LDA Fourth Quarter Lobbying Report

As a reminder, the fourth quarter Federal Lobbying Report will be due on January 20. This is just a reminder that the reporting period was from October 1 – December 31. We will be sending out a future email with the usual details regarding quarterly lobbying reports.

If you have any questions on whether your institution should be filing, please contact Alex at alex.krigstein@suny.edu

FY2014 Appropriations

When Congress returns next week, Appropriators will unveil a giant omnibus appropriations bill they have been preparing throughout the holiday break. Progress on the $1.012 trillion 12-part legislation has been better than expected, with about half of them — covering the Departments of Commerce, Justice, Homeland Security, Defense and Veterans Affairs and major science agencies — largely finalized.

However, many obstacles still remain on both funding levels for specific programs and the different policy riders focused on President Obama’s signature health care and financial reforms laws. The two committee chairs Representative Harold Rogers (R-KY) and Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) will be meeting to make their final decisions in the near future. The process should call for rushed votes when they return next week, as congressional leaders race to finish up a bill by January 15.

*The Office of Federal Relations will be providing a detailed summary on agencies/programs of interest to SUNY when released.*

SUNY Statement in Opposition to Boycott of Israeli Academic Institutions

We wanted to share [Chancellor Zimpher’s statement](#) on opposing the boycott of Israeli academic institutions. As you know, several higher education organizations have expressed support for an academic boycott of Israeli universities citing the lack of academic freedom “for Palestinian students and scholars under conditions of Israeli occupation.”