, assistant professor of electrical engineering and computer science; and **Sameer Singh**, assistant professor of

computer science, **UC Irvine**; **Kieran Kelly**, assistant director of government and community relations; **Heiner Litz**, assistant professor of computer science and engineering, and **Yang Liu**, assistant professor of computer science and engineering, **UC Santa Cruz**; **Guy Van den Broeck**, assistant professor of computer science, and **Tao Gao**, assistant professor of communication and statistics, **UCLA**; **Gal Mishne**, assistant professor for the Halicioğlu Data Science Institute, and **Federico Rossano**, assistant professor of cognitive science, **UC San Diego**; **Barna Saha**, assistant professor of industrial engineering and operations research, **UC Berkeley**; **Ahmed Sabbir Arif**, assistant professor of electrical engineering and computer science, **UC Merced**; and **John Valentine**, national and homeland security program manager; **Ben Brown**, division deputy and computational biologist staff scientist; and **Tyler Backman**, research scientist of biological systems and engineering, **Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory**, will be in Washington, D.C. for the UC Department of Defense Artificial Intelligence Days.

- **Lewis M. Fulton**, director of the Sustainable Transportation Energy Pathways Program, **UC Davis**, will be in Washington, D.C. to participate in the the National Center for Sustainable Transportation Capitol Hill briefing titled, "[Emerging Research in Freight Efficiency and Sustainability](#)."
- **Gil Tal**, director of The Plug-in Hybrid and Electric Vehicle Research Center; **Giovanni Circella**, director of the 3 Revolutions Future Mobility Program; **Mike Sintetos**, policy director; **Colin Murphy**, deputy director; **Fraser Shilling**, co-director of the Road Ecology Center; **Yunshi Wang**, research project director; **Neil Maizlish**, senior data advisor; **Wilderich White**, senior developing engineer; **Matthew Favetti**, applications programmer; **Kelly Fleming**, policy analyst; **Christopher Nitta**, assistant professor; **Julie Witcover**, assistant project scientist; **Changmo Kim**, assistant project scientist; **Miguel Jaller**, associate professor; **Natalie Ruiz**, events coordinator; **Daniel Sperling**, professor; **Bahram Ravani**, professor; **David Bunch**, professor; **Deb Niemeier**, professor; **John Harvey**, professor; **Michael Zhang**, professor; **Michelle Barbato**, professor; **Susan Handy**, professor; **Yueyue Fan**, professor; **Jeffery Buscheck**, laboratory manager; **Adam Davis**, postdoctoral employee; **Debapriya Chakraborty**, postdoctoral employee; **Farzad Alemi**, postdoctoral employee; **Hanjiro Ambrose**, postdoctoral employee; **Hashim Rizvi**, postdoctoral employee; **Huajun Chai**, postdoctoral employee; **Jeffery Song**, postdoctoral employee; **Kailai Wang**, postdoctoral employee; **Mohamed Elkashef**, postdoctoral employee; **Sean Donohoe**, postdoctoral employee; **Yan Xing**, postdoctoral employee; **Alireza Shams**, postdoctoral scholar; **Scott Hardman**, professional researcher; **David Jones**, professional researcher; **Dahlia Garas**, program manager; **Jeremy David Lea**, project engineer; **Lewis Fulton**, project policy analyst; **Rongzong Wu**, project specialist; **Ty Lasky**, research engineer; **Hossain Mohiuddin**, Ph.D. student; **Grant Matson**, graduate master; **Kenneth Kurani**, graduate master; **Nitin Kumar**, graduate research assistant; **Yudi Yang**, teaching assistant; **Amy Lee**, student; **Anmol Pahwa**, student; **Austin Brown**, student; **Bingzheng Xu**, student; **Chaitanya Vaishnavi Karanam**, student; **Claire Sugihara**, student; **Elham Pourrahmani**, student; **Fabian Paniagua**,

student; **Gursewak Singh**, student; **Hari Venugopalan**, student; **Jai Malik**, student; **Jamey Volker**, student; **Julio Paniagua**, student; **Katrina Sutton**, student; **Liya Jiao**, student; **Mohammad Rahman**, student; **Noam Baharav**, student; **Ran Sun**, student; **Sampat Kedarisetty**, student; **Sarah Grajdura**, student; **Seshadri Srinivasa Raghavan**, student; **Tatsuya Fukushige**, student; **Xiaodong Qian**, student; **Xinwei Li**, student; **Yanlong Liang**, student; and **Xiatian Wu**, student, **UC Davis**, will be in Washington, D.C. to attend the National Center for Sustainable Transportation Capitol Hill briefing titled, "[Emerging Research in Freight Efficiency and Sustainability](#)."

- **David Victor**, professor of global policy and strategy, **UC San Diego**, will be in Washington, D.C. to speak at the Atlantic Council.

THIS WEEK IN CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS AND POLICY BRIEFINGS

- On Tuesday, the Water, Oceans and Wildlife Subcommittee of the House Natural Resources Committee will hold a hearing on [H.R. 1834](#), the Defending Our National Marine Sanctuaries from Damaging Chemicals Act of 2019, and [H.R. 4679](#), the Climate-Ready Fisheries Act of 2019, among other legislation.
- On Tuesday, the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will hold a hearing titled, "The Path to a Carbon-Free Maritime Industry: Investments and Innovation."
- On Tuesday, the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, "A Public Health Emergency: State Efforts to Curb the Opioid Crisis."
- On Tuesday, the Environment and Climate Change Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Promoting American Innovation and Jobs: Legislation to Phase Down Hydrofluorocarbons."
- On Wednesday, the Health Subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Cannabis Policies for the New Decade."
- On Wednesday, the House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a hearing titled, "An Update on the Climate Crisis: From Science to Solutions."
- On Wednesday, the House Armed Services Committee will hold a hearing titled, "DOD's Role in Competing with China."
- On Wednesday, the House Homeland Security Committee will hold a hearing titled, "U.S.-Iran Tensions: Implications for Homeland Security."
- On Wednesday, the House Oversight and Reform Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Facial Recognition Technology (Part III): Ensuring Commercial Transparency and Accuracy."
- On Wednesday, the House Small Business Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Enhancing Patent Diversity for America's Innovation."
- On Wednesday, the Energy Subcommittee of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee will hold a hearing titled, "The Department of Energy's Office of Science: Exploring the Next Frontiers in Energy Research and Scientific Discovery."
- On Wednesday, the Intelligence and Counterterrorism Subcommittee of the House Homeland Security Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Confronting the Rise in Anti-Semitic Domestic Terrorism."

- On Wednesday, the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Industries of the Future.”
- On Wednesday, the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a hearing titled, “Implementation of the Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act.”

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