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**THIS WEEK IN CONGRESS AND THE ADMINISTRATION**

- This week, the House is in session. The Senate is in recess and expected to return on June 1.
- This week, the House is expected to vote on the USA FREEDOM Reauthorization Act of 2020.
- This week, the House is expected to vote on legislation to change the Paycheck Protection Program.
- This week, President Trump is expected to consider a bill that, if signed into law, would reverse a Department of Education rule that would limit a student loan forgiveness program designed to provide relief to borrowers defrauded by their institutions.

**ADVOCACY UPDATE**

- Last week, UC FGR continued its ongoing advocacy related to COVID-19, engaging with Congress as well as partner organizations:
  - On May 18, UC President Janet Napolitano and the campus chancellors sent a [letter](#) to the U.S. Departments of State and Homeland Security, outlining many of the issues that international students, scholars and other international members of our university community face in the wake of COVID-19.
  - On May 18, the campus vice chancellors for research and lab deputy directors hosted a call with NSF's Chief Operating Officer Fleming Crim to discuss the University's priorities to restore the research enterprise.
  - On May 19, FGR hosted "[The Education Stabilization Fund](#)," its third virtual congressional briefing regarding the University's COVID-19 response. The briefing featured financial aid directors and focused on the distribution of funds through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund.

**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 Wednesday, the House Ways and Means Committee will hold a hearing titled, "The Disproportionate Impact of COVID-19 on Communities of Color."
- On Thursday, the Workforce Protections Subcommittee of the House Education and Labor Committee will hold a hearing titled, "Examining the Federal Government's Actions to Protect Workers from COVID-19."

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