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## PUBLIC POLICY INSIGHTS FOR WHAT'S AHEAD

June 7, 2023

Dear Friend of CED,

The attack on a major dam and power station in a Russian-occupied part of Ukraine on Tuesday, which each side is blaming the other for, dramatically highlights the vulnerability of critical infrastructure and the appeal of such attacks, especially on vulnerable water targets. Tuesday's attack has resulted in serious flooding and potentially has threatened the safety of Europe's largest nuclear-power plant.

In the US, deeper and more meaningful public-private collaboration is the key to protecting critical infrastructure and improving its resiliency. Most of the critical infrastructure operations are under the control of the private sector. For an excellent assessment of the problem and meaningful solutions to address it, I highly recommend our most recent **Solutions Brief**, [Securing Critical Infrastructure: Building Resilience](#).

Also front and center on CED's agenda, following the debt ceiling debate, is working to avert both Congress and the Administration from repeating the past and moving on from the drama of the debt ceiling debate without continuing the effort to fully address the major challenge of our outsized national debt. These are complex problems that require bipartisan solutions. We urge that restoring our fiscal health continue to be a top priority for our nation's policy leaders. For a more detailed analysis on the main components of the bill, listen to my [latest interview with Bloomberg](#) and/or read [CED's latest Policy Brief](#). And for additional insights on why debt matters and solutions for addressing the challenges, see CED's **Solutions Brief**, [Debt Matters: A Road Map for Reducing the Outsized US Debt Burden](#).

For an updated forecast on the economy, tomorrow, **Dana Peterson**, Chief Economist at The Conference Board, will brief CED Trustees on the **Economics Forecast for June**.

Advances in AI and data privacy also continue to be at the top of CED's agenda, and I encourage you to read CED's latest Policy Brief on the EU's fine against Meta. The brief also includes an examination of how US-EU negotiations on a new Trans-Atlantic Data Privacy Framework are crucial to the continuation of companies' data practices. [Read the Policy Brief](#).

Just one week away is CED's Biannual Trustee Policy Summit, ***What is at Stake: Navigating the Changing World Order***. Held in the nation's capital, the Summit will consist of a series of roundtable discussions with CED Trustees and special guests from the policy and business communities. The discussions will focus on the leading economic challenges facing the nation, including the economic and fiscal outlook, the recovery from the pandemic, the AI revolution, the banking crisis, the current ESG backlash, the national cybersecurity strategy, global threat assessments, European security after Ukraine, the 2024 political landscape, and US trade policy, among other issues.

I look forward to seeing many of you next week. More news below.



Dr. Lori Esposito Murray  
President  
Committee for Economic Development (CED)  
of The Conference Board

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## SAVE THE DATES

**Spring Trustee Policy Summit:  
June 14, 2023**



**Distinguished Leadership Awards Celebration:  
October 26, 2023**





## **CED Issues Statement on the Passage of the Fiscal Responsibility Act**

Last week, **Dr. Lori Esposito Murray**, President of CED, issued the following statement:

CED applauds the bipartisan passage of the Fiscal Responsibility Act in the House and the Senate. By working together our country's leaders have begun the work to address our outsized national debt that threatens our fiscal health and prosperity.

While a first and difficult step that required determined leadership, the Fiscal Responsibility Act only applies responsible fiscal actions to half of the discretionary budget, or 15% of the budget overall.

Debt matters and much more needs to be done. Congress and the Administration will be remiss if they repeat the past and move on from the drama of the past several weeks without continuing the effort to fully address the major challenge of our outsized debt.

The US debt-to-GDP ratio, at 100 percent of debt-to-GDP, is at its highest level since World War II and is projected to double in the next 30 years, threatening our future prosperity. Continuing the effort to reduce that ratio to a more sustainable 70 percent should be a strategic goal and includes reforming Medicare, saving Social Security, returning to a responsible budget process, comprehensive tax reform that removes preferential treatment, and developing a sustainable and affordable plan for the clean energy transition. These are complex problems that require bipartisan solutions. We urge that restoring our fiscal health continue to be a top priority for our nation's policy leaders.

For more detailed analysis on why debt matters and solutions for

addressing the challenges, see CED's **Solutions Brief**, [Debt Matters: A Road Map for Reducing the Outsized US Debt Burden](#).

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## Congratulations to CED's 2023 Distinguished Leadership Awards Honorees

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## Leadership in Challenging Times: Conversations with the Nation's Leading CEOs and Recipients of CED's Annual Distinguished Leadership Awards

CED's *Leadership in Challenging Times* series interviews outstanding business leaders who are the recipients of [CED's Annual Distinguished Leadership Awards](#), about the unprecedented challenges facing our nation and how they have helped chart a path forward for their companies, communities, and the nation at large.

