

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)
Actionable Intelligence for Social Policy
(AISP)
AdvancED
America Forward
America's Promise Alliance
American Educational Research
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American Statistical Association
AppleTree Institute for Education
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Association of Public Data Users (APDU)
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Bottom Line
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Chrysalis
City of Philadelphia
City Year
Civic Enterprises
College Possible National
Communities In Schools
Community Training and Assistance
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Council for Community and Economic
Research (C2ER)
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Federal Statistics
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Education Development Center
Education Northwest
Efficacy
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FUSE Corps
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GreenLight Fund
Healthy Teens Coalition of Manatee
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IDEA Public Schools
Institute for Child Success
Jobs for the Future
JVS Boston
Knowledge Alliance
Leading Educators
Leaps and Bounds Family Services
LIFT
Literacy Design Collaborative
McREL International
MENTOR: The National Mentoring
Partnership
Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South
Texas
Metro United Way (KY)
Mile High WorkShop
Millionair Club Charity
Morino Institute
National Forum to Accelerate Middle
Grades Reform
National Prevention Science Coalition
NCCD
New Classrooms
New Leaders
New Profit
New Teacher Center
North Texas Alliance to Reduce
Unintended Pregnancy in Teens
Northern Humboldt Union High School
District (CA)
Nurse Family Partnership
Opportunity Nation
PACE Center for Girls
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 National Campaign to Prevent Teen
 and Unplanned Pregnancy
 The Policy & Research Group
 Third Sector
 Third Way
 TNTP
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 Evidence-Based Policymaking