

September 19, 2017

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

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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 Boston Foundation  
The National Campaign to Prevent Teen  
and Unplanned Pregnancy  
The Policy & Research Group  
Third Sector  
Third Way  
TNTP  
Turnaround for Children  
U.S. Soccer Foundation  
United Way of King County (WA)  
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