

November 13, 2017

The Hon. Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
S-230 US Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Hon. Paul Ryan
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232 U.S. Capitol
Washington D.C. 20515

The Hon. Charles Schumer
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
S-221 U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Hon. Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204, US Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Leader McConnell, Leader Schumer, Speaker Ryan, and Leader Pelosi:

We are writing to express our support for the “Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act” (H.R. 4174 and S. 2046). As individuals and organizations committed to using data and evidence to improve outcomes for our nation’s citizens, we are grateful for the introduction of this important legislation.

We commend Speaker Ryan and Senator Murray for introducing this bipartisan legislation and applaud their collaboration that created the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking, whose final report informed the legislation.

These actions demonstrate a strong and growing bipartisan commitment to improving the lives of the American people through the increased use of data and evidence. We believe H.R. 4174 and S. 2046 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.

For all these reasons, we urge you to work together on a bipartisan basis to pass the “Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act” through the U.S. House and Senate by the end of the year.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

AcademyHealth
Achievement Network
Actionable Intelligence for Social Policy
(AISP)
AdvancED
America Forward
America's Promise Alliance
American Educational Research
Association
American Statistical Association

AppleTree Institute for Education Innovation
Association for Public Policy Analysis and
Management (APPAM)
Association of Public Data Users
BARR Center
Be The Change, Inc.
Building Educated Leaders for Life (BELL)
Bottom Line
Build Advisory
Cascade Philanthropy Advisors

Center for Employment Opportunities
Center for Research and Reform in
Education (CRRE) at Johns Hopkins
School of Education
City Year
Civic Enterprises
College Possible National
Communities In Schools
Community Training and Assistance Center
(CTAC)
Consortium of Social Science Associations
Council for Community and Economic
Research (C2ER)
Council of Professional Associations on
Federal Statistics
CSH
Data Quality Campaign
Democracy Builders
EDC
EDGE Consulting Partners
Education Analytics
Education Northwest
Efficacy
Empirical Education
Everyone Graduates Center
Forum for Youth Investment
Friends of the Children
GreenLight Fund
Healthy Teens Coalition of Manatee County,
Inc.
Institute for Child Success
Institute for Higher Education Policy
JVS Boston
Knowledge Alliance
Leading Educators
Leaps and Bounds Family Services
Learning Forward
LIFT
Literacy Design Collaborative
LSI Business Development
Marzano Research
McREL International
MENTOR: The National Mentoring
Partnership
Mile High WorkShop
Millionair Club Charity
National Forum to Accelerate Middle-
Grades Reform
National Prevention Science Coalition
NCCD
New Leaders

New Profit, Inc.
Ntarupt - The North Texas Alliance to
Reduce Unintended Pregnancy in
Teens
Nurse-Family Partnership
Opportunity Nation
PACE Center for Girls
Per Scholas
PowerMyLearning
Project Evident
Quantified Ventures
REDF
Research Institute for Key Indicators (RIKI)
Results for America
RMC Research
Roca
Root Cause
Social Innovation Research Center
Sorenson Impact Center at University of
Utah
Spurwink Services
Success for All Foundation
Sunlight Foundation
Teach For America
Teach Plus
Tennessee State Collaborative on
Reforming Education (SCORE)
The Boston Foundation
The National Campaign to Prevent Teen
and Unplanned Pregnancy
The Policy & Research Group
Third Sector
TNTP
U.S. Soccer Foundation
University of Virginia Pay for Success Lab
Urban Alliance
Venture Philanthropy Partners
Workforce Data Quality Campaign
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cc: The Hon. Patty Murray