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3/19/2018	Underfunding, Canceled Tests Raise Fears About First-Ever Online Census	U.S. News & World Report	200
2/13/2018	Asking about citizenship in the 2020 census is "unconstitutional," according to 19 Democrats	Newsweek Online	200
2/9/2018	Opinion   Census Sabotage	New York Times Online, The	200
2/1/2018	2020 Census will ask white people about origins but leave out questions about Hispanic and Middle Eastern identities	Newsweek Online	200
1/25/2018	How a citizenship question on the 2020 Census could diminish Miami's political clout	Miami Herald Online, The	200
1/25/2018	Potential citizenship question in census could shift power; GOP likely would gain; Democrats doubt accuracy	Houston Chronicle	200
1/21/2018	Census 2020: High stakes for Illinois	Chicago Tribune	200
1/15/2018	The Census Should Ask About Citizenship	Wall Street Journal Online, The	200
1/9/2018	Census doesn't need citizenship question	USA Today	200
1/8/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	USA Today Online	200
1/4/2018	Don't imperil the U.S. census	Los Angeles Times	200
12/30/2017	This month, the Department of Justice requested to include a citizenship question on the 2020 Census	Newsweek Online	200
3/20/2018	Trump's reelection campaign calls for adding citizenship question to 2020 census amid criticism that he is politicizing the count	Washington Post Online, The	160
2/16/2018	Citizenship Question Would Convert Census Into a GOP Voter Suppression Tool	Daily Beast, The	160
2/15/2018	Census Question May Be Bad for Health	New York Times, The	160
2/5/2018	Groups raise concerns about move to ask about citizenship on the Census	USA Today Online	160
1/29/2018	Census Change to Race, Ethnicity Questions Shelved by Trump Administration Delay	Wall Street Journal Online, The	160
1/19/2018	High stakes for Illinois	Chicago Tribune Online	160
1/19/2018	Why Asking About Citizenship Could Make the Census Less Accurate	New York Times Online, The	160

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1/10/2018	Groups oppose potential question on citizenship in next census	Houston Chronicle Online/chron.com	160
1/9/2018	Hostility to this Census question is overblown	USA Today	160
1/8/2018	Hostility to Census question is overblown	USA Today Online	160
1/5/2018	The GOP sabotage of the census	Washington Post, The	160
1/3/2018	Critics Say Questions About Citizenship Could Wreck Chances for an Accurate Census	New York Times Online, The	160
1/3/2018	Alarm at Proposal to Ask About Citizenship Status in Census	New York Times Online, The	160
1/3/2018	The wrong question to ask	Washington Post, The	160
1/3/2018	Request to Check Citizenship Stirs Fears for Census	New York Times, The	160
1/2/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	CNN Online	160
3/18/2018	Eyewitness Newsmakers	KABC-TV	150
3/15/2018	Fearing a Trump population undercount, Brown wants more money for state census effort	Sacramento Bee Online, The	150
3/11/2018	No citizen question on the census	San Antonio Express-News Online	150
3/6/2018	Census respondents may be asked citizenship status in 2020 survey	FOX News Channel Online	150
3/5/2018	We can't count on the Census Bureau	New York Daily News Online	150
3/4/2018	Rural Deep South at most risk of being overlooked in 2020 census	Richmond Times-Dispatch	150
2/19/2018	States oppose census citizenship query	San Diego Union-Tribune, The	150
2/18/2018	All Mississippi residents need to be counted in census	Clarion-Ledger Online, The	150
2/18/2018	Census count vital to state	Clarion-Ledger, The	150
2/18/2018	Will the 2020 Census find you?	Los Angeles Daily News	150
2/17/2018	Why citizenship could be a question on the 2020 Census	Orange County Register Online, The	150
2/15/2018	Public-health officials pan Justice Dept. bid to add citizenship question to census	Seattle Times Online, The	150
2/13/2018	Citizenship question on 2020 Census jeopardizes Florida's political clout	Orlando Sentinel Online	150
2/13/2018	N.J. flags Census citizen question More than a dozen states object to proposal, fearing immigrants won't respond	Star-Ledger, The	150

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2/12/2018	Dem AGs press Trump officials not to include citizenship question in census	Hill Online, The	150
2/8/2018	Mayors to Census: Don't Blow This	CityLab	150
2/6/2018	Citizenship question drives uncertainty over 2020 census	Hill Online, The	150
1/30/2018	California must stop Trump from sabotaging the census	Mercury News Online, The	150
1/30/2018	Opinion: California must stop Trump from sabotaging the census	Mercury News, The	150
1/26/2018	Commentary: A flawed Census could hurt Utah's rural areas and marginalized communities	Salt Lake Tribune Online	150
1/26/2018	Why 2020 Census should not ask about citizenship	Mercury News Online, The	150
1/26/2018	Commentary A flawed Census could hurt Utah's rural areas and marginalized communities	Salt Lake Tribune, The	150
1/25/2018	Legislation Tries to Block Census from Adding Citizenship Question as DOJ Requested	Pajamas Media	150
1/25/2018	Trump administration's census citizenship question could help rig redistricting for Republicans	Daily Kos	150
1/22/2018	Trump officials want 2020 census to ask about citizenship	Washington Times, The	150
1/21/2018	Trump officials want 2020 Census to ask about citizenship	Washington Times Online	150
1/10/2018	Trump Administration's Push For Citizenship Question On Census Alarms Critics	KUHF-FM - Online	150
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Commercial Appeal Online	150
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	News Journal Online, The	150
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Arizona Republic Online	150
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Journal News Online, The	150
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Des Moines Register Online	150
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Detroit Free Press Online	150
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Cincinnati Enquirer Online, The	150
1/9/2018	GOP Weaponizing the Census for Voter Suppression	Daily Kos	150
1/8/2018	Congress must guard accuracy of census	Star Tribune	150
1/7/2018	GOP sabotaging census	Asbury Park Press	150
1/5/2018	Census citizenship question sought	Dayton Daily News	150
1/4/2018	EDITORIAL: Quick way to undermine the U.S. Census? Ask about citizenship	Chicago Sun-Times	150

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1/3/2018	Should 2020 census ask Californians about their citizenship?	San Diego Union-Tribune Online	150
12/31/2017	Trump Justice Department Pushes For Citizenship Question On Census, Alarming Experts	National Memo	150
12/30/2017	Trump Justice Department Pushes for Citizenship Question on Census, Alarming Experts	HuffPost	150
3/22/2018	Immigrants hiding from Trump imperil accuracy of US Census	Miami Herald Online, The	120
3/20/2018	President Trump is sabotaging census, CA elections chief says	KABC-TV Online	120
3/19/2018	U.S. census shouldn't ask about citizenship	South Florida Sun Sentinel Online	120
3/16/2018	Dems push DOJ for answers on Census citizenship question request	Hill Online, The	120
3/16/2018	Peter Kirsanow, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights member, asks about citizenship on census forms	Washington Times, The	120
3/15/2018	Civil rights commissioner enters raging debate by requesting citizenship question on census	Washington Times Online	120
3/13/2018	Letters: Don't add unneeded questions to census	Newsday Online	120
3/13/2018	Department of Justice seeking to add citizenship status question in 2020 census	WTTG-TV Online	120
3/1/2018	Census' citizenship question raises concern	Newsday Online	120
2/27/2018	Why Asking About U.S. Citizenship Imperils the Census	CityLab	120
2/26/2018	Rural Deep South at most risk of being overlooked in 2020 Census	Miami Herald Online, The	120
2/23/2018	Extra Doorbells, Satellite Dishes: How Cities Search for People the Census May Miss	New York Times, The	120
2/22/2018	Extra Doorbells, Satellite Dishes: How Cities Search for People the Census May Miss	New York Times Online, The	120
2/20/2018	Yes: U.S. deserves accurate count of citizens, noncitizens	Orlando Sentinel	120
2/19/2018	US wants to add citizenship query to census, but group of states and DC protest	San Francisco Chronicle Online	120
2/18/2018	State fights Trump over citizenship question on census	Los Angeles Daily News	120
2/17/2018	Census 'citizenship' question sets off new California vs. Trump immigration argument	Orange County Register Online, The	120
2/16/2018	Upcoming 2020 Census sparks fears of citizenship question	Mercury News Online, The	120

