



The Chancellor

October 30, 2007

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

Dear Dr. Asch:

I am pleased to offer my endorsement of the United States Public Service Academy, a commendable effort to encourage America's best and brightest young people to apply their talents in service to the nation.

Working from the proven higher education model of America's premier military service academies, your vision of a "civilian West Point" promises a powerful experience for the talented students who would certainly be attracted to such an academy. It also builds a much-needed leadership pipeline for those who aspire to public service but who need the financial support provided by the academy's promise of a free education in return for a commitment to work in the public sector after graduation.

Public service offers unparalleled opportunities for individual enrichment and collective progress. Expanding the field of young people who want to work toward building a better future, more effective public institutions, and a more informed public is an essential goal for this new century. A public service academy would commit our nation to cultivating a new generation of leaders for America.

In view of the many benefits that would result from such an endeavor in U.S. higher education, I urge Congress to pass the U.S. Public Service Academy Act (S. 960 and H.R. 1671).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Goldstein". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Matthew Goldstein