The first three episodes of the series, which is hosted by **Dr. Lori Esposito Murray**, President of CED, feature discussions with:

- **Dr. Lisa Su**, Chair and CEO of Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. (AMD). A conversation on the state of the semiconductor industry, using technology and AI as a force for good, and planning for the unpredictable. Listen to the [podcast](#) or watch the [webcast](#).
- **Thasunda Brown Duckett**, President and CEO of TIAA. A conversation on advancing economic opportunity, using her role to drive change, and solving the retirement crisis. Listen to the [podcast](#) or watch the [webcast](#).
- **Tamara Lundgren**, Chairman and CEO of Schnitzer Steel Industries, Inc. A conversation on advancing sustainability and global net zero goals, how she navigates through disruption, and leadership lessons from COVID. Listen to the [podcast](#) or watch the [webcast](#).

Stay tuned for additional conversations throughout the coming months with this year's honorees.

[Learn more about the 2023 Distinguished Leadership Awards »](#)

**What is at Stake**  
Navigating the Changing  
World Order

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**Biannual Trustee Policy Summit**  
**Spring 2023**

Wednesday, June 14, 2023  
Washington DC - All Day  
**In Person**

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## **CED 2023 Biannual Trustee Policy Summit: June 14 in Washington, DC**

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The discussions will focus on the leading economic challenges facing the nation, including the economic and fiscal outlook, the recovery from the pandemic, the AI revolution, the banking crisis, the current ESG backlash,

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CED Trustee Briefing  
***US-China Trade and Investment: Challenges & Solutions***



**Alan Estevez**  
Under Secretary of Commerce for  
Industry and Security  
US Department of Commerce

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## **US-China Trade and Investment: Challenges & Solutions: A Conversation with Alan Estevez, Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security, US Department of Commerce**

On Friday, June 2, CED briefed **Alan Estevez**, Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security at the US Department of Commerce, on its recent **Solutions Brief, *US-China Trade and Investment: Challenges & Solutions***. The briefing was provided by **John Gardner**, Vice President of Public Policy at CED.

Among the key takeaways from the Solutions Brief:

- **CHINA IS OUR STRATEGIC COMPETITOR:** Today, China is more than our principal economic competitor; it is our principal strategic competitor. Around the world, China is seeking to shift diplomatic, military, and trade patterns in its favor, demanding a US strategic response. The principal solution to the China challenge is to reassert US leadership, particularly in the Indo-Pacific region, through building stronger trade relations and better trade resilience in the region and deeper economic integration.
- **DEVELOP GUIDEPOSTS FOR EXPORT CONTROLS:** The US should support foreign investment provided it meets national security standards. The US should also consider whether export control agreements for goods of importance to national security should be more robust and mandatory. The export controls on advanced manufacturing tools for semiconductors should continue, and

restrictions should be considered on certain technologies related to military capabilities. The Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS) procedure allows companies to make their case individually, as it is not wise to target specific companies; by doing so, the procedure encourages foreign investment. However, the US should consider a broader, systemic approach to the issue.



## CED President Discusses Debt Ceiling Deal on Bloomberg Radio

Last week, **Dr. Lori Esposito Murray**, President of CED, appeared on Bloomberg Radio, soon after the House voted on the Fiscal Responsibility Act. Listen to the conversation for insights on:

- Why is the passage of the bill an important first step in the path toward fiscal health?
- What are the key components of the Fiscal Responsibility Act? What sections of the budget does it cover, and what sections remain untouched?
- Moving forward, what steps must be taken to rein in our proliferating national debt?