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2/16/2018	The Census, Politicized	New York Times, The	120
2/15/2018	Opinion   The Census, Politicized	New York Times Online, The	120
2/14/2018	Latino Groups Push Back on Citizenship Question for Census	Public News Service	120
2/14/2018	A Citizenship Question on the Census May Be Bad for Your Health	New York Times Online, The	120
2/14/2018	Frey opposes U.S. Census question on citizenship	Star Tribune	120
2/13/2018	Minneapolis mayor joins opposition to citizenship question in Census	Star Tribune Online	120
2/13/2018	Trump's pick to run the 2020 Census withdraws from consideration	ThinkProgress	120
2/13/2018	California AG pushes back on proposal to ask citizenship in census	San Diego Union-Tribune Online	120
2/13/2018	Maine attorney general joins peers opposing citizenship question in census	Portland Press Herald Online	120
2/13/2018	State attorneys general: No citizenship question on census	Vancouver Sun Online, The	120
2/13/2018	AG joins census question opposition	Portland Press Herald	120
2/13/2018	States fight plan to ask of citizenship in census	San Diego Union-Tribune, The	120
2/7/2018	L.A. City Council Opposes Citizenship Question on Federal Census Form	KEIB-AM Online	120
2/6/2018	Analysis   There's a big problem with how the census measures race	Washington Post Online, The	120
2/1/2018	U.S. Census won't include Middle Eastern-North African ethnic category in 2020 survey	WDIV-TV Online	120
1/26/2018	Census citizenship question under review	CNN Online	120
1/25/2018	How a citizenship question on the 2020 Census could diminish Miami's political clout	Naked Politics - The Miami Herald	120
1/25/2018	Potential citizenship question for 2020 Census could shift power to rural America	Denver Post, The	120
1/22/2018	Citizenship, Census and Congressional Seats	Wall Street Journal Online, The	120
1/20/2018	Trump's illegally trying to put a notorious gerrymanderer in charge of the 2020 census	Daily Kos	120
1/13/2018	States are taking action to prevent census undercounting	Star Tribune Online	120

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1/11/2018	Census Uncertainty Spurs State Action To Prevent Undercounting	HuffPost	120
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WBGO-FM Online	120
1/10/2018	The Controversial Question DOJ Wants to Add to the U.S. Census	Atlantic Online, The	120
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	Billings Gazette Online	120
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	St. Louis Post-Dispatch Online	120
1/8/2018	GOP is sabotaging the census -- and ignoring the Constitution	Denver Post, The	120
1/4/2018	Why the census shouldn't try to count undocumented immigrants	Los Angeles Times Online	120
1/3/2018	The DOJ Wants A Citizenship Question On The Census. That Could Blow Up The Whole Survey	Yahoo News	120
1/3/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	WGCL-TV Online	120
12/30/2017	DoJ is pressing the Census Bureau to put a citizenship question on the 2020 short form.	Daily Kos	120
3/20/2018	Why NYC will get screwed by the census-again	Crain's New York Business Online	100
3/19/2018	Trump Is Fundraising Off a Question That Would Scare Immigrants Away From the Census	Mother Jones Online	100
3/8/2018	We Now Know Who's Behind the Trump Administration's Push to Suppress Immigrant Participation in the Census	Mother Jones Online	100
3/6/2018	Idaho Census 2020 planning underway	Idaho Business Review Online, The	100
2/28/2018	Proposed question about citizenship status in the 2020 Census concerns immigrant rights advocates	Summit Daily News Online	100
2/18/2018	Residents must all be counted in census	Hattiesburg American	100
2/13/2018	Massachusetts AG Maura Healey opposes Trump administration effort to add citizenship question to US census	Republican Online/MassLive.com, The	100
2/12/2018	Census citizenship question gets pushback from 19 state attorneys general	Washington Examiner Online	100
2/8/2018	A Census for dummies	Valley Times-News, The	100
1/24/2018	Asking citizenship question on census not a viable idea	Citizen Tribune Online	100
1/21/2018	Can 2020 Census be saved?	Monitor Online	100

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1/21/2018	Don't mix immigration with 2020 Census	Monitor Online	100
1/16/2018	Michael Barone: Against new questions for the 2020 Census	Washington Examiner Online	100
1/16/2018	L.A. County Fights Plan to Add Citizenship Question to 2020 Census	City News Service, Inc.	100
1/16/2018	Michael Barone: Against new questions for the 2020 Census	Washington Examiner	100
1/14/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Evening Sun, The	100
1/13/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need to add citizenship question	Newark Advocate, The	100
1/11/2018	Undermining Census 2020	Public Opinion	100
1/10/2018	Trump Administration's Push For Citizenship Question On Census Alarms Critics	KUT-FM - Online	100
1/10/2018	Census doesn't need citizenship question	Evansville Courier & Press, The	100
1/10/2018	Census doesn't need citizenship question	Visalia Times-Delta	100
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Fort Collins Coloradoan Online	100
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Statesman Journal Online	100
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Public Opinion Online	100
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Stevens Point Journal Online	100
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Herald Times Reporter Online	100
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Kitsap Sun Online	100
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Daily Journal Online, The	100
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Tallahassee Democrat Online	100
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Spectrum Online	100
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Las Cruces Sun-News Online	100
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Marion Star Online	100
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Ithaca Journal Online	100
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Daily News Journal Online, The	100
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Lansing State Journal Online	100
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	News-Press Online, The	100
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	El Paso Times Online	100
1/8/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Post-Crescent Online	100
1/8/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Press & Sun-Bulletin Online	100
1/8/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	WBIR-TV Online	100
1/8/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Observer & Eccentric Newspapers - Onlin	100

