Dear Candidate,

As you develop your campaign policy agenda, we implore you to be guided by evidence-based work, particularly in the use of prevention science as applied to diverse areas such as mental and physical health, criminal and juvenile justice, poverty and homelessness, early childhood development and education, foreign relations and national security, systems infrastructure and the environment (See our factsheets and policy papers). **Effective policies, programs and interventions can prevent problems before they emerge.**

Our bipartisan approach can help break government gridlock by stressing humane social policy, **saving** and not wasting government money, and accountability by investing in what science has proven to be effective. This strategy, in turn, can lead to change on a broader scale by reducing the federal deficit, improving the U.S. economy, and eventually strengthening the democracy as a whole via a productive, healthy citizenry. Our country could indeed benefit from **Building a World-Class National Prevention System.**

Call upon us, the National Prevention Science Coalition to Improve Lives, for resources and expertise across all dimensions of prevention science. In our ranks are several hundred prominent researchers, implementation scientists, national organizations, educators, clinicians and practitioners with a diverse skill set united in the goal to translate science to practice and policy for the prevention of many societal ills.

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