



July 19, 2021

Honorable Chuck Schumer
Senate Majority Leader
Senate Room S-221, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Minority Leader
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Honorable Patty Murray
Chair
Committee on Health, Education
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U.S. Senate
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Honorable Richard Burr
Ranking Member
Committee on Health, Education,
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U.S. Senate
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Dear Leader Schumer, Minority Leader McConnell, Chair Murray and Ranking Member Burr:

As a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping policymakers use evidence and data to deliver better results for the American people, Results for America and our undersigned coalition of public, private, and nonprofit leaders and organizations strongly support the nomination of Michael Smith for Chief Executive Officer of AmeriCorps, formerly known as the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS).

Michael's strong track record of supporting the use of evidence and data to shape policy, focus on equity, and ability to elevate community voices to bring people together and solve tough community challenges makes him uniquely qualified to be the next CEO of AmeriCorps.

Michael demonstrated a deep understanding of how to drive equity and create pathways to opportunity, especially for boys and young men of color, through his leadership of President Obama's My Brother's Keeper initiative. As Director of the Social Innovation Fund (SIF) at CNCS, he reinvigorated and expanded the fund, managed its largest funding competition, introduced its first Pay for Success grant program, and oversaw a portfolio of more than \$700 million in public-private investments, supporting more than 200 nonprofits.

President Biden, in his January 2021 Executive Orders and Memoranda, has made clear his Administration's commitment to evidence-based policymaking. Under Michael's leadership, AmeriCorps will continue the long-standing bipartisan drive toward investing taxpayer dollars in what works to promote innovation, continuous improvement, and the scaling of proven solutions to advance economic mobility and racial equity.

Sincerely,



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