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1/8/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Battle Creek Enquirer Online	100
1/8/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Iowa City Press-Citizen Online	100
1/8/2018	It's time for the Census Bureau to stop dividing America	Bulletin Online	100
1/8/2018	Trump administration pushes for a change that could derail the census	Enterprise, The	100
1/8/2018	The American people are dangerously divided, but one event looming on the horizon has the potential to put us on a path toward unity: the U.S. census.[CR-LF][CR-LF]If President Donald Trump makes no changes, the U.S. Census B	Bulletin, The	100
1/6/2018	Why the next census shouldn't try to count unauthorized immigrants	Times, The	100
1/4/2018	Wrongheaded question could derail 2020 census   Opinion   Journal Gazette	Journal Gazette Online, The	100
1/4/2018	The Trump administration pushes for a change that could derail the census	Herald-News Online, The	100
1/4/2018	EDITORIAL Other views - A change that could derail the next census	Corpus Christi Caller-Times	100
1/4/2018	Census may be derailed	Morning Sentinel	100
1/4/2018	Census may be derailed	Kennebec Journal	100
3/15/2018	It's Common Sense To Everybody Except The Progressive Left	WMAL-AM Online	96
3/10/2018	Another view ; Count all people, as Constitution requires	San Antonio Express-News	90
3/9/2018	Count all the people, just as the Constitution says	San Antonio Express-News Online	90
3/4/2018	Rural South at risk of being undercounted in 2020 POLITICS	Mobile Press-Register	90
3/3/2018	Census rushes to respond to request to add citizenship question	Salon	90
2/25/2018	Why the 2020 census shouldn't ask about your citizenship status	Salon	90
2/20/2018	No: Question will jeopardize Florida and its political clout	Orlando Sentinel	90
2/20/2018	Should census ask about citizenship?	Orlando Sentinel	90
2/19/2018	Citizenship query proposed	San Francisco Chronicle	90
2/16/2018	Should census ask about your citizenship?	Orlando Sentinel Online	90
2/13/2018	Don't ask about citizenship on census, California tells Trump	Sacramento Bee Online, The	90
2/13/2018	State AGs gripe over citizenship question on 2020 census	New York Daily News Online	90

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2/8/2018	The California impact if 2020 Census includes question about citizenship status	KPCC-FM Online	90
2/6/2018	Where are you really from?	Arkansas Democrat-Gazette Online	90
1/31/2018	KQED Forum with Michael Krasny	Forum - KQED-FM	90
1/27/2018	Smerconish	Smerconish - CNN	90
1/27/2018	Census citizenship question under legal review	WDIV-TV Online	90
1/25/2018	Will California lose a seat in Congress after the next census? You can bet Trump hopes so	San Diego Union-Tribune Online	90
1/24/2018	Why Democrats should be worried about the Census requesting citizenship info	Fix - The Washington Post, The	90
1/17/2018	Could Trump's crackdown on immigration cost California a congressional seat?	San Diego Union-Tribune Online	90
1/15/2018	Playing politics with 2020 Census might backfire on Trump	Plain Dealer, The	90
1/14/2018	missing mississippians	Clarion-Ledger, The	90
1/13/2018	Mississippi's rural black, Hispanic communities risk underrepresentation in 2020 census	Clarion-Ledger Online, The	90
1/7/2018	Catherine Rampbell: The GOP is sabotaging this sacred mandate	New Hampshire Union Leader Online	90
1/6/2018	It's time to stop dividing America	Post-Standard, The	90
1/5/2018	Catherine Rampell: The GOP is sabotaging this sacred mandate	Salt Lake Tribune Online	90
1/3/2018	Trump Justice Department pushes for citizenship question on census, alarming experts	Salon	90
12/30/2017	DOJ pushing for citizenship question on census forms: report	Hill Online, The	90
3/22/2018	Omnibus boosts Census funding	Federal Computer Week Online	80
3/20/2018	Trump campaign taps census question as a fund-raising tool	Federal Computer Week Online	80
3/19/2018	Do you want the next census to include citizenship question?	USA Today Online	80
3/12/2018	Trump is Reshaping the Census to Reflect His Vision of America	Mother Jones Online	80
3/6/2018	The Next Census Will Shape Children's Lives. Let's Make Sure We Count Right	Education Week Online	80
2/27/2018	Trump Can Help Overcome Identity Politics	Wall Street Journal Online, The	80
2/22/2018	Why the 2020 census shouldn't ask about your citizenship status	Rapid City Journal Online	80

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2/20/2018	Can the Trump Administration Rig the Census?	New Republic Online	80
2/19/2018	State fights on census question	Inland Valley Daily Bulletin	80
2/19/2018	California battles Trump on census	Long Beach Press-Telegram	80
2/18/2018	Group of states protest bid to add citizenship query to census :: WRAL.com	WRAL-TV Online	80
2/18/2018	N.J. opposes census citizenship question More than a dozen states object to proposal, fearing immigrants won't respond	South Jersey Times	80
2/14/2018	A Citizenship Question on the Census May Be Bad for Your Health :: WRAL.com	WRAL-TV Online	80
2/14/2018	Where are you really from? No, really?	Miami Herald Online, The	80
2/13/2018	Hawaii joins states opposed to census citizenship question	Honolulu Star-Advertiser Online	80
2/11/2018	Census deciding whether to ask about citizenship	Town Talk, The	80
2/10/2018	Galvin fears Trump is 'sabotaging' 2020 census	Telegram & Gazette Online	80
2/10/2018	Galvin fears Trump is 'sabotaging' 2020 census	Telegram & Gazette	80
2/9/2018	Groups raise concerns about move to ask about citizenship on the Census	Town Talk Online	80
2/9/2018	Citizen status on the Census?	Montgomery Advertiser	80
2/7/2018	Massachusetts official warns of possible census undercount	Miami Herald Online, The	80
2/7/2018	Trump trying to 'sabotage' 2020 census, Galvin says	Republican, The	80
2/6/2018	Massachusetts' Galvin worried Trump administration 'sabotaging' 2020 census	Telegram & Gazette Online	80
2/6/2018	Secretary of State worried Trump administration is 'sabotaging' 2020 census	Metro New York Online	80
2/6/2018	President Donald Trump wants to 'sabotage' 2020 census	Republican Online/MassLive.com, The	80
1/30/2018	Ensure the Census Counts Everyone	U.S. News & World Report	80
1/27/2018	Critical Census test to start on schedule, as long as the government doesn't shut down -- FCW	Federal Computer Week Online	80
1/26/2018	Census Bureau changes course on key 2020 question	Federal Computer Week Online	80
1/26/2018	DACA outline in line of fire	Chicago Tribune	80
1/25/2018	If Trump's citizenship question is on census, Illinois could lose a seat in Congress	Chicago Tribune Online	80
1/25/2018	Why we need to count citizens in the 2020 census	Washington Examiner Online	80

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1/24/2018	America will have no racial majority by 2042	Chicago Tribune Online	80
1/19/2018	Why Asking About Citizenship Could Make the Census Less Accurate :: WRAL.com	WRAL-TV Online	80
1/18/2018	It's time for the Census Bureau to stop dividing America, say Ward Connerly and Mike Gonzalez	Press of Atlantic City Online	80
1/14/2018	VOICE OF THE PEOPLE	Chicago Tribune	80
1/13/2018	Hostility to Census question is overblown	Newark Advocate, The	80
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	Wisconsin Public Radio - Online	80
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WVXU-FM - Online	80
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	Santa Maria Times Online	80
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	Arizona Daily Star Online	80
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	World Online	80
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	Casper Star-Tribune Online	80
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	Lincoln Journal Star Online	80
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	Montana Standard Online	80
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	Times & Democrat Online, The	80
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	Southern Illinoisan Online	80
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	Pantagraph Online	80
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	Fremont Tribune Online	80
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	Quad-City Times Online	80
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	Journal Times Online	80
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	Post-Star Online	80
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	Winona Daily News Online	80
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	Corvallis Gazette-Times Online	80
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	Daily News Online, The	80
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	Bismarck Tribune Online	80
1/9/2018	Hostility to Census question is overblown	Fort Collins Coloradoan Online	80
1/9/2018	Hostility to Census question is overblown	Kitsap Sun Online	80
1/9/2018	Hostility to Census question is overblown	Daily Journal Online, The	80

