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A Mandate for 21st-Century Government Data

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Using data is not just about better policymaking. It is about trust. When you use clear, publicly available data, voters can understand why decisions were made, track whether they worked, and evaluate the results.

We also ask you to fulfil your duties as stewards of the data itself.

Years of underinvestment has led America’s data system — considered the gold standard of the world — to degrade. Federal data is frequently outdated, released too slowly to inform real-time decisions, and lacks local detail needed to understand what is happening in states and communities. It is fragmented across agencies, difficult to access, and often requires specialized expertise to interpret. In some cases, critical data is incomplete or inconsistent, limiting its usefulness for both lawmakers and the public.

When data grows obsolete, decision-making suffers. So does public trust.

This is not an abstract problem — it is a core function of government. The same way Congress funds roads, defense, and public safety, you must also fund and oversee the nation’s data infrastructure. It’s 2026. We need leaders to bring government data into the 21st Century.

We are asking you to do two things:

First: Use data to legislate.

Make data a standard part of policymaking. Use it to define problems, compare options, allocate resources, and measure outcomes. Make the data behind major decisions clear and accessible so that voters can understand your work.

Second: Fix the data when it falls short.

When data is too slow, too fragmented, too inaccessible, or lacks local relevance, it is a critical problem to solve, not just for you, but for your constituents as well. We ask you to use your authority to modernize federal data systems, improve timeliness and quality, increase ease of access, and ensure data is usable for both policymakers and the public.

A functioning democracy requires informed decisions and an informed public. Both depend on better use of data – and better data itself.

Sincerely,
The Undersigned Voters, Steve Ballmer, Name, and Name

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