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## **Statement Regarding the Removal of Dr. Erika McEntarfer, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics**

The American Political Science Association (APSA) is deeply concerned by the recent removal of Dr. Erika McEntarfer as Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The decision to remove Commissioner McEntarfer appears to be in response to a standard revision to the agency's reported employment data for May and June. The Trump Administration levied the baseless accusation that the agency purposefully amended the report to reflect negatively upon the current Administration. The Administration has offered no evidence for the accusation or other reasons for the decision to remove Commissioner McEntarfer. Instead, it has publicly questioned the validity and impartiality of the agency's process of producing data, again without any supporting evidence.

As a federal statistical agency, BLS provides critical data on employment statistics and economic indicators. These data are a valuable resource for individuals, researchers, businesses, employers and governments in their efforts to provide credible research and to make sound economic decisions. The autonomy and impartiality that federal statistical agencies enjoy allows them to deliver data that are viewed as reliable and accurate. The effort to interfere in the production of labor statistics and unsubstantiated public assertions that those statistics are biased will lead to a dangerous erosion of trust in federal data and constitutes an unacceptable infringement on the principles of evidence-based research.

APSA stands in support of Commissioner McEntarfer and the statisticians who produce important jobs data at BLS. We further call on Congress to engage in oversight over the Trump Administration's removal of Commissioner McEntarfer, and to ensure the nonpartisan and independent nature of the federal statistical system.

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