

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Stephanie Bice
Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Modernization
Committee on House Administration
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Derek Kilmer
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Modernization
Committee on House Administration
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Dear Chairwoman Bice and Ranking Member Kilmer,

As co-chairs of the bipartisan Congressional What Works Caucus—a coalition dedicated to fostering evidence-based policymaking across party lines—we write to strongly advocate for the passage of the [Congressional Evidence-Based Policymaking Resolution](#).

A March [2019 survey](#) by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago, revealed an overwhelming consensus among Americans: 89% agree that the government should base its decisions on evidence and data, and 86% believe in reallocating resources from ineffective programs to those proven to yield positive results. Despite this, only 8% of citizens perceive policymakers as consistently leveraging evidence in their decision-making processes.

The Congressional Evidence-Based Policymaking Resolution is a great first step in addressing the lack of data and evidence resources available to congressional policymakers — and helping restore Americans’ faith in the political system. Specifically, we support the development of a bipartisan 12-member commission that will review, analyze, and make recommendations that promote the use of Federal data for evidence-building and evidence-based policymaking.

In 2016, Senator Patty Murray and Speaker of the House Paul Ryan created a commission with a similar mission – one that made recommendations on how federal agencies could better use data and evidence in decision-making. That commission's recommendations spawned the landmark 2018 Evidence Act. Since the Evidence Act became law five years ago, federal agencies have strengthened their abilities to make decisions based on evidence and data—leading to better outcomes for the American people. By passing the Congressional Evidence-Based Policymaking Resolution, Congress will be on a clear path to integrating data and evidence into the legislative process.

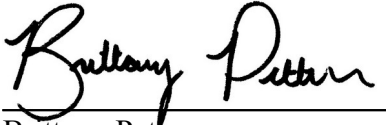
We want to thank Representatives Timmons, Kilmer, Morelle, and Phillips for writing this legislation that outlines this path forward. Failure to pass the Congressional Evidence-Based Policymaking Resolution would deprive Congress of the necessary support to make evidence-

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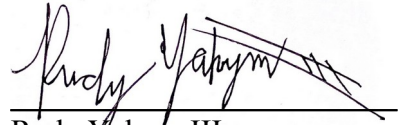
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based and data-driven decisions, hindering our collective efforts to ensure optimal outcomes for children, families, and communities nationwide.

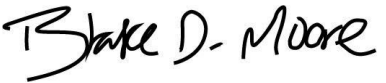
Sincerely,



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