CED Subcommittees

**Education Subcommittee**

CED’s portfolio of education work addresses the entire learning continuum – early childhood, K-12, postsecondary, and workforce development. CED’s deepest effort has been focused on increasing the quality of, and access to, high-quality early education through public and private initiatives. Research at the national and state levels includes examining the impact of the childcare industry across states; improving the early childhood education workforce; providing recommendations on student transitions to the workplace; boosting postsecondary institution performance; increasing teacher quality; and advancing apprenticeship as a training strategy. CED supports work in states across the country by sharing evidence-based policies and practices to increase access and quality of early care and education.

**Fiscal Health Subcommittee**

Fiscal responsibility will remain one of the crucial issues before the nation for years to come. CED advocates fiscal responsibility and sound macroeconomic policy through comprehensive budget deficit reduction including tax reform that broadens the tax base and reduces tax rates, and market-based solutions to the rising cost of healthcare. CED is working with its Trustees to make the case for sound policy to a broad national audience – through public outreach events, and meetings with elected officials and business leaders.

**Regulation Subcommittee**

CED’s Regulation Subcommittee will communicate the messages of our new book, Smart Regulation. The major lessons include the need for rigorous cost-benefit analysis of proposed new regulations, ex-post review of existing regulations (which will require improved data collection), and nonpartisanship.

**Technology and Innovation Subcommittee**

US leadership in technology and science has been a key contributor fueling American prosperity. However, growing global competition, relatively weak public investment, a potentially more rapid and more complex innovation cycle, and ominous signs that policymakers are at a loss for how to modernize rules and approaches that can support innovation while protecting consumers and competition suggest that the US should be taking urgent action if it wishes to continue to secure its place as the hub for innovation and development.

Despite public concerns about technological disruption and who is at risk of being left behind, technology and investment have largely been absent from the mainstream political discourse leading up to the 2020 election. CED seeks to remedy that deficiency by identifying those critical issues, trends and policies that should be the immediate focus of forward-looking policymakers concerned about future prosperity and incorporating those initially in a solution brief. The technology solution brief will also help set the agenda for more in-depth CED research on these topics in the future.

**Ad-Hoc Committee on Public Policy Response to Economic Impact of COVID-19**

Because the economic upheaval of COVID-19 will most likely need more government intervention than the current emergency appropriations will provide, CED has launched the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on the Public Policy Response to the Economic Impact of COVID-19 to consider how a follow-on government policy response, including further stimulus policies, regulation, tax policies and tax administration etc., might be structured to address the near and longer-term economic impact. The Ad Hoc Committee, whose base is the Fiscal Health Subcommittee, will utilize the unique expertise of the CED Trustees at a time of national/international crisis. The objective is to provide a framework for follow-on government economic policy proposal.

Trustees may join CED Subcommittees focused on specific policy areas which lead to future research, publications, and outreach efforts.
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Healthcare Subcommittee

To address unsustainably rising health care costs, deficient quality of care, and inadequate access, CED’s Health Care Reform Subcommittee will continue to advance our recommendations for market-based and consumer-driven health care reform, including modernization of Medicare through the Medicare Advantage program and avoiding national fee-for-service health care as embodied in “Medicare for All.”

Women in Corporate Leadership Subcommittee

To strengthen and sustain a campaign for more women in leadership, Business Champions will be asked to contribute in a range of ways depending on their resources and commitment to this issue. The campaign will invest in these champions through media promotion and support and will highlight their work as case studies. This includes the recently released report “Filling the Pipeline,” discussing best practices for promoting women on Corporate Boards. The Subcommittee is currently evaluating best practices related to women’s advancement in C-Suite and other pipeline roles in profit and loss positions as well as how to encourage women to pursue technology-related jobs.

Money in Politics Subcommittee

CED has long held that a vibrant and strong economy results from business competition in the marketplace, not in the political arena; and that Washington works best when Americans trust that it is working in the nation’s interest. CED is deeply concerned about challenges to the strength of the nation’s democratic institutions, including practices that elevate the interests of private actors at the expense of the public good. To ensure the health and vitality of our democracy, CED continues to engage in research and outreach focused on restoring the strength of, and trust in, a government that is responsive and accountable to the people.

Workforce Subcommittee

American leadership, prosperity, and competitiveness hinge on maximizing the contributions of our nation’s workers. In keeping with the nation’s interest in the global competitiveness of the American workforce, CED has a long tradition of helping all Americans to reach their full potential. As part of that effort, CED is assessing the challenges and drivers that may be keeping some Americans from more fully participating in the labor force or better developing in-demand talents and skills, proposing reforms to the immigration system to best capitalize on international talent, and identifying policy solutions in the national interest that will help more American families share in increasing prosperity through work.

Economic Globalization Subcommittee

As part of its commitment to advance American prosperity and economic leadership in the rapidly changing 21st century economy, CED analyzes the Chinese threat to U.S. economic competitiveness and leadership comprehensively, identifying our nation’s strengths and shortcomings, describing the challenges and tensions facing U.S. policymakers and business leaders, and providing policy recommendations for an effective U.S. response in both trade and national security.