

APLU COVID-19 Related Documents

Priority Advocacy Documents

Topic	Description	Date
PHASE V		
APLU Justification for \$97B HEERF Request	Explains APLU’s request of \$97 billion for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) in the Phase V COVID-19 supplemental package to support students and financially stabilize institutions.	January 26, 2021
\$97 Billion Higher Ed Relief Request	Requests \$97 billion for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) in the Phase V COVID-19 supplemental package to support students and financially stabilize institutions.	January 25, 2021
\$26 Billion Research Relief Request	Urges Congress to appropriate \$26 billion for research relief in the Phase V COVID-19 relief package.	January 26, 2021
PHASE IV		
\$120 Billion Higher Ed Relief	Details losses and expenses of colleges and universities, and needs of students, in support of the community’s request of \$120 billion in supplemental relief funding.	December 2, 2020
Updated Higher Ed Relief Priorities Talking Points	Requests at least \$120 billion for higher education relief in the next COVID-19 relief package	September 25, 2020
RISE Act and Research Relief	Requests the next COVID-19 relief package provide emergency funding for the nation’s research agencies, including research relief funding consistent with H.R. 7308, the Research Investment to Spark the Economy Act or the RISE Act.	September 25, 2020

COVID-19 APLU Policies and Priorities	Letter to congressional leadership highlighting APLU's key federal policies and priorities for a fourth emergency supplemental bill in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.	April 8, 2020 [updated November 9, 2020]
COVID-19 Higher Ed Funding Priorities Higher Ed Funding Priorities (Assumptions) Senate letter	Higher education community priorities for student aid and institutions in a Phase IV COVID-19 bill, and assumptions that underpin those priorities.	April 7, 2020
COVID-19 Research Funding Priorities Senate Research Priorities Talking Points	Higher education community research priorities for a Phase IV COVID-19 stimulus bill.	April 7, 2020 May 27, 2020
Research Priorities (HSST)	Response to House, Science, Space and Technology (HSST) Committee's request for information related to additional resources needed for short- and long-term activities to address and mitigate the impacts of the current COVID-19 crisis.	April 13, 2020
COVID-19 Tax Priorities	Higher education community tax priorities for a Phase IV COVID-19 stimulus bill	April 9, 2020
Agriculture Priorities	Requests \$380 million for agriculture research and extension at the Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) as part of an upcoming coronavirus relief package.	April 30, 2020
PHASE III		
COVID-19 Higher Ed Funding Priorities	Higher Ed Associations priorities document outlining key federal support needed for students and institutions amid the COVID-19 pandemic.	March 19, 2020
COVID-19 Research Funding Priorities	Research needs for institutions of higher education impacted by COVID 19 response.	March 19, 2020

Employer Tax Credits Contained in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act	Urges Congress to address the exclusion of state entities in eligibility for the tax credit to offset new requirements on paid leave.	March 19, 2020
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Bill Analyses

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PHASE V		
American Rescue Plan Act	APLU analysis of the Phase V COVID-19 relief bill, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. President Biden signed the bill into law on March 11.	March 10, 2021
COVID Relief House Reconciliation Bills	APLU analysis of the House authorizing committees COVID-19 relief budget reconciliation bills.	February 11, 2021
PHASE IV		
Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021	APLU Analysis of the Phase IV COVID-19 relief bill, the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021.	December 22, 2020
HEROES Act 2.0	APLU analysis of the House Democrats HEROES Act 2.0.	September 30, 2020
HEALS Act	APLU analysis of the Senate Republicans Phase IV relief package, the Health, Economic Assistance, Liability Protection and Schools (HEALS) Act.	July 28, 2020
HEROES Act	APLU's detailed analysis of the House Democrats Phase IV relief package, the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (HEROES) Act.	May 13, 2020

PHASE III		
<u>CARES Act</u>	APLU's detailed analysis of the third COVID-19 stimulus package, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.	March 26, 2020
<u>Maintenance of Effort (CARES Act)</u>	Analysis of the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) provision in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.	March 30, 2020

Congressional Letters

Topic	Description	Date
PHASE V		
Education		
<u>\$97 Billion Higher Ed Relief Request</u>	Requests \$97 billion for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) in the next COVID-19 supplemental package to support students and financially stabilize institutions.	January 25, 2021
<u>American Rescue Plan Act</u>	Offers support for the inclusion of \$40 billion for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) for institutions of higher education in the American Rescue Plan Act while noting additional need for colleges and universities.	March 2, 2021
<u>American Rescue Plan Act</u>	Offers support for the inclusion of \$40 billion for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) for institutions of higher education in the American Rescue Plan Act while noting additional need for colleges and universities.	February 25, 2021
<u>Support for Ed & Labor HEERF Funding</u>	Offers support for the inclusion of \$40 billion for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) for institutions of higher education in the Education & Labor reconciliation bill while noting additional need for colleges and universities.	February 8, 2021