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1/9/2018	Hostility to Census question is overblown	Marion Star Online	80
1/8/2018	Hostility to Census question is overblown	Post-Crescent Online	80
1/8/2018	Hostility to Census question is overblown	Press & Sun-Bulletin Online	80
1/8/2018	Hostility to Census question is overblown	WBIR-TV Online	80
1/8/2018	Hostility to Census question is overblown	Observer & Eccentric Newspapers - Onlir	80
1/8/2018	Hostility to Census question is overblown	Battle Creek Enquirer Online	80
1/8/2018	Hostility to Census question is overblown	Iowa City Press-Citizen Online	80
1/8/2018	OUR VIEW	Milford Daily News, The	80
1/7/2018	Political maneuvers sabotaging the census	Register-Guard Online, The	80
1/6/2018	It's time for the Census Bureau to stop dividing America	Tri-City Herald Online	80
1/6/2018	Catherine Rampell: Will the census count everyone?	Akron Beacon Journal Online	80
1/6/2018	Not because of cavalier threats about nuclear apocalypse and attempted erosion of First Amendment rights (OK, maybe those things, too). Because our federal government is failing to execute one of its most basic constitutional duties: the decennial census.	Milford Daily News, The	80
1/5/2018	It's time for the Census Bureau to stop dividing America	Spokesman-Review Online, The	80
1/5/2018	House Democrats push back against DOJ adding citizenship question to 2020 Census	Washington Examiner Online	80
1/5/2018	Census questions only divide us	Spokesman-Review, The	80
1/4/2018	I've been a census enumerator. Asking about citizenship is a terrible idea.	Washington Post Online, The	80
1/4/2018	House Democrats push back against DOJ adding citizenship question to 2020 Census	Washington Examiner	80
1/3/2018	Alarm at proposal to ask about citizenship status in census	Honolulu Star-Advertiser Online	80
1/3/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	WSMV-TV Online	80
1/3/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	KMOV-TV Online	80
1/3/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	WFSB-TV Online	80
1/3/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	KPTV-TV Online	80
1/3/2018	The Trump administration pushes for a change that could derail the census	Washington Post Online, The	80
12/30/2017	DOJ Trying to Add Citizenship Question to Census: Report	Daily Beast, The	80

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2/1/2018	Public Affairs Events	C-SPAN	72
2/1/2018	Washington Journal	Washington Journal - C-SPAN	72
3/22/2018	Politics and Public Policy Today	C-SPAN3	64
1/17/2018	KCRA 3 Reports at 6PM	KCRA 3 Reports at 6 - KCRA-TV	64
3/21/2018	Trump's reelection campaign calls for adding citizenship question to 2020 census	Stars and Stripes Online	60
3/20/2018	A Sense of the Census	National Journal	60
3/10/2018	Numbers Count - and in Kern County, they count a lot	Bakersfield Californian Online	60
3/4/2018	Rural Deep South at most risk of being overlooked in census	Texarkana Gazette Online	60
2/26/2018	Capital Tonight	Spectrum News Buffalo	60
2/25/2018	Fearing census undercount, local efforts combat limited resources, 'anti-Latino environment'	Monitor Online	60
2/22/2018	Extra Doorbells, Satellite Dishes: How Cities Search for People the Census May Miss :: WRAL.com	WRAL-TV Online	60
2/15/2018	We're No. 2! (And No. 13)	Alaska Dispatch News Online	60
2/15/2018	Olympic notebook: Alaska is No. 2! (And No. 13)	Anchorage Daily News	60
2/14/2018	L.A. City Council Opposes Citizenship Question on Census	City News Service, Inc.	60
2/13/2018	State attorneys general: No citizenship question on census	WHIO-TV Online	60
2/13/2018	State AGs opposed to citizenship question on census	Chico Enterprise-Record	60
2/12/2018	KGO Noon News	KGO Noon News - KGO-AM	60
2/8/2018	Madeleine Brand Show	Take Two - KPCC-FM	60
2/7/2018	Spectrum News All Morning at 10:30	Spectrum News Albany	60
2/7/2018	Morning Edition	Morning Edition - NPR/National Public Ra	60
2/7/2018	KUHF-FM	KUHF-FM	60
2/7/2018	LOS ANGELES (CNS) - A Los Angeles City Council committee today opposed a proposal to include a citizenship question on the 2020 Census over concerns it could lead to inaccurate counts and an unfair allocation of federal funding by discouraging immigrants	City News Service, Inc.	60
2/7/2018	STATE BRIEFS	Enterprise, The	60
2/6/2018	White Americans: Where are you really from?	South Florida Sun Sentinel Online	60
2/6/2018	White Americans: Tell us where you are really from	Corpus Christi Caller-Times	60

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1/31/2018	California Secretary of State Concerned Trump Administration is Sabotaging the Census	KQED-FM Online	60
1/29/2018	Big questions unanswered about the 2020 census. Big money depends on the answers	Yakima Herald-Republic Online	60
1/29/2018	WAVY News 10 at 4pm	WAVY News 10 at 4 PM - WAVY-TV	60
1/28/2018	The Republican assault on knowledge has a new possible target: the Census	Daily Kos	60
1/27/2018	KYW-AM	KYW-AM	60
1/27/2018	Immigration's vexing issues	Newsday Online	60
1/26/2018	Headlines	WBMM-AM	60
1/25/2018	KUHF-FM	KUHF-FM	60
1/23/2018	Numbers game	Brownsville Herald Online, The	60
1/16/2018	Trump's revenge on California: The Census	POLITICO Online	60
1/16/2018	Morning Edition	Morning Edition - NPR/National Public Ra	60
1/14/2018	Census change may be costly	Monitor Online	60
1/13/2018	Mississippi's rural black, Hispanic communities risk underrepresentation in 2020 census	Hattiesburg American Online	60
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	La Crosse Tribune Online	60
1/8/2018	Rampell: The GOP is sabotaging this sacred mandate	Casper Star-Tribune Online	60
1/8/2018	Editorial: Snapshots from the nation's press	Daily Camera Online	60
1/8/2018	RAMPELL: A sacred mandate sacrificed	Rapid City Journal	60
1/8/2018	GOP is sabotaging this sacred mandate	Daytona Beach News-Journal, The	60
1/7/2018	The GOP is sabotaging this sacred mandate	Burlington Free Press	60
1/7/2018	The GOP is sabotaging this sacred mandate	New Hampshire Union Leader, The	60
1/6/2018	On the Media	On the Media - WNYC-AM	60
1/6/2018	KUHF-FM	KUHF-FM	60
1/6/2018	On Being	On Being with Krista Tippett	60
1/5/2018	The GOP is sabotaging this sacred mandate	News & Observer Online, The	60
12/30/2017	DOJ calling for citizenship question to be put in 2020 Census: Report	Washington Examiner Online	60
3/23/2018	New York risks undercount in upcoming 2020 census, city's chief demographer says	POLITICO States	50

