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Jon Baron is president of the Coalition for Evidence-Based Policy, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that he founded in 2001. Over the past 13 years, the Coalition's work with Executive Branch and Congressional policymakers has advanced important evidence-based reforms in U.S. social programs, which have been enacted into law. In a recent external review of the Coalition's work, based on not-for-attribution interviews with federal officials: "The Coalition was given credit by multiple interviewees for the Office of Management and Budget's establishment of a requirement that many discretionary domestic programs be subject to rigorous evaluation, and for certain pieces of legislation carrying similar requirements.... As one interviewee stated, 'The push for strong evidence would not have happened as quickly and widely and with so relatively little controversy without the Coalition.'"

Based on the Coalition's work, Mr. Baron was twice nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate to serve on the National Board for Education Sciences (2004-2011), and was the Board's Chair during the last year of his term. He has also served on the National Academies' Committee on Capitalizing on Science, Technology, and Innovation; and is an Honorary Fellow of the Academy of Experimental Criminology, and recipient of the Society for Prevention Research's Public Service Award (2006).

Mr. Baron's prior positions include: Executive Director of the Presidential Commission on Offsets in International Trade (2000-2001); Program Manager for the Defense Department's Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program (1995-2000); and Counsel to the House of Representatives Committee on Small Business (1989-1994).

Mr. Baron holds a law degree from Yale Law School, a Master's degree in public affairs from Princeton University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rice University.

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