Institute of Education Sciences (IES)	Requests \$200 million for the Institute of Education Sciences in the next emergency COVID-19 relief package.	February 5, 2021
Research		
\$26 Billion Research Relief Request	Urges Congress to appropriate \$26 billion for research relief in the Phase V COVID-19 relief package.	January 26, 2021
CNSF \$3 Billion Request for NSF	The Coalition for National Science Funding (CNSF) encourages Congress to include \$3 billion in emergency relief for the National Science Foundation (NSF) while providing relief to all federal science agencies.	January 27, 2021
PHASE IV		
COVID-19 APLU Policies and Priorities	Letter to congressional leadership highlighting APLU's key federal policies and priorities for a fourth emergency supplemental bill in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.	April 8, 2020
HEROES Act	Letter to House leadership expressing support for H.R. 6800, the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (or HEROES) Act.	May 14, 2020
Agriculture		
Agriculture Priorities	Requests \$380 million for agriculture research and extension at the Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) as part of an upcoming coronavirus relief package.	April 30, 2020
Education		
Student Loan Relief	Urges Congress to extend the current suspension of payment and zero percent interest for all federal student loan borrowers, as well as the suspension of collections on defaulted loans.	December 4, 2020

\$120 Billion Higher Ed Relief	Details losses and expenses of colleges and universities, and needs of students, in support of the community's request of \$120 billion in supplemental relief funding.	December 2, 2020
Updated Higher Ed Relief Priorities	Requests at least \$120 billion for higher education relief in the next COVID-19 relief package	September 25, 2020
COVID-19 Higher Ed Funding Priorities Higher Ed Funding Priorities (Assumptions)	Higher education community priorities for student aid and institutions in a Phase IV COVID-19 bill, and assumptions that underpin those priorities.	April 7, 2020
Higher Education Priorities	Reiterates the higher education community's priorities for a Phase IV COVID-19 relief package including \$46.6 billion for relief funding, strong maintenance of effort provision, expansion of student loan relief, and more.	August 5, 2020
GI Benefits (Senate) GI Benefits (House)	Supports legislation to extend the provisions of S.3503, a bill to authorize the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to provide flexibility for programs of education that converted to distance learning due to COVID-19, and H.R. 6322, the Student Veteran Coronavirus Response Act, which were signed into law earlier spring 2020.	September 23, 2020
Student Loan Relief	Urges Congress to extend the grace period for student borrowers entering repayment by an additional six months and to expand temporary relief provisions for federal student loan borrowers enacted in the CARES Act until September 2021 or until unemployment falls below 8 percent for three consecutive months.	July 29, 2020
Implementation of New Programs	Encourages Congress to ensure that any new initiatives in the next COVID-19 supplemental appropriations act are implemented effectively by the Department of Education.	July 22, 2020
Reopening costs	Details extensive costs colleges and universities will incur if they were to reopen amid the COVID-19 pandemic.	July 2, 2020

Higher Ed Funding Priorities	Requests Senate leadership include \$47 billion in a Phase IV COVID-19 relief bill.	May 29, 2020
Student Borrower Relief (Senate) Student Borrower Relief (House)	Calls for relief to the 13.7 million students borrowing to finance their college education and to the 44 million borrowers already in repayment.	April 20, 2020
GI Benefits	Letter to Senate Veterans Affairs Committee expressing strong support for the Senate Veterans Student Veterans Coronavirus Response Act, which protects veterans' education benefits during the COVID-19 crisis.	April 14, 2020
International & Immigration		
Student Visas and OPT Stivers letter	Endorsement of the GOP letter, led by Representative Steve Stivers, on the importance of student visas and the Optional Practical Training (OPT) program following reports the administration plans to restrict OPT and student visas to help spur growth in American employment sector following the COVID-19 pandemic.	May 29, 2020 June 2, 2020
Research		
RISE Act and Research Relief	Requests the next COVID-19 relief package provide emergency funding for the nation's research agencies, including research relief funding consistent with H.R. 7308, the Research Investment to Spark the Economy Act or the RISE Act.	September 25, 2020
COVID-19 Research Funding Priorities	Requests \$26 billion in a supplemental COVID-19 relief package for high priority research agencies to support our nation's research workforce and capabilities.	May 27, 2020
COVID-19 Research Funding Priorities	Higher education community research priorities for a Phase IV COVID-19 stimulus bill.	April 7, 2020
Research Relief for NIH	Urges negotiators to work quickly to finalize a bipartisan agreement and to support emergency funding of at least \$15.5 billion for the NIH.	August 6, 2020