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3/23/2018	Adding citizenship question to 2020 Census is untimely, unnecessary and unwise	Sampan - Online	50
3/22/2018	Sens. Menendez, Booker, Hirono Introduce Bill to Prevent Trump Administration From Politicizing Census With Citizenship Question	Targeted News Service	50
3/20/2018	Judiciary Democrats demand answers from DOJ on potential 2020 Census citizenship question   Orange County Breeze	Orange County Breeze Online	50
3/20/2018	Rep. Meng Presses Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross on Census Citizenship Question During House Hearing	Targeted News Service	50
3/16/2018	Divisive Census Question Could Harm California's Communities	U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein	50
3/16/2018	Judiciary Democrats Demand Answers from DOJ on Potential Census Citizenship Question	U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein	50
3/7/2018	Fearing undercount, Santa Clara County will spend \$1M now on a census 2 years away	Silicon Valley Business Journal	50
3/1/2018	Census Has No Place Asking About Immigration Status	City on a Hill Press - Online	50
2/28/2018	Liberals Voice Opposition to Trump Admin Attempts to Include Citizenship Questions in Census	Washington Free Beacon	50
2/27/2018	Why It Is Critical to Make the 2020 Census Count	Reform Judaism Online	50
2/26/2018	Census rushes to respond to request to add citizenship question	TucsonSentinel.com	50
2/24/2018	Census Rushes to Respond to Request to Add Citizenship Question	ProPublica	50
2/22/2018	Labor, community activists push back against U.S. Census citizenship question	New York Amsterdam News Online	50
2/19/2018	AG Frosh on Citizenship Question on 2020 Census	Calvert Beacon	50
2/16/2018	Debate heats up about citizenship question in next Census	Constitution Daily	50
2/16/2018	Stats for Stories: Chinese New Year	Targeted News Service	50
2/16/2018	After Budget Deal, Policymakers Should Boost 2018 Funding for the 2020 Census	Targeted News Service	50
2/16/2018	Jewish Groups Send Letter to Department of Commerce on Addition of Citizenship Question to 2020 Census	Targeted News Service	50
2/16/2018	Jewish Organizations Send Letter to Department of Commerce on Addition of Citizenship Question to 2020 Census	Targeted News Service	50

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2/15/2018	Schneiderman leads coalition of 19 AGs opposing citizenship question on 2020 census	Madison County Courier - Online	50
2/14/2018	Thomas Knapp: The census for dummies, including Justice Department	Pahrump Valley Times - Online	50
2/14/2018	The census for dummies (including the U.S. Department of Justice)	Montgomery Herald - Online, The	50
2/14/2018	NJ Attorney General: We don't need a citizenship question on the census » The Lakewood Scoop » The heartbeat of the lakewood community	Lakewood Scoop - Online, The	50
2/13/2018	The Census for Dummies (Including the US Department of Justice)	Vernal Express - Online	50
2/13/2018	Citizenship Question On 2020 Census Would Be Unconstitutional	Sierra Sun - Online	50
2/13/2018	Hawai'i Joins Coalition Opposing Citizenship Question on 2020 Census	Big Island Now	50
2/13/2018	Are you a citizen? N.J. says Census should not ask the question	NJ.com	50
2/12/2018	A.G. Schneiderman Leads Coalition Of 19 AGs Opposing Citizenship Question On 2020 Census	LongIsland.com	50
2/12/2018	AG Healey warns adding citizenship question would jeopardize accuracy of 2020 Census and undercount Massachusetts population	Sampan - Online	50
2/12/2018	NY AG Leads Coalition of 19 AGs Opposing Citizenship Question on 2020 Census	Independent View, The	50
2/12/2018	Citizenship question raises fears about census	Daily News Online, The	50
2/12/2018	ATTORNEY GENERAL GREWAL JOINS NATIONAL COALITION OF ATTORNEYS GENERAL OPPOSING CITIZENSHIP QUESTION ON 2020 U.S. CENSUS	US Fed News	50
2/12/2018	Hawaii Joins Coalition of 19 AGS Opposing Citizenship Question on 2020 Census	Targeted News Service	50
2/12/2018	AG Grewal Joins National Coalition of Attorneys General Opposing Citizenship Question on 2020 U.S. Census	Targeted News Service	50

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2/12/2018	ATTORNEY GENERAL BECERRA TO TRUMP ADMINISTRATION: CITIZENSHIP QUESTION ON 2020 CENSUS WOULD BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL	US Fed News	50
2/9/2018	Census Map Reveals Low Response Rate among Valley Residents	KRGV-TV - Online	50
2/8/2018	Trump Admin Sneakily Trying to 'Sabotage' Census for Blue States	Law & Crime	50
2/8/2018	Channel 5 News at 6pm	Newschannel 5 at 6 Saturday - KRGV-TV	50
2/8/2018	The census for dummies (including the U.S. Department of Justice)	Fayette Tribune - Online	50
2/8/2018	The Census for Dummies (Including the US Department of Justice)   Citizens Journal	Citizens Journal	50
2/8/2018	Letter: The Census for dummies (including the US Department of Justice)	Daily Lobo, University of New Mexico	50
2/7/2018	L.A. City Council Committee Opposes Including Citizenship Question On 2020 Census	SFV Media	50
2/7/2018	Mayors alarmed by 'unprecedented challenges' ahead of 2020 census	StateScoop	50
2/7/2018	Galvin worried Trump admin is 'sabotaging' 2020 Census	Herald News, The	50
2/7/2018	Galvin worried Trump is 'sabotaging' 2020 census	Patriot Ledger, The	50
2/6/2018	The census for dummies (including the US Department of Justice) – Editorial by Thomas L. Knapp	Herald-Chronicle - Online	50
2/6/2018	The Census for Dummies	Lebanon Reporter Online	50
2/1/2018	Why 2020 Census should not ask about citizenship	Lake County Record-Bee Online	50
2/1/2018	TEXAS VIEW: Don't dilute the Census	Odessa American Online	50
2/1/2018	Census Bureau to keep guidelines on race/ethnicity from 2010	New York Amsterdam News Online	50
1/31/2018	Trump Administration Census Changes Endanger Accurate View of US Diversity	Nonprofit Quarterly, The - Online	50
1/31/2018	Tara Bahrapour - Illegals won't be hired as census-takers in 2020, staff is told	Jewish World Review	50
1/26/2018	Justice Department Asks Census Bureau to Include Question About Citizenship; Critics Say it Will Undermine Accurate Count	India-West - Online	50

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1/26/2018	Opinion: Why 2020 Census should not ask about citizenship	East Bay Times	50
1/26/2018	Arab American Institute Issues Statement on 2020 Census	Targeted News Service	50
1/24/2018	Census Will Discount Minorities   www.qgazette.com	Western Queens Gazette - Online	50
1/24/2018	Census Will Discount Minorities	Queens Gazette	50
1/23/2018	Other Voices: Don't mix immigration with the 2020 census	Longview News-Journal (TX)	50
1/21/2018	EDITORIAL: Don't mix immigration with 2020 Census	Monitor, The (McAllen, TX)	50
1/21/2018	COMMENTARY: Can 2020 Census be saved?	Monitor, The (McAllen, TX)	50
1/20/2018	Unlike Obama, Trump Actually Wants to Count the Number of Real US Citizens in the Census	USA Radio Network	50
1/19/2018	Board rejects 'citizenship' question on 2020 census	Our Weekly Online	50
1/18/2018	L.A. County Fights Plan to Add Citizenship Question to 2020 Census	Eastern Group Publications Inc. - Online	50
1/18/2018	Trump's 2020 Census May Cost California Congressional Seat by Counting Citizens	InformationLiberation	50
1/17/2018	2020 vision: California Democrats fire back at DOJ proposal to ask about citizenship on census	CalWatchDog	50
1/17/2018	L.A. County fights plan to add citizenship question to 2020 census	AV Times, The	50
1/17/2018	Reps. Jayapal, Chu, Grijalva, Richmond Call on Secretary Ross to Reject Citizenship Questions on 2020 Census	Targeted News Service	50
1/17/2018	Rep. Soto Leads Hispanic Caucus Letter Opposing Citizenship Question in 2020 Census	Targeted News Service	50
1/14/2018	PERRYMAN: Accurate census count essential to government, businesses	Odessa American Online	50
1/14/2018	Citizenship should not be in Census	Current-Argus	50
1/12/2018	DOJ Request for Census Citizenship Question is Unnecessary and Harmful	People for the American Way	50
1/12/2018	Census Bureau Must Stop Dividing America	News India Times	50
1/11/2018	Rep. Gonzalez Urges Attorney General Sessions to Reconsider Changes to U.S. Census Questionnaire	Targeted News Service	50
1/10/2018	Civil and Human Rights Coalition Calls on Secretary Ross to Reject DOJ Request to Undermine 2020 Census	NW Facts Newspaper Online, The	50

