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Chris Myers Asch
U.S. Public Service Academy
1225 I Street NW, Suite 600
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Dr. Asch:

I am pleased to provide my endorsement for the establishment of a United States Public Service Academy. The proposed Academy addresses a dire need for the best and brightest of our youth to be given training and develop a passion to provide civic leadership at local, state, national, and global levels.

As we face new challenges throughout the world, our country needs strong leadership and a sense of commitment for the public good. I can think of no better role model than the proposed National Academy – a vibrant undergraduate institution dedicated to developing a new generation of public servants from every state ready to fill important positions in education, health care, law enforcement, emergency management, and other critical public service fields.

By providing a rigorous, service-oriented, practical curriculum along with financial support for all students, the National Academy will create a new opportunity for youth from all economic backgrounds to have the necessary preparation to become effective public servants.

I strongly believe that the United States Public Service Academy will have long-term benefits to the country that we should pursue and strongly encourage Congress to pass a U.S. Public Service Academy Act.

Best,

Robert B. Stein, PhD
Commissioner of Higher Education

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