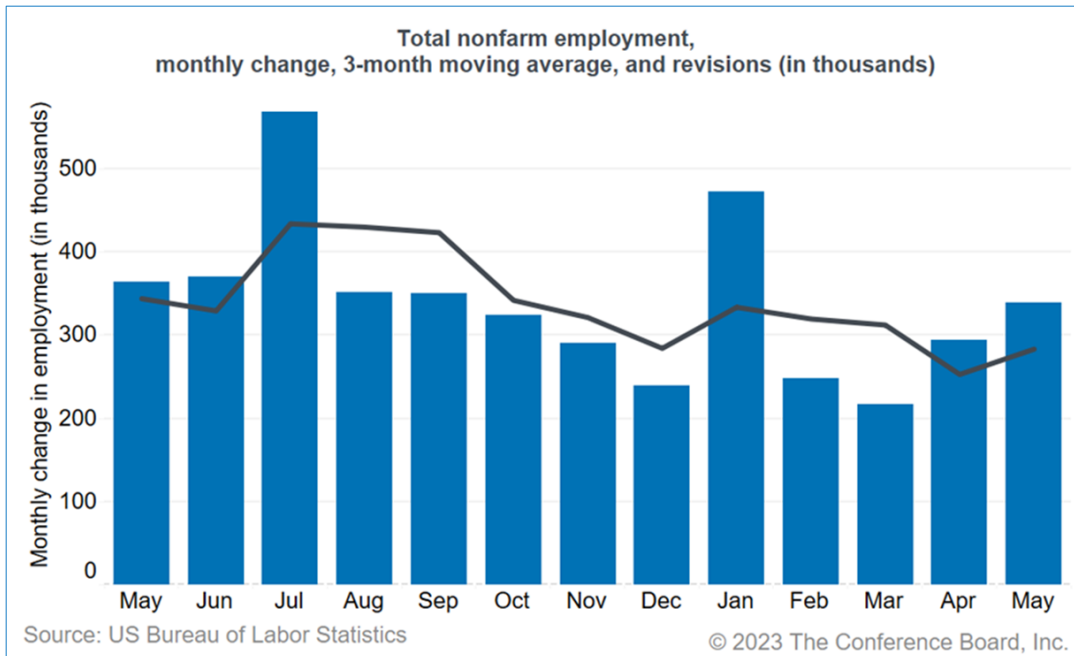
[Listen to the interview \(starting at 01:07\) »](#)



## **New Policy Briefs on the Fiscal Responsibility Act, EU-US Data Privacy Issues, and the Clean Water Act Supreme Court Decision**

As part of CED's efforts to provide insights on prominent business and economic policy issues before the nation, we recently released three timely Policy Briefs:

- **Fiscal Responsibility Act:** Discusses the bill to suspend the debt ceiling until January 2025, including major aspects of the bill such as spending restrictions, permitting reform, and IRS funding, and next steps for the budget process for Fiscal Year 2024.
- **EU-US Data Privacy Issues and Meta Fine:** Examines the EU's recent \$1.3 billion fine of Meta's Facebook for violations of the bloc's data privacy laws. It also examines how US-EU negotiations on a new Trans-Atlantic Data Privacy Framework are crucial to the continuation of companies' data practices.
- **Clean Water Act Decision Signals Sharp Regulatory Restraint:** Reviews the Supreme Court's recent decision sharply limiting the definition of wetlands subject to the Clean Water Act and examines the implications for future Supreme Court decisions on administrative law and regulatory policy.



## Strong US Labor Market Continues to Defy Expectations

Last week’s jobs report revealed the US labor market remains remarkably resilient, with total employment growing by a robust 339,000 jobs in May. Job gains in May were economy-wide, with almost every industry adding jobs—including construction, government, health care and social assistance, leisure and hospitality, professional and business services, and transportation and warehousing.

In terms of wage dynamics, the pace of wage growth continues to moderate compared to last year but remains above pre-pandemic rates. The persistence of strong job gains and elevated wage growth, coupled with the prevailing inflationary pressures, leads us to anticipate that the Federal Reserve will take further measures to tighten monetary policy. The Conference Board maintains the expectation of a short and shallow recession taking hold later in 2023.

[Read the full analysis »](#)



### Number of the Week: \$1.3 trillion

The rapid adoption of AI tools is set to propel a decade-long boom for the growing AI market, with revenues **estimated** to reach **\$1.3 trillion** by 2032 from just \$40 billion last year. AI was the dominant theme among investors

in May, as more CEOs continued to mention new AI applications in **earnings calls**. In the last week of May alone, a record \$8.5 billion **flowed** into technology funds.

The pace of recent AI developments has motivated US lawmakers to consider the best approaches to AI regulation. The EU is at the forefront of AI frameworks with its **AI Act** now under discussion in the European Parliament, and it will have to receive final approval from Parliament and the European Council. There is a possibility, but not a certainty, that the Act could come into effect by the end of 2023. Last week, US and European officials **announced** they were drawing up a voluntary code of conduct for AI in the interim as policy development moves forward.

For more details on US policy efforts around AI, read CED's Policy Briefs, ***Prospects for AI Regulation*** and ***Initiatives for Federal AI Framework***.



CED Trustee Briefing  
***June CED Monthly Trustee Economics Forecast Briefing***



**Dana Peterson**  
Chief Economist  
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## **Tomorrow: Economics Forecast for June: A Conversation with Dana Peterson, Chief Economist, The Conference Board**

Tomorrow, June 8, from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET, **Dana Peterson**, Chief Economist at The Conference Board, will brief Trustees on the ***Economics Forecast for June***. Peterson will provide an update on the US economic outlook, The Conference Board recession forecast, and insights on the labor market and latest jobs report.