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1/10/2018	Citizenship question could cloud census; Former officials, civil rights advocates fear query will threaten accurate count in 2020	The Houston Chronicle	50
1/9/2018	Republicans sabotaging the U.S. census	ExpressNews	50
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Times Recorder Online	50
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Bucyrus Telegraph-Forum - Online	50
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Wisconsin State Farmer - Online	50
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Times Record News Online	50
1/9/2018	Counting undocumented immigrants in the census	Holland Sentinel, The	50
1/8/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Port Clinton News Herald Online	50
1/8/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	News Leader Online	50
1/8/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Alamogordo Daily News Online	50
1/8/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Marshfield News-Herald Online	50
1/8/2018	Sen. Carper, Colleagues to Trump Administration: Reject Census Citizenship Question	Targeted News Service	50
1/8/2018	Sen. Cortez Masto, Senators Urge Commerce Secretary to Reject DOJ Request to Include Citizenship Question in 2020 Census	Targeted News Service	50
1/8/2018	Trump Justice Department pushes for citizenship question on Census	Louisiana Weekly, The	50
1/7/2018	Dianne Feinstein Joins Senators in Letter to Trump Administration: Reject Census Citizenship Question	Sierra Sun - Online	50
1/7/2018	Guest editorial - Why census shouldn't count undocumented	Times Record News	50
1/6/2018	Census Bureau Must Stop Dividing America - News India Times	News India-Times - Online	50
1/5/2018	Senators to Trump Administration: Reject Census Citizenship Question	U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein	50
1/4/2018	Quick way to undermine the U.S. Census? Ask about citizenship	Sun Times Online, The	50
1/4/2018	Trump administration pushes for a change that could derail the census	Central Maine Today Media	50
1/4/2018	Another view: The Trump administration pushes for a change that could derail the census	Northwest Herald Online	50
1/4/2018	Support the Census	EconoSpeak	50
1/4/2018	A change that could derail the census	Corpus Christi Caller-Times Online	50

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1/4/2018	Letter to Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross: Reject a New Citizenship Question on the 2020 Census	Targeted News Service	50
1/4/2018	Reps. Serrano, Meng Send Letter to Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross on Justice Department Proposal to Include Citizenship Question in 2020 Census	Targeted News Service	50
1/4/2018	Justice Dept. pushes for citizenship question on U.S. Census	Boston Banner, The	50
1/4/2018	Democrats Challenge Proposed Citizenship Question on 2020 Census	Government Executive	50
1/2/2018	Citizenship question on Census alarming experts	NJToday.net - Online	50
1/2/2018	Trump Justice Department Request For Citizenship Question Could Sabotage 2020 Census, Experts Say - California Political Review	California Political News & Views	50
12/30/2017	Trump Justice Department Pushes for Citizenship Question on Census, Alarming Experts	Blacklisted News	50
12/30/2017	BREAKING: Trump Makes Alarming New Move Targeting Every Immigrant In The U.S.	If You Only News	50
12/30/2017	Trump Justice Department Pushes for Citizenship Question on Census, Alarming Experts	Boise Weekly Online	50
12/30/2017	Trump Justice Department Pushes for Citizenship Question on Census, Alarming Experts	ProPublica	50
12/30/2017	Trump Justice Department Pushes for Citizenship Question on Census, Alarming Experts	MSN News US (en)	50
2/13/2018	Fox 45 Morning News	Fox 45 Morning News - WBFF-TV	48
2/7/2018	Spectrum News All Day at 1:30	Spectrum News Albany	48
1/10/2018	ABC 10 News at 6	News 10 at 6 - KXTV-TV	48
3/23/2018	As a lawyer, he worked for immigrants. As a lawmaker, he works against them.	Washington Post Online, The	40
3/23/2018	[BC-MCT-INTERNATIONAL-BJT]	Post-Bulletin Online	40
3/22/2018	Clark County outpaces Multnomah County for new residents	Columbian Online, The	40
3/21/2018	The Daily 202: Illinois primary results show angry bases in both parties demanding more purity	Washington Post Online, The	40

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3/20/2018	The Daily 202: Trump's increasingly confrontational approach to Mueller enabled by congressional GOP timidity	Washington Post Online, The	40
3/19/2018	Trump campaign: Do you want the next Census to include citizenship question?	WBIR-TV Online	40
3/19/2018	Quick Takes on the News: A Sense of the Census	National Journal Daily Extra AM	40
3/18/2018	GOP rivals for Senate clash at Va. forum	Washington Post, The	40
3/16/2018	Australia looks into resettling white South African farmers who say they are persecuted	Washington Post Online, The	40
3/16/2018	'I had no idea' of facts for Trudeau meeting	Waterbury Republican-American Online	40
3/16/2018	Puerto Ricans are still dying in Maria's wake	CNN Online	40
3/15/2018	Trump owns up to making things up	Gazette Online, The	40
3/14/2018	We're Off the same boat	Washington Post, The	40
3/13/2018	She saw anti-immigration politicians as hypocrites. So she launched 'resistance genealogy.'	Washington Post Online, The	40
3/12/2018	The appointee behind the move to add 'citizenship' to the Census	Louisiana Weekly Online	40
3/12/2018	Reshaping the Census	A Day in the Life of the Universe	40
3/11/2018	The Trump appointee behind the move to add a citizenship question to the census - The CT Mirror	Connecticut Mirror, The	40
3/8/2018	The Trump Appointee Reshaping the Census Has a Long History of Voter Suppression	AlterNet Online	40
3/8/2018	The Trump Appointee Behind the Move to Add a Citizenship Question to the Census	MSN News US (en)	40
3/8/2018	John Gore Behind DOJ Letter Urging Census Department to Add Citizenship Question to Census Survey	Election Law	40
3/8/2018	From the census to gerrymandering, citizens must demand honesty if we want America to thrive	Pacific Northwest Inlander - Online	40
3/8/2018	The Trump Appointee Behind the Move to Add a Citizenship Question to the Census	ProPublica	40
3/7/2018	Sylvia Garcia looks to make history in 29th Congressional District	Houston Chronicle Online/chron.com	40
3/7/2018	Exodus from Puerto Rico grows as island struggles to rebound from Hurricane Maria	Washington Post Online, The	40

