September 19, 2017

The Hon. Mick Mulvaney  
OMB Director  
The Office of Management and Budget  
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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,

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Actionable Intelligence for Social Policy Everyone Graduates Center
   (AISP) FareStart
AdvancED Forum for Youth Investment
America Forward Friends of the Children, Inc.
America’s Promise Alliance FUSE Corps
   Association GreenLight Fund
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   Agriculture Jobs for the Future
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Management Knowledge Alliance
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CSH New Classrooms
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Democracy Builders New Profit
EDGE Consulting Partners New Teacher Center
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   State University Unintended Pregnancy in Teens
Education Development Center Northern Humboldt Union High School
Education Northwest District (CA)
Educational Testing Service Nurse Family Partnership
Efficacy Opportunity Nation
Empirical Education PACE Center for Girls
Everyone Graduates Center Per Scholas
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FUSE Corps REDF
Goodwill Industries International, Inc.
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
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The Policy & Research Group
Third Sector
Third Way
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