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Director Fitzgerald, Chairmen Blunt and Cole, Ranking Members Murray and DeLauro:

As local, state, and national leaders who believe that our federal government should harness the power of data and evidence to solve our nation's most pressing challenges, we are writing to strongly urge the Trump Administration to rescind the guidance described in the December 16th *Washington Post* article that reportedly prohibits the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) from using certain words and phrases - including "evidence-based" and "science-based" - in its FY2019 budget documents.

We also urge the U.S. House and Senate appropriations committees with jurisdiction over the CDC to include language in the FY2018 appropriations bill preventing the CDC from imposing this or any other similar ban on its employees.

We recognize and appreciate the bipartisan Members of Congress and committed career civil servants who have continued to build upon the evidence-based policy-making efforts of the G.W. Bush and Obama Administrations. However, we are deeply dismayed by repeated attempts by the Trump Administration to undermine the federal government's focus on science and evidence. We call on all policymakers in both parties to reject these efforts.

Sincerely,

AcademyHealth
Advocates for Youth
America Forward
American Association of Nurse Anesthetists
American Association on Health and Disability
American Statistical Association
APLA Health
AppleTree Institute for Education Innovation
Association of Black Cardiologists

Association for Psychological Science
Association for Public Policy Analysis and
Management (APPAM)
Bottom Line
Build Advisory
Building Educated Leaders for Life (BELL)
Cascade Philanthropy Advisors
Center for Employment Opportunities

Center for Research and Reform in Education,
Johns Hopkins University
Communities In Schools
Consortium of Social Science Associations
(COSSA)
Council on Undergraduate Research
CSH
Decision Demographics
Democracy Builders
Education Northwest
Efficacy
Endocrine Society
First Place for Youth
Healthy Teens Coalition of Manatee County, Inc.
IDEA Public Schools
Institute for Child Success
JVS Boston
KIPP
Knowledge Alliance
Lakeshore Foundation
Latin American Youth Center
LIFT
Louisville Metro Government
Millionair Club Charity
NAPHSIS
National Center for Transgender Equality
National Coalition Against Censorship
National Coalition of STD Directors
National Prevention Science Coalition to Improve
Lives
New Profit
New Teacher Center
Nonprofit Finance Fund
North Texas Alliance to Reduce Unintended
Pregnancy in Teens
Nurse-Family Partnership
NYC Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity
Per Scholas, Inc.
Playworks
Power to Decide, the campaign to prevent
unplanned pregnancy
PowerMyLearning
Positive Women's Network – USA
Project Evident
Research Institute for Key Indicators
Results for America
Roca
Root Cause
Sexuality Information and Education Council of the
United States (SIECUS)
SHAPE America - Society of Health and Physical
Educators
Social Innovation Research Center
Society for Reproductive Investigation

Success for All Foundation
Sunlight Foundation
The Center for Effective Philanthropy
The Forum for Youth Investment
The Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City
Third Sector
U.S. Soccer Foundation
uAspire
United Way for Southeastern Michigan
Urban Innovations
Youth Villages

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Michael Bailin
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cc: U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP), U.S. House Committee on Energy & Commerce.