# CED Trustee Briefing

## *US-EU Trade and Investment Relations*



**Dr. Laura von Daniels**  
Head of the Americas Division  
German Institute for International and Security Affairs



## US-EU Trade and Investment Relations: A Conversation with Dr. Laura von Daniels, Head of the Americas Division, German Institute for International and Security Affairs

On Monday, June 12, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET, **Dr. Laura von Daniels**, Head of the Americas Division at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs, will brief Trustees on *US-EU Trade and Investment Relations*.

The German Institute for International and Security Affairs advises the German government and parliament on questions of foreign and security policy. It also advises decision-makers in relevant international organizations including the European Union, NATO, and the United Nations. Von Daniels was previously a visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at Central European University, as well as a Fellow at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University.

POLICY WATCH WEBCAST

### A Nation Equipped: A K-12 Education System For Today And Tomorrow

June 22, 2023  
12:00 PM ET



**Dr. Jonathan Moore**  
Chief Strategy Officer  
Council of Chief State  
School Officers



**Ed Cox  
(CED Trustee)**  
Former Partner  
Patterson Belknap  
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**Paul Decker  
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President and  
CEO  
Mathematica



**Dr. Lori Esposito  
Murray  
(Moderator)**  
President  
CED



**Cindy Cisneros**  
VP of Education  
Programs  
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## **CED Policy Watch Webcast on A Nation Equipped: A K-12 Education System for Today and Tomorrow**

On Thursday, June 22, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. ET, CED will host a **Policy Watch Webcast on *A Nation Equipped: A K-12 Education System for Today and Tomorrow***.

The COVID-19 pandemic upended the K-12 education system, and addressing the challenges will require all key stakeholders to collaborate, including the business community, to bolster and accelerate progress. By attending this webcast, you will learn:

- How the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated existing challenges in the nation's K-12 education system.
- What new obstacles emerged from the pandemic's impact on schools, students, staff, and families.
- The size and scope of federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund recovery funding, and how funding is being used in states.
- Promising practices from across the country to help recover and plan for future crises.
- The status of learning recovery efforts and student achievement.

### **Distinguished panelists include:**

- **Dr. Jonathan Moore**, Chief Strategy Officer at the Council of Chief State School Officers
- **Ed Cox**, Former Partner at Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP and CED Trustee
- **Paul Decker**, President and CEO of Mathematica and CED Trustee
- **Dr. Lori Esposito Murray**, President at CED
- **Cindy Cisneros**, Vice President of Education Programs at CED

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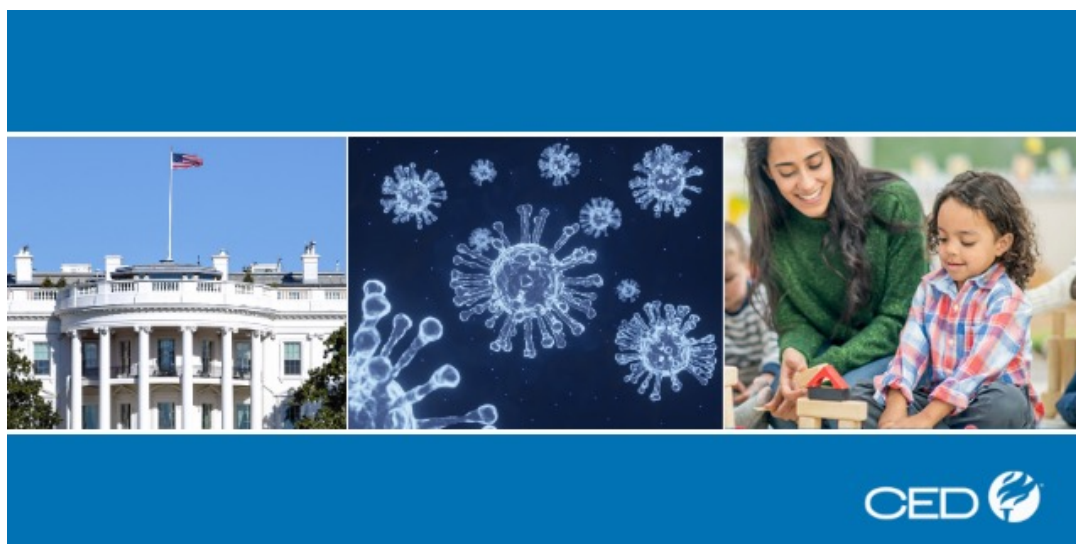


The **Trade and Economic Globalization Committee** will meet on Monday, June 12 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET. During the second half of the meeting, **Dr. Laura von Daniels**, Head of the Americas Division at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs, will brief Trustees on ***US-EU Trade and Investment Relations***.

The **Climate, Energy, and the Environment Task Force** will meet on Monday, June 12, from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET.

For questions about committees or to join a meeting, please reach out to **Katie Brunell**.

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