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**Statement from Office of Management and Budget Director Shaun Donovan
on the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking**

"The Obama Administration has embraced an evidence-based approach to policy making – evidence about what works and what does not, and evidence that identifies the greatest needs and opportunities to solve big challenges. This approach has reduced the number of homeless veterans on the streets by nearly half since 2010, cut the time it takes to apply for Federal financial aid by two-thirds, and increased retirement savings among our servicemembers. One of the charges of the Commission on Evidence-Based Policymaking is examining how the government can make even better use of administrative data - an important and frequently underutilized resource - to further build evidence while protecting privacy and confidentiality. The use of administrative data has tremendous potential to make it cheaper and easier to build evidence across a wide range of program and policy areas. I look forward to the Commission's work and recommendations."

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