Additional Research Relief	Urges additional supplemental research relief funding for federal science agencies in a final Phase IV COVID-19 relief bill.	August 3, 2020
Sustaining Scientific Enterprise (TFAI)	The Task Force on American Innovation (TFAI) requests robust funding and investments in the scientific enterprise in future COVID-19 stimulus bills.	May 4, 2020
House Science Research Infrastructure Priorities (APLU)	Response to House, Science, Space and Technology (HSST) Committee's request for information related to additional resources needed for short- and long-term activities to address and mitigate the impacts of the current COVID-19 crisis.	April 13, 2020
House Science Research Infrastructure Priorities (CNSF)	The Coalition for National Science Funding response to the House Science Committee's request for ideas to be included in any future near-term response and longer-term economic stimulus package(s) developed by the House to address and mitigate the impacts of the current COVID-19 crisis	April 13, 2020
House Science Research Infrastructure Priorities (ESC)	The Energy Sciences Coalition response to the House Science Committee's request for ideas to be included in any future near-term response and longer-term economic stimulus package(s) developed by the House to address and mitigate the impacts of the current COVID-19 crisis.	April 13, 2020
Tax		
Temporary Liability Protections	Urges Congress to enact S. 4317, the "SAFE TO WORK Act," on its own or as part of the next COVID-19 relief package. The Act would create a timely and temporary safe harbor from COVID-19 exposure liability for colleges and universities engaging in hundreds of careful and reasoned COVID-19-related decisions and actions in compliance with local, state, and federal public health standards.	December 8, 2020
Paycheck Protection Program and Mainstreet Lending Program	Expresses support for changes in the Small Business Administration (SBA) Mainstreet Lending Program (MSLP) and Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) that would expand the programs to more colleges and universities in the next supplemental relief package.	August 6, 2020

Paid Leave, Employee Retention, and Healthy Workplace Tax Credits	<p>Urges House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees to make public institutions eligible for the paid sick and family leave refundable tax credit, employee retention tax credit, and the safe and healthy workplace tax credit in the Phase IV relief package.</p>	<p>August 3, 2020</p>
Temporary Liability Protections	<p>Endorses S. 4317, the SAFE TO WORK Act, which would provide temporary and limited liability protections for institutions of higher education related to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>July 29, 2020</p>
Public University Tax Benefits	<p>Requests urgent support for addressing the critical needs of public institutions of higher education in the forthcoming Phase IV COVID-19 pandemic relief legislation, specifically assistance to reverse the troubling trend that has emerged in previous relief packages excluding public colleges and universities from much-needed tax support.</p>	<p>July 20, 2020</p>
Temporary Liability Protections	<p>Urges Congress to include temporary and limited liability protections for public universities in the next COVID-19 supplemental measure.</p>	<p>June 11, 2020</p>
Temporary Liability Protections Talking Points	<p>Urges quick passage of temporary and targeted liability protections related to the COVID-19 pandemic for institutions of higher education.</p>	<p>May 28, 2020</p>
Paid Leave Tax Credit	<p>Urges Senate leadership to make public and private nonprofit colleges and universities eligible for the paid sick and family leave refundable tax credit created in the “Families First Coronavirus Response Act” (FFCRA).</p>	<p>June 2, 2020</p>
Unemployment Insurance Relief	<p>Seeks relief from Department of Labor (DOL) guidance implementing Section 2103 of the CARES Act, which provides emergency unemployment relief to governmental entities and nonprofits.</p>	<p>June 1, 2020</p>
Main Street Lending Program	<p>Letter to Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs supporting language in the House passed HEROES Act that would require the Federal Reserve to expand the Main Street Lending Program (MSLP) to nonprofits, including nonprofit private and public institutions of higher education.</p>	<p>May 29, 2020</p>

