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Chris Myers Asch  
United States Public Service Academy  
1225 I Street NW, Suite 600  
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Dr. Asch:

I am writing to offer my enthusiastic endorsement for the establishment of the United States Public Service Academy, an undergraduate institution that would be uniquely focused on developing future leaders dedicated to service in the public sector.

If the U.S. is to compete and succeed in today's knowledge-based global economy, it is absolutely essential that we build a national corps of talented and diverse leaders with the necessary character, training, and experience. Modeled on our nation's military academies, the U.S. Public Service Academy would provide high-achieving students from every state with a broad-based liberal arts education emphasizing service learning and international education. In return, Academy graduates would spend at least five years in critical public service jobs at the local, state, and national levels.

By offering a tuition-free education at a flagship institution, the Academy would help attract more of our nation's top students into public service. It would provide potential leaders an opportunity to serve our country without accumulating so much debt that they feel compelled financially to enter the private sector immediately after graduation.

In the firm belief that the United States Public Service Academy would help us build a stronger future for our citizens, I urge Congress to pass the U.S. Public Service Academy Act (S. 960 and H.R. 1671).

Sincerely,

Erskine Bowles