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# High Level Overview: Federal Issues

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# Congressional Task Force

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- ❑ House Oversight Committee created a new Task Force on Defending Constitutional Rights and Exposing Institutional Abuses with authority to conduct investigations and hold hearings.
- ❑ The task force specifically identifies nonprofits, universities, and government institutions as areas of inquiry.
- ❑ Initial focus areas include DEI initiatives, immigration programs, social welfare spending, alleged misuse of taxpayer funds, and political influence in public institutions.

# PSLF Congressional Review Act

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- ❑ Congress is considering legislation to overturn a Department of Education rule affecting Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) eligibility.
- ❑ The rule would allow the Department to exclude certain employers from PSLF eligibility based on a determination that they have a "substantial illegal purpose."
- ❑ Nonprofit advocates argue the standard is broad and could affect workforce recruitment and retention in sectors already facing staffing shortages.

# Stopping Fraudulent Payments Act

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- ❑ Congress is advancing legislation that would expand Treasury Department authority to delay, condition, or segment federal payments identified as presenting an elevated fraud risk.
- ❑ The proposal would apply to a broad range of federal disbursements, including grants and contracts.
- ❑ Nonprofit organizations and grant recipients have raised concerns about payment delays, unclear standards, and potential impacts on federally funded services.