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## Results for America Statement on Passage of Career and Technical Education Act by U.S. House of Representatives

**WASHINGTON** – Results for America (RFA) CEO and Co-founder Michele Jolin issued the following statement today in support of the evidence-based policy provisions in H.R. 5587, the bipartisan "Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act," which was passed unanimously by voice vote by the U.S. House of Representatives today:

"Results for America commends the U.S. House of Representatives for taking bipartisan action to use data and evidence to improve the career and technical education of our nation's students. We applaud the inclusion of an evidence-based innovation fund and Pay for Success provisions in the "Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act." These policies will help states and local school districts better use data and evidence to improve student outcomes and to help to align workforce skills with labor market needs. Bipartisan action like this demonstrates growing momentum for taking a Moneyball approach to governing."

<u>H.R. 5587</u> would authorize a new Innovation Grant Program to help states, local school districts, and their partners create, develop, implement, or take to scale evidence-based, field-initiated innovations to improve student outcomes in career and technical education. The legislation would also allow Innovation Grant recipients to use their awarded funds to invest in Pay for Success initiatives. RFA worked with members of the Invest in What Works coalition in support of these provisions.

## About Results for America

Results for America is improving outcomes for young people, their families and communities by shifting public resources toward practices, policies, and programs that use evidence and data to improve quality and get better results. In a climate of constrained resources and mounting demands, we know that public funds must increasingly be invested in "what works."

In November, 2014, Results for America published <u>Moneyball for Government</u>, the national bestselling book that brings together a group of bipartisan leaders and makes the case for government at all levels to inform public policy and funding decisions by using the best possible data, evidence and evaluation about what works. In January, 2016, RFA published the second edition of *Moneyball for Government* featuring a new bipartisan chapter about the importance of using data and evidence to drive U.S. foreign assistance.

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