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Jared C. Bass is the senior director for Higher Education at American Progress. Prior to this role, Bass was a professional staff member on the House Appropriations Committee, where he helped shape COVID-19 relief legislation, including the CARES Act, Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, and the American Rescue Plan.

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Before coming to Washington, D.C., Bass shaped policy at the state and local levels of American government. He worked as a research fellow in the Office of the Philadelphia City Council President and served as a legislative fellow in the Delaware House of Representatives. Bass attended the James E. Beasley School of Law at Temple University, where he was a Rubin-Presser Public Interest Scholar. He holds a master's degree from the Joseph R. Biden Jr. School of Public Policy and Administration at the University of Delaware, where he was awarded the Outstanding Master's Student Award and the Pauline E. Loessner Memorial Award. Bass received his bachelor's degree from Eastern University. He has appeared in various media outlets, including NPR, C-SPAN, and the Washington Post.