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Press Release: American Evaluation Association Leaders Applaud Proposal to Strengthen Government Evaluation

The following is a joint statement from American Evaluation Association President Leslie Goodyear, President-Elect Tessie Catsambas, and Past-President Kathy Newcomer, and refers exclusively to the text on pages 118–120 of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) June 2018 [Government Reform and Reorganization Plan about evaluation policy](#):

“The American Evaluation Association applauds the Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) specific proposal to strengthen federal evaluation practices.

“OMB’s proposal to institutionalize evaluation in government by identifying responsible senior leaders and by documenting government funding for program evaluation, offers a productive strategy for enabling and monitoring government’s evaluation infrastructure. In addition, the plans to establish expectations for government agencies to develop multi-year learning agendas and to strengthen the role of evaluation in the budget process, are welcome efforts to strengthen government’s evidence-building and evaluation capacity.

“The American Evaluation Association looks forward to working with OMB and federal agencies to support these and other strategies that enable a culture of learning and improvement in government.”

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