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The Story So Far

- Last year has been traumatic for campuses.
- BUT... \$77B in HEERF funding for campuses and students.

Biden Higher Education Policy Goals

- HBCU/MSI Support
- Double Maximum Pell Grant
- Loan Forgiveness
- Free College
- Regulatory Changes

American Jobs Act: Higher Education

- Research Funding (\$250 B)
 - → R & D at HBCUs/MSIs (\$45 B)
- Infrastructure at CCs (\$12 B)
- Workforce Retraining (\$100 B)

American Families Plan: Higher Education

- \$1,400 Pell Increase/Dreamers (\$85 B)
- Free Community College + HBCU/MSI
 Tuition Subsidy (\$155 B)
- Student Support Service (\$62 B)
- Teacher Prep/Retention (\$9 B)

2022 Budget

- Late
- \$400 Pell increase, no doubling (\$3 B)
- Title I Doubling (\$20 B)
- HBCU/MSI Institutional Support (\$600 M)

2022 Budget (cont)

- Support for Research
 - NSF: 20 percent increase (\$10.2 B)
 - NIH: 21 percent increase (\$51.9 B),

ARPA-H (\$6.5 B)

Executive Branch Actions

- General Rule
- DHS/DOS Immigration/Visas/

International Students

Executive Branch Actions (cont)

- Dept of ED Regulatory Actions
 - Title IX Public hearing this week
 - Student financial assistance
 - But no Negotiated Rulemaking on 117, accepting questions

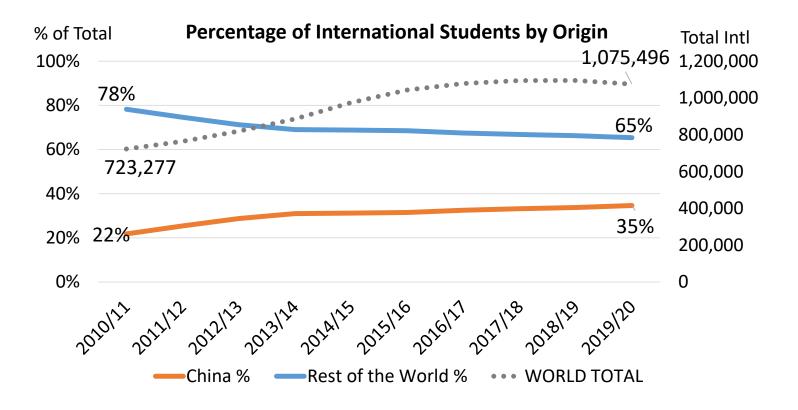
Things Are Slowing Down

- Negotiations Underway in Senate on Policing,
 Immigration, Voting & Infrastructure
- China/National & Economic Security
- Debt Limit Ceiling July 31
- Impatience in the House/Intransigence in the Senate

Concerns

- Issues with China Are Not Going Away
 - New Reports Regarding COVID-19 Origins
 - Tension with Taiwan
 - Tightening of Efforts by China to Control
 Narrative
 - Human Rights Abuses

Importance of Chinese Students



U.S. Innovation & Competition Act

- Passed Senate 68-32
- Three Major Concerns
 - New Section 124
 - CFIUS Provision
 - Section 117
- Continuing Issues with Confucius Institutes

U.S. Innovation & Competition Act (cont)

- Successfully Defeated/Changed
 - Rubio Amendment
 - Sullivan Amendment
 - Portman Immigration Provisions
- Unclear Outlook in the House