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The Hon. Roy Blunt  
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The Hon. Tom Cole  
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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  
AppleTree Institute for Education Innovation  
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  
Consortium of Social Science Associations  
(COSSA)

Council on Undergraduate Research  
CSH  
Decision Demographics  
Democracy Builders  
Education Northwest  
Efficacity  
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  
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  
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  
  
The Hon. James Kenney, Mayor, City of Philadelphia  
The Hon. Ben McAdams, Mayor, Salt Lake County  
Mark Haffey, Vice President, American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA)  
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Kathy Stack, former Advisor for Evidence-Based Innovation, White House Office of Management and Budget  
Melissa Sieben, Assistant County Administrator, Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, KS  
Rebecca Maynard, University Trustee Chair Professor, University of Pennsylvania  
John Bridgeland, former Assistant to the President and Director of the White House Domestic Policy Council (Pres. G.W. Bush) and former Member, White House Council for Community Solutions

Kevin Madden, former Senior Advisor and Spokesman for Governor Mitt Romney, former Press Secretary, House Majority Leader John Boehner (R-OH)  
Bruce Reed, former Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff to Vice President Joe Biden, and former Assistant to the President and Director of the White House Domestic Policy Council (Pres. Clinton)  
Michael Bailin  
Andrea Coleman  
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cc: U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP), U.S. House Committee on Energy & Commerce.