Paycheck Protection Program	Letter to Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship supporting language included in the recently passed HEROES Act that expands the Small Business Administration (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to all nonprofits, regardless of size.	May 29, 2020
American Opportunity Student Tax Relief Act	Endorses Rep. Doggett's American Opportunity Student Tax Relief Act of 2020, which will help students during the COVID-19 crisis and enhance access to college by making important temporary changes and permanent reforms to the American Opportunity Tax Credit (AOTC) and Lifetime Learning Credit (LLC).	May 6, 2020
Main Street Lending Program	Requests consideration and support for changes to the mid-sized loan programs created under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, specifically the Main Street Lending programs and any additional new loan programs created under the CARES Act.	April 23, 2020
PPP and EIDL	Asks for consideration and support for changes to the Small Business Administration (SBA) programs created under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, specifically the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Emergency Advance and Loan program.	April 23, 2020
Taxability of Grant Aid	Letter to House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committees asking Congress to address the issue of taxability of grant aid in the Phase 4 COVID-19 response legislation to make sure emergency financial aid grants to students for non-qualified tuition and related expenses as authorized in the CARES Act will not be taxed.	April 21, 2020
COVID-19 Tax Priorities	Higher education community tax priorities for a Phase IV COVID-19 stimulus bill	April 9, 2020
Education		
COVID-19 Higher Ed Funding Priorities	Higher Ed Associations priorities document outlining key federal support needed for students and institutions amid the COVID-19 pandemic.	March 19, 2020

Charitable Giving Amendment in CARES Act	Higher education associations letter expressing support for Senator Lankford's amendment to create an above-the-line deduction for charitable giving for taxpayers not itemizing their deductions.	March 23, 2020
GI Benefits (S.3503)	Support of S. 3503, legislation to ensure that veterans can continue to receive their GI bill benefits in situations where campuses are forced to move courses online due to the coronavirus.	March 18, 2020
GI Benefits (S.3450)	Support of S. 3450, legislation to ensure that veterans can continue to receive their GI bill benefits in situations where campuses are forced to move courses online due to the coronavirus.	March 12, 2020
GI Benefits (H.R. 6194)	Supports H.R. 6194, legislation to ensure that veterans can continue to receive their GI bill benefits in situations where campuses are forced to move courses online due to the coronavirus.	March 12, 2020
Research		
COVID-19 Research Funding Priorities	Research needs for institutions of higher education impacted by COVID-19 response.	March 19, 2020
COVID-19 Response (House) COVID-19 Response (Senate)	Requests House and Senate Appropriations Committee leadership and Labor-Health & Human Services-Education Appropriations Subcommittee leadership conduct a comprehensive review of the COVID-19 response through a federal commission or a qualified nonpartisan entity.	March 30, 2020
Tax		
Employer Tax Credits Contained in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act	Urges Congress to address the exclusion of state entities in eligibility for the tax credit to offset new requirements on paid leave.	March 19, 2020

Agency Letters

Topic	Description	Date
Department of Education		
<u>Maintenance of Effort</u>	Requests that Secretary Cardona send a message to state governments that the Department of Education intends to vigorously enforce the MOE requirements as outlined under law in the three COVID relief bills enacted by Congress and will not grant waivers except under extraordinary circumstances.	April 1, 2021
<u>HEERF Guidance</u>	Letter to Department of Education Secretary-designate Miguel Cardona seeking clarifications on questions still lingering regarding guidance issued under the Trump administration for HEERF funding included in the CARES Act (HEERF I) and CRRSAA (HEERF II).	February 10, 2021
<u>HEERF II Student Eligibility</u>	Requests ED issue additional guidance clarifying that all students at qualified institutions are eligible to receive HEERF II funds.	January 28, 2021
<u>Student Loan Relief</u>	Urges the Department to extend the current suspension of payment and zero percent interest for federal student loan borrowers, as well as the suspension of collections on defaulted loans.	November 20, 2020
<u>HEERF Data Collection From</u>	Comments on the proposed CARES Act Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) Data Collection Form (Docket ID ED- 2020-SCC-0122).	September 25, 2020
<u>Title IX Rule</u>	Request to the Department of Education to delay the August 14 effective date of the published Title IX final rule, "Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance," to December 21, 2020.	June 10, 2020
<u>Education Stabilization Fund</u>	Implores Department of Education Secretary DeVos to quickly release the Education Stabilization Fund included in the CARES Act, and requests flexibility for distributing funds on campus and clarification on statutory language regarding acceptable uses of the funds	April 2, 2020

