



**\*\*\*Statement by LEO Co-founder Jim Sullivan\*\*\***

**Yesterday the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act of 2018 was signed into law. This bipartisan effort will increase the opportunity and capacity for government agencies and non-profit social service providers to improve programs and policies using scientific evidence. By establishing dedicated personnel within top federal agencies, and allowing for greater access to data, while ensuring privacy protection, this act will promote better evidence on the impact of social programs. This evidence will lead to more effective social policy and, ultimately, improve the well-being of vulnerable populations.**

**LEO co-founder, Jim Sullivan, has been working with members of Congress to find ways to promote greater reliance on evidence amongst policymakers and social service providers. This work led to the creation of the [Commission for Evidence-Based Policymaking](#) (CEP) in 2016. The new law enacts many of the Commission's final recommendations. Sullivan continues this work as a member of the [Commission on Social Impact Partnerships](#).**