



# THE CENSUS PROJECT

Supporting quality measures of  
America's economy and places

December 2, 2021

The Honorable Patrick Leahy, Chair  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Shelby, Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Chair  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger, Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Leahy, Ranking Member Shelby, Chair DeLauro, and Ranking Member Granger,

On behalf of the thousands of census stakeholders in the public, private, non-profit, and academic sectors that we represent, we are writing to express our strong support for including a spending anomaly for the Census Bureau in the next Fiscal Year 2022 continuing resolution (CR).

Prior to the beginning of Fiscal Year 2022, the Census Bureau instituted new spending strategies to maintain stable funding for all of its programs and surveys, including the Periodic Census programs account, 2022 Economic Census, and the Data Ingest and Collection for the Enterprise (DICE) program. As a result of the agency's action, the Bureau did not need a spending anomaly in the first FY 2022 CR. We understand, however, that if another CR that extends beyond February 1, 2022, is necessary, the Bureau must have a spending anomaly to keep these programs, and the agency's other mission-critical surveys and programs, afloat. Without such an anomaly, funding for these activities will be depleted, rendering the Bureau unable to sustain their essential operations.

These activities must be provided an anomaly to ensure a successful conclusion of the 2020 Census, including the delivery of high-quality decennial census data products, and to launch preparations for the 2030 Census—both of which are constitutionally mandated. Further, the Economic Census, which generates data essential to understanding the American economy, is entering peak operations. Likewise, the DICE program is making important progress that would be derailed by any major funding delays. For these reasons, we urge you to provide the Census Bureau with a funding anomaly in the next CR—particularly if the CR extends beyond February 1, 2022.

Thank you for considering our views regarding this matter. We wish you well as you work to reconcile and pass the next CR and enact a final FY 2022 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill.

Sincerely,

**National**

African American Health Alliance  
American Educational Research Association  
American Statistical Association  
American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC)  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - AAJC  
Asian and Pacific Islander American Vote (APIAVote)  
Association of Population Centers  
Association of Public Data Users (APDU)  
Claritas  
Coalition on Human Needs  
Consortium of Social Science Associations  
Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics (COPAFS)  
Decision Demographics, LLC  
Empowering Pacific Islander Communities (EPIC)  
FairVote Action  
Free Government Information (FGI)  
Government Information Watch  
Hispanic Federation  
Insights Association  
Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)  
Maxfield Research and Consulting LLC  
Midwest Political Science Association  
Multicultural Council of America  
NALEO Educational Fund  
National Association of Counties  
National Association of Home Builders  
National Association of REALTORS®  
National Community Development Association  
National Multifamily Housing Council  
Nielsen  
Partnership for America's Children  
Population Association of America  
ReadyNation  
The Gerontological Society of America  
The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights  
Urban and Regional Information Systems Association

**State-Level**

MACS		MN
MCCOY (Marion County Commission on Youth, Inc.)		IN
Michigan Nonprofit Association		MI
Minnesota Council on Foundations		MN
National Disability Rights Network		DC
NC Child		NC
NC Counts Coalition		NC
Our Children Oregon		OR
Public Justice Center		MD

**Local/City/Regional**

Cleveland Foundation	Cleveland	OH
Dreams United/Sueños Unidos	Long Prairie	MN
Indivisible Hawaii	Honolulu	HI
Na'ah Illahee Fund	Seattle	WA
Robert W. Deutsch Foundation	Baltimore	MD

cc: The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen  
The Honorable Jerry Moran  
The Honorable Matt Cartwright  
The Honorable Robert Aderholt