Section 117 and Title IX	Requests delay in any further action on the proposed Title IX rulemaking and proposed Section 117 foreign gifts and contracts information collection request until the COVID-19 emergency has passed, and campuses have resumed normal operations.	March 24, 2020
Department of Homeland Security		
Support for International Students	Asks that DHS and State act now to make it possible for international students to travel to the United States for the fall 2021 semester.	March 18, 2021
Spring 2021 Guidance	Seeks maximum flexibility guidance for international students and exchange visitors for the Spring 2021 semester.	December 4, 2020
Entry for International Students	Urges the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of State “to work together to safeguard the ability of new international students enrolled in hybrid academic programs at U.S. institutions to have their visas processed and enter the country, as outlined in the combined July 15 and July 24 ICE FAQ document.”	August 12, 2020
July 15 International Students Guidance	Seeks additional clarifications from the Department of Homeland Security on the July 15 guidance regarding international students and online learning/distance education.	July 22, 2020
July 6 International Students Guidance	Compete America Coalition, of which APLU is a member, letter which expresses significant concerns with guidance issued on July 6 by DHS on international students and online learning.	July 13, 2020
July 6 International Students Guidance Talking Points	Requests DHS withdraw the July 6 guidance for international students as soon as possible, and grant needed flexibility for international students and institutions during the global pandemic.	July 10, 2020
Fall Guidance for International Students	Seeks guidance for international students for the fall semester.	July 2, 2020

Executive Order: Nonimmigrant Visas	Compete America Coalition, of which APLU is a member, urging the importance of nonimmigrant visas including the Optional Practical Training Program and H-1B.	May 21, 2020
Executive Order: Nonimmigrant Visas	Urges the Departments of Homeland Security, Labor, and State to exclude nonimmigrant visas from future executive orders that ban immigration into the U.S. The letter also expresses concerns about the need to expedite processing of student visas as campuses reopen in the fall.	April 30, 2020
Guidance for International Students	Seeks guidance for over one million international students studying, teaching, and/or conducting research at U.S. colleges and universities during the COVID-19 outbreak.	March 16, 2020
Department of Labor		
Executive Order: Nonimmigrant Visas	Compete America Coalition, of which APLU is a member, urging the importance of nonimmigrant visas including the Optional Practical Training Program and H-1B.	May 21, 2020
Executive Order: Nonimmigrant Visas	Urges the Departments of Homeland Security, Labor, and State to exclude nonimmigrant visas from future executive orders that ban immigration into the U.S. The letter also expresses concerns about the need to expedite processing of student visas as campuses reopen in the fall.	April 30, 2020
Department of State		
Support for International Students	Asks that DHS and State act now to make it possible for international students to travel to the United States for the fall 2021 semester.	March 18, 2021
Entry for International Students	Urges the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of State “to work together to safeguard the ability of new international students enrolled in hybrid academic programs at U.S. institutions to have their visas processed and enter the country, as outlined in the combined July 15 and July 24 ICE FAQ document.”	August 12, 2020

Fall Guidance for International Students	Seeks guidance for international students for the fall semester.	July 2, 2020
Executive Order: Nonimmigrant Visas	Compete America Coalition, of which APLU is a member, urging the importance of nonimmigrant visas including the Optional Practical Training Program and H-1B.	May 21, 2020
Executive Order: Nonimmigrant Visas	Urges the Departments of Homeland Security, Labor, and State to exclude nonimmigrant visas from future executive orders that ban immigration into the U.S. The letter also expresses concerns about the need to expedite processing of student visas as campuses reopen in the fall.	April 30, 2020
International Student Visas	Letter to Department of State Secretary Mike Pompeo seeking additional guidance on international student visa issues impacting higher education institutions.	April 8, 2020
Guidance for International Students	Seeks guidance for over one million international students studying, teaching, and/or conducting research at U.S. colleges and universities during the COVID-19 outbreak.	March 16, 2020
Department of the Treasury / Internal Revenue Service		
Regulatory Relief	Response to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)'s request for comments "seeking recommendations pursuant to Executive Order 13924 for rescission, modification, or waiving of any regulations or other requirements that could inhibit economic recovery from the pandemic."	December 11, 2020
Main Street Lending Facility	Expresses Support for creation of a new facility for nonprofits with the Main Street Lending Facility	May 22, 2020
Thank You: Emergency Grant Aid	Expresses gratitude to Treasury and the IRS for classifying emergency grant aid appropriated to college and university students in the CARES Act as a qualified disaster relief payment and therefore not subject to taxation.	May 8, 2020

