



June 20, 2017

Representative Kevin Brady, Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Representative Adrian Smith, Ranking Member
Committee on Ways and Means,
Subcommittee on Human Resources
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Brady and Ranking Member Smith:

On behalf of America Forward, I am writing in support of H.R. 2824, the Increasing Opportunity through Evidence-Based Home Visiting Act. America Forward commends your leadership in putting forth a bill to reauthorize, in a timely fashion, the federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Program.

America Forward is the nonpartisan policy initiative of New Profit, a national nonprofit venture philanthropy fund that seeks to break down barriers between all people and opportunity in America. **The America Forward Coalition** is a network of more than 70 social innovation organizations that champion innovative, effective, and efficient solutions to our country's most pressing social problems. Our Coalition members are achieving measurable outcomes in more than 14,500 communities nationwide, touching the lives of 8 million Americans each year, and driving progress in education, workforce development, early learning, poverty alleviation, public health, Pay for Success/Pay for Outcomes, social innovation, national service, and criminal justice reform. Since 2007, America Forward's community of entrepreneurs has played a leading role in driving the national dialogue on social innovation and advocating for lasting policy change.

Our Coalition of organizations, that serve children, youth, and families and implement effective programs across the country applaud your continued leadership and support for federal programs that include evidence and data as core features and to resource prevention over remediation. We know upfront investments like these are both more effective and are a more efficient use of government resources.

America Forward is supportive of the vision and goals of the legislation and the strengthening and expansion of the evidence-based focus of the program through the inclusion of **Section 107. Option to Fund Evidence-Based Home Visiting on a Pay for Outcomes Basis**. We have provided Committee staff with minor suggested changes to this section of the legislation that we believe clarify its application and streamline its potential utilization by eligible grantees. We look forward to seeing this section advanced with the overall legislation by the House of Representatives quickly.

Thank you again for your continued service and leadership. We look forward to working with you both to ensure the advancement of efficient and effective policies like this legislation that benefit young people, families, and all Americans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Truhe".

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