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3/7/2018	Leaving their hearts behind in Puerto Rico	Washington Post, The	40
3/7/2018	ELECTION 2018; History in the making; Garcia poised to become first Houston Latina in Congress	Houston Chronicle	40
3/7/2018	Immigrants Abandon Public Nutrition Services	New York Times, The	40
3/6/2018	U.S. Census Shouldn't Ask About Citizenship	Bloomberg News Online	40
3/6/2018	Spooked by Trump Proposals, Immigrants Abandon Public Nutrition Services	New York Times Online, The	40
3/6/2018	Joseph Salvo is responsible for making sure the census counts every New Yorker	am New York - Online	40
3/6/2018	O'Rourke facing two challengers in Democratic primary for U.S. Senate	KVIA-TV Online	40
3/4/2018	11 battle to replace Democrat Gene Green in Congress	Houston Chronicle Online/chron.com	40
3/4/2018	Rural Deep South at most risk of being overlooked in census	Tuscaloosa News Online, The	40
3/2/2018	The Department of Justice Pushes for Citizenship Question on 2020 Census	Pacific Standard Online	40
3/2/2018	TODAY IN HISTORY; EDITORIAL; Desperate acts or strategic moves for county judge candidates down the stretch?; LETTERS TO THE EDITOR; Good judgment comes from experience, bad judgment	Houston Chronicle	40
2/28/2018	CA Could Lose Political Clout: Climate of Fear Could Lead to Huge California Census Undercount	California Political News & Views	40
2/28/2018	Would-be citizens get a boost in Arlington	Washington Post, The	40
2/27/2018	Honduran teen makes last bid in Chicago immigration court to stay in U.S.	Chicago Tribune Online	40
2/27/2018	CA Could Lose Political Clout: Climate of Fear Could Lead to Huge California Census Undercount	CityWatch	40
2/27/2018	Ex-Census Director: Citizenship Question Is 'a Tremendous Risk'	Atlantic Cities	40
2/27/2018	Honduran girl makes last bid to stay in U.S.	Chicago Tribune	40
2/26/2018	Census efforts aim to achieve full count	Brownsville Herald Online, The	40
2/24/2018	U.S. Citizenship And Immigration Services Omit 'Nation Of Immigrants' From Mission Statement	NPR/National Public Radio Online	40

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2/19/2018	FDR orders Japanese-Americans to be interned in camps, Feb. 19, 1942	POLITICO Online	40
2/18/2018	Chain migration	Washington Post, The	40
2/15/2018	California AG Threatens to Sue if Trump Administration Places Citizenship Question on Census - California Political Review	California Political News & Views	40
2/15/2018	LA City Council unanimously votes to oppose citizenship question on U.S. census - MyNewsLA.com	MyNewsLA.com	40
2/15/2018	Public-health officials pan Justice Dept. bid to add citizenship question to census – ADC Voice	ADC Voice	40
2/15/2018	Letter to Secretary Ross: Census Citizenship Question 'Threatens to Undermine Your Constitutional Duty'	Targeted News Service	40
2/14/2018	Democrats.org	Democratic Party, The	40
2/14/2018	Texas again ranks among the nation's least politically engaged states	Houston Chronicle Online/chron.com	40
2/14/2018	California AG concerned about U.S. Census undercount of illegal aliens	Spero News	40
2/14/2018	Five myths about chain migration	Washington Post Online, The	40
2/14/2018	Our view: Census is not a citizenship detector	Salem News Online	40
2/14/2018	Trump won't stop trying to keep America white	Washington Post Online, The	40
2/14/2018	EDITORIAL: Census is not a citizenship detector	Salem News	40
2/14/2018	Senate Indian Affairs Committee Issues Testimony From National Congress of American Indians	Targeted News Service	40
2/14/2018	Trump's effort to keep America white	Washington Post, The	40
2/13/2018	No citizenship question on census	Colorado Politics	40
2/13/2018	Hawaii News Now: Sunrise at 5:00	Hawaii News Now: Sunrise - KGMB-TV	40
2/13/2018	Budget increase for 2020 census falls short, say advocates	Science Online	40
2/12/2018	No Citizenship Question on Census	New York Times Online, The	40
2/12/2018	The Daily 202: Freewheeling immigration debate in Senate will test power of conservative outside groups	Washington Post Online, The	40
2/12/2018	G.O.P. Visions of Tectonic Realignment	New York Times Online, The	40
2/9/2018	How a potential Census question could shift political power in America	Washington Post Online, The	40

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2/9/2018	White Americans: Where are you really from?	Enterprise, The	40
2/8/2018	Dwindling reserves and deficit will challenge new mayor in Syracuse, N.Y.	Bond Buyer Online, The	40
2/8/2018	Don't dare ask about your citizenship on 2020 Census: LA Council panel says it's unfair - MyNewsLA.com	MyNewsLA.com	40
2/8/2018	Concerns Over Census 2020 Loom for Latinos	El Semanario - California	40
2/7/2018	LA City Council committee opposes proposal to include citizenship question in 2020 Census - MyNewsLA.com	MyNewsLA.com	40
2/7/2018	Los Angeles City Council Opposed Proposal to Include Citizenship on 2020 Census	Beverly Hills Courier Online	40
2/7/2018	Trump administration 'sabotaging' 2020 census	Daily News Online, The	40
2/7/2018	Galvin: Trump Administration 'Sabotaging' Massachusetts Through Are-You-A-Citizen Query in Census	NewBostonPost	40
2/7/2018	Trump immigration plan could keep whites in majority for up to 5 more years	Chicago Tribune Online	40
2/6/2018	Trump immigration plan could keep whites in U.S. majority for up to five more years	Washington Post Online, The	40
2/6/2018	There's a big problem with how the census measures race	Washington Post Online, The	40
2/4/2018	Hundreds from India join forces over visas	Washington Post, The	40
2/3/2018	High-skilled Indian workers rally for Trump's merit-based immigration plan	Washington Post Online, The	40
2/2/2018	Mobile Mexican Consulate comes to Longview	Daily News Online, The	40
2/1/2018	Views on the News: Census	Justice - Online, The	40
2/1/2018	BBC World Service	BBC World Service - WUNC-FM	40
1/31/2018	The Daily 202: State of the Union underscores why Trump is his own worst enemy	Washington Post Online, The	40
1/31/2018	Del. Norton Introduces Ensuring Full Participation in Census Act	Targeted News Service	40
1/30/2018	Immigration backlash is coming from places least touched by immigration	CNN Online	40
1/29/2018	FOX8 News at 6:00P	Fox8 News at 6:00 PM - WGHP-TV	40
1/29/2018	CNN.com - Transcripts	CNN Online	40
1/29/2018	Will new forms ask about citizenship?	Yakima Herald-Republic Online	40

