September 19, 2017

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U.S. Senate  
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Washington, DC 20510

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