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In this directory, you'll see profiles of over 700 incredible public sector leaders. These are diverse, experienced leaders who have a demonstrated commitment to the public good, and a track record of challenging corporate power and working to build a better world.

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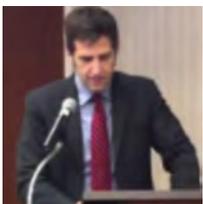
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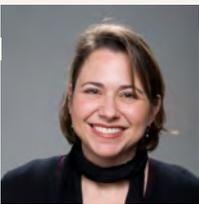
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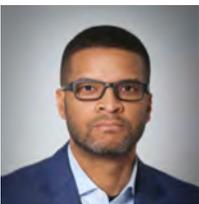
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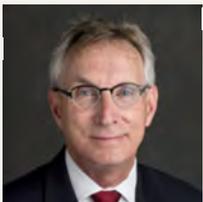
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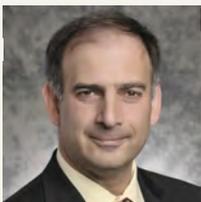
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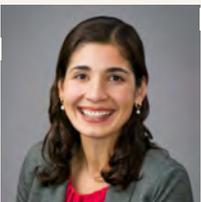
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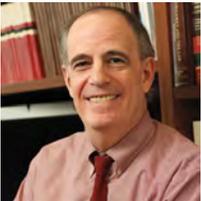
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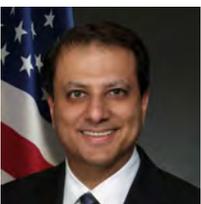
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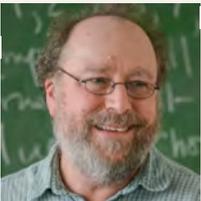
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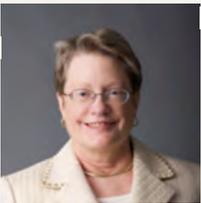
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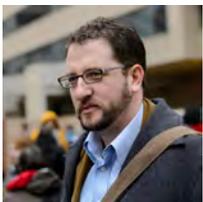
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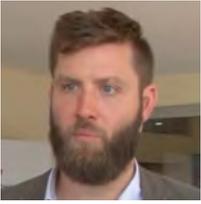
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