

September 19, 2017

The Hon. Mick Mulvaney  
OMB Director  
The Office of Management and Budget  
725 17th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Director Mulvaney,

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