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1/29/2018	A State of the Union preview	Los Angeles Times Online	40
1/29/2018	Keep the 2020 census accurate	Daily Collegian, University of Massachusetts	40
1/29/2018	Calculating the questions	Yakima Herald-Republic	40
1/28/2018	A bad deal for 'Dreamers'	Los Angeles Times	40
1/26/2018	This isn't an immigration plan, it's a ransom note	Los Angeles Times Online	40
1/25/2018	Why `Dreamers' Still Hold the Key in Budget Talks: QuickTake Q&A	Washington Post Online, The	40
1/24/2018	The Daily 202: Public opinion is protecting Mueller's investigation - for now	Washington Post Online, The	40
1/24/2018	Potential citizenship question in 2020 Census could shift power to rural America	Washington Post Online, The	40
1/22/2018	Why `Dreamers' Still Hold the Key in Budget Talks: QuickTake Q&A	Washington Post Online, The	40
1/19/2018	Why 'Dreamers' May Hold Key in Budget Talks: QuickTake Q&A	Washington Post Online, The	40
1/19/2018	Why Asking About Citizenship Could Make the Census Less Accurate	New York Times Online, The	40
1/19/2018	Miami Haitians See Opportunity in an Insult	New York Times Online, The	40
1/19/2018	California Democrats fear losing congressional seat over census proposal to only count Americans	BizPac Review	40
1/19/2018	In Florida, Haitians See Trump Slight As Battle Cry	New York Times, The	40
1/18/2018	Miami's Haitians, Used to Being Shunned, Rally After Trump Slight	New York Times Online, The	40
1/17/2018	The Daily 202: Unexpected defeat in rural Wisconsin special election sets off alarm bells for Republicans	Washington Post Online, The	40
1/16/2018	Title Unavailable	KSTX-FM	40
1/16/2018	THE CENSUS SHOULD ASK ABOUT CITIZENSHIP	Wall Street Journal, The	40
1/15/2018	Census uncertainty spurs state action to prevent undercounting	Kirksville Daily Express	40
1/13/2018	Census change may be costly	Brownsville Herald, The (TX)	40
1/11/2018	Rampell: The GOP is sabotaging this sacred mandate	Ledger Online, The	40
1/11/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	opb.org	40

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1/11/2018	Will Including Citizenship Question be Recipe for "Flawed" 2020 Census?	Italian Voice, The	40
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WRVO	40
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	Wxxi news	40
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WSHU-AM Online	40
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	South Dakota Public Broadcasting Netwo	40
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WBAA	40
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	Jefferson Public Radio Network Online	40
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WGVU News	40
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	Boise State Public Radio	40
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WFIT	40
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WYPR-FM Online	40
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	On Politics (RI NPR)	40
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	Maine Public Broadcasting	40
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	KAWC	40
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WVIK	40
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WVIK	40

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1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WMOT-FM - Online	40
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	KPBS-TV Online	40
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WKMS-FM Online	40
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WSDL 90.7 - Online	40
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	Tristates Radio	40
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	Aspen Public Radio	40
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	A South Carolina Public Radio Podcast	40
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	KPCW-FM Online	40
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WDDE-FM Online	40
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	kuar.org	40
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	KSMU-FM Online	40
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn   NPR News	wlrh.org	40
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	KUOW-FM Online	40
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	NPR/National Public Radio Online	40
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WWNO-FM - Online	40
1/10/2018	Leave Citizenship Out of the Census	National Journal	40

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1/10/2018	Trump Justice Department Pushes for Citizenship Question on Census, Alarming Experts	Madison365	40
1/10/2018	Potential question on 2020 census is opposed; Feds pushing to ask about citizenship	San Antonio Express News	40
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	Daily Journal Online	40
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	Madison.com	40
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	Times of Northwest Indiana - Online, The	40
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	KTBS-TV Online	40
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	Independent Record Online	40
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	Chippewa Herald Online	40
1/9/2018	California Secretary of State in opposition to U.S. Census citizenship question	Lompoc Record Online, The	40
1/9/2018	Hostility to Census question is overblown	Wisconsin State Farmer - Online	40
1/8/2018	Hostility to Census question is overblown	Port Clinton News Herald Online	40
1/8/2018	Trump is ending protections for immigrants from El Salvador. Here's what that means for Houston	Houston Chronicle Online/chron.com	40
1/8/2018	Press Releases - Tom Carper, U.S. Senator for Delaware	U.S. Senator - Carper, Tom - Delaware	40
1/8/2018	A sacred mandate sacrificed	Rapid City Journal Online	40
1/8/2018	The Census Bureau already asks about citizenship - for good reasons	Washington Post Online, The	40
1/8/2018	Northwest Almanac: When Winston-Salem was the state's largest city	Winston-Salem Journal Online	40
1/7/2018	The GOP is sabotaging this sacred mandate	Statesman Journal Online	40
1/7/2018	Census shouldn't try to count undocumented immigrants	Times Record News Online	40
1/7/2018	When Citizenship Is for Sale	New York Times, The	40
1/6/2018	Title Unavailable	KJZZ-TV	40
1/3/2018	Mitch Albom	Mitch Albom Show - WJR-AM, The	40
1/3/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	KPHO-TV Online	40
1/3/2018	Alarm at proposal to ask about citizenship status in census	Santa Fe New Mexican	40
1/3/2018	Alarm at Proposal to Ask About Citizenship Status in Census	Latest News 7	40
1/3/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	KVVU-TV Online	40
1/3/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	WSHM-TV Online	40

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1/3/2018	Alarm at Proposal to Ask About Citizenship Status in Census	MSN News US (en)	40
1/3/2018	Sesame Street	KOPB-FM	40
1/3/2018	Title Unavailable	KSTX-FM	40
1/3/2018	Trump's true priorities revealed in these 10 actions taken during the holidays	Washington Post, The	40
1/2/2018	The Question that Could Sabotage the 2020 Census	Independent View, The	40
1/2/2018	The Daily 202: Trump's true priorities revealed in holiday news dumps	Washington Post Online, The	40
1/2/2018	Trump's Pick to Run 2020 Census Has Defended Racial Gerrymandering and Voter Suppression Laws	Mother Jones Online	40
12/30/2017	Justice Dep't pushes for citizenship question on census, alarming experts	TucsonSentinel.com	40
1/26/2018	Another way Illinois could lose two congressional districts	Capitol Fax.com	32
3/22/2018	[BC-MCT-NEWS-BJT]	Omaha World-Herald Online	30
3/22/2018	Immigration terminology is based on a myth that needs to be challenged	Portland Press Herald Online	30
3/22/2018	In Mideast, democracy struggles to strike root	WFED-AM Online	30
3/21/2018	Immigrants Hiding From Trump Imperil Accuracy of U.S. Census	Bloomberg News Online	30
3/19/2018	A Million Children Didn't Show Up In The 2010 Census. How Many Will Be Missing In 2020?	FiveThirtyEight	30
3/16/2018	Trump admits he makes things up	CBS News Online	30
3/16/2018	Concerns over citizenship question of 2020 U.S. Census Survey	KION-TV Online	30
3/13/2018	Newsday letters to the editor for Tuesday, March, 13, 2018	Newsday	30
3/13/2018	UNCERTAIN FUTURE	Dayton Daily News	30
3/7/2018	Puerto Rico's exodus growing as island struggles to rebound	Seattle Times Online, The	30
3/7/2018	KTVU Mornings on 2 at 6am	KTVU Channel 2 Morning News at 6AM -	30
3/7/2018	Morning Bits: Lawless Trump administration thinks voters don't care	Right Turn	30
3/6/2018	US census shouldn't ask about citizenship - AEI - American Enterprise Institute: Freedom, Opportunity, Enterprise	AEI.org	30
3/5/2018	Citizenship Question Would Convert Census Into a GOP Voter Suppression Tool	Rumor bus	30

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3/1/2018	Immigrant advocates fight to keep off citizenship status question off 2020 census ballot	FiOS1 News - Lower Hudson Valley Online	30
3/1/2018	Meet The 'Experts' Kobach Is Using To Defend His Voter Fraud Claims In Court	Talking Points Memo	30
3/1/2018	'It's Their Last Stand': Why Immigration Facts Sent a CPAC Panel Off the Rