

September 19, 2017

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U.S. Senate  
S-230 US Capitol  
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The Hon. Paul Ryan  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Minority Leader  
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The Hon. Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader  
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Dear Leader McConnell, Leader Schumer, Speaker Ryan, and Leader Pelosi,

We are writing to express our strong support for the final report of the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking released last week. We urge you to work closely with your colleagues and the Administration to implement the administrative and legislative policy recommendations included in it by the end of 2018.

We commend U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) and U.S. Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) for working together to create the Commission that received unanimous support from the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives in March 2016. We also commend them for announcing legislation to enact many of the recommendations. Importantly, we applaud Commission Chair Katharine Abraham, Commission Co-Chair Ron Haskins and the 13 other Commissioners who all developed and signed the final report. These actions demonstrate the strong and growing bipartisan commitment to improving the lives of the American people through the increased use of data and evidence.

The Commission's bipartisan recommendations would help make our government more effective and efficient by:

- Building evidence about the practices, policies and programs that will achieve the most effective and efficient results so that policymakers can make better decisions;
- Investing limited taxpayer dollars in practices, policies and programs that use data, evidence and evaluation to demonstrate they work; and
- Directing funds away from practices, policies, and programs that consistently fail to achieve measurable outcomes.

For all these reasons, we urge you to work closely with your colleagues and the Administration to implement the bipartisan recommendations in the final report of the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking by the end of 2018.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Achievement Network (ANet)  
Actionable Intelligence for Social Policy (AISP)  
AdvancED  
America Forward  
America's Promise Alliance  
American Educational Research Association  
American Statistical Association  
AppleTree Institute for Education Innovation  
Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture  
Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management  
Association of Public Data Users (APDU)  
Be the Change  
Bottom Line  
Build Advisory Corporation  
Building Educated Leaders for Life (BELL)  
Cascade Philanthropy Advisors  
Center for Employment Opportunities  
Center for Research and Reform in Education, Johns Hopkins University  
Chrysalis  
City of Philadelphia  
City Year  
Civic Enterprises  
College Possible National  
Communities In Schools  
Community Training and Assistance Center (CTAC)  
Council for Community and Economic Research (C2ER)  
Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics  
CSH  
Data Quality Campaign  
Democracy Builders  
EDGE Consulting Partners  
Education and Outreach Group, Sonoma State University  
Education Development Center  
Education Northwest  
Efficacy  
Empirical Education  
Educational Testing Service  
Everyone Graduates Center  
FareStart  
Forum for Youth Investment  
Friends of the Children, Inc.  
FUSE Corps  
Goodwill Industries International, Inc.  
GreenLight Fund  
Healthy Teens Coalition of Manatee County (FL)  
IDEA Public Schools  
Institute for Child Success  
Jobs for the Future  
JVS Boston  
Knowledge Alliance  
Leading Educators  
Leaps and Bounds Family Services  
LIFT  
Literacy Design Collaborative  
McREL International  
MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership  
Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas  
Metro United Way (KY)  
Mile High WorkShop  
Millionair Club Charity  
Morino Institute  
National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform  
National Prevention Science Coalition  
NCCD  
New Classrooms  
New Leaders  
New Profit  
New Teacher Center  
North Texas Alliance to Reduce Unintended Pregnancy in Teens  
Northern Humboldt Union High School District (CA)  
Nurse Family Partnership  
Opportunity Nation  
PACE Center for Girls  
Per Scholas  
PowerMyLearning  
Project Evident  
R Street Institute  
REDF  
Research Institute for Key Indicators  
Results for America  
RMC Research Corporation  
Roca

Root Cause  
SC Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy  
Seneca Family of Agencies  
Social Innovation Research Center  
Sorenson Impact Center  
Spurwink Services  
Success for All Foundation  
Sunlight Foundation  
Teach Plus  
The National Campaign to Prevent Teen  
and Unplanned Pregnancy  
The Policy & Research Group  
Third Sector  
Third Way  
TNTP  
U.S. Soccer Foundation  
Urban Alliance  
Venture Philanthropy Partners  
Waterford  
Wyman Center  
Youth Villages

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cc: The Hon. Patty Murray, Members of the Commission on Evidence-Based  
Policymaking