Taxing Emergency Aid Grants	Urges that emergency grant aid provided to students in the CARES Act should not be treated as traditional educational grant aid. Rather, it should be treated as what it is: a non-taxable qualified disaster relief payment made by Congress to students in response to an ongoing nationwide disaster.	April 16, 2020
90-day Tax Filing Extension for Exempt Organizations	Seeks a 90-day filing and payment extension for exempt organizations, including colleges and universities.	March 20, 2020
Environmental Protection Agency		
Transparency Rule	Requests a 90-day extension on the Supplemental Notice of Propose Rulemaking (SNPRM) issued on March 18 for the agency's "Transparency Rule."	March 30, 2020
Federal Emergency Management Agency		
FEMA Guidance and Reimbursement	Requests FEMA issue new guidance on the eligibility of Category B Emergency Protective Measures, clarifying that FEMA Public Assistance funding can be used by public and non-profit higher education institutions to support their critical public health and safety work.	December 10, 2020
Federal Reserve		
Expanding Main Street Lending Facility	Comments to the Federal Reserve in regard to the Main Street Lending program (MSLP) non-profit organization facilities and the proposed terms and structure.	June 22, 2020
Main Street Lending Facility	Expresses Support for creation of a new facility for nonprofits with the Main Street Lending Facility	May 22, 2020
Main Street Lending Program	Requests updated guidance from Federal Reserve to clarify that nonprofit private and public institutions are eligible for the Main Street Lending program. In addition, we also ask that student workers be exempted for the purposes of the employee threshold for the eligibility requirements (under 10,000 employees).	April 16, 2020

White House		
<u>RISE Act</u>	Urges President Biden and the White House to champion the Research Investment to Spark the Economy (RISE) Act (H.R.869/S.289) to preserve and protect our nation's research investments and repair the frayed career pipeline for the next generation of scientists.	March 24, 2021
<u>Contributing to COVID Response Efforts</u>	Letter to President Biden outlining ways higher education institutions can contribute to the administration's COVID-19 response efforts.	January 29, 2021
<u>Executive Order: Nonimmigrant Visas</u>	Compete America Coalition, of which APLU is a member, urging the importance of nonimmigrant visas including the Optional Practical Training Program and H-1B.	May 21, 2020
<u>Optional Practical Training Program</u>	Requests a meeting with the White House to discuss the Optional Practical Training (OPT) program as the administration conducts the 30-day review of the Proclamation Suspending Entry of Immigrants who Present Risk to the U.S. Labor Market during the Economic Recovery Following the COVID-19 Outbreak.	May 19, 2020
<u>Fetal Tissue Research</u>	Urges President Trump to lift the restrictions on federally funded research using human fetal tissue immediately to accelerate the end of COVID-19, reduce human suffering, and enable the U.S. to respond to future public health threats.	March 25, 2020
White House Office of Management and Budget		
<u>M-2017 and M-20-26</u>	Request to Extend / Quickly Reinstate OMB Memorandums M-20-17 / M-20-26	September 28, 2020
<u>July 6 International Students Guidance</u>	Compete America Coalition, of which APLU is a member, letter which expresses significant concerns with guidance issued on July 6 by DHS on international students.	July 13, 2020
<u>M-20-17</u>	Request to Extend OMB's March 19 Memo (M-20-17) to September 30.	May 27, 2020

<u>M-20-17</u>	Appreciation of OMB's expeditious release of M-20-17, "Administrative Relief for Recipients and Applicants of Federal Financial Assistance Directly Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) due to Loss of Operations."	March 20, 2020
<u>M-20-11</u>	Urges OMB to quickly expand M-20-11 to apply to all federally funded research awards.	March 18, 2020

Policy Briefs/Charts

Topic	Description	Date
Education		
Maintenance of Effort	Chart comparing maintenance of effort provisions in the three COVID-19 relief bills enacted by Congress.	March 25, 2021
APLU Justification for \$97B HEERF Request	Explains APLU's request of \$97 billion for the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF) in the next COVID-19 supplemental package to support students and financially stabilize institutions.	January 26, 2021
Tax		
CARES Unemployment Relief	Policy brief on unemployment insurance and CARES Act Emergency Relief for reimbursing organizations and guidance by the Department of Labor (DOL) which may cause liquidity issues for self-insured colleges and universities.	May 28, 2020
Policy Brief: Paid Leave Tax Credit	Policy brief on the paid leave benefits created in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) that public universities must provide, offering a significant benefit to employees but also a significant new cost on public institutions.	May 5, 2020
Policy Brief: Taxing Grant Aid	Policy brief on the taxability of scholarships and other aid to students for non-tuition expenses and implications for the CARES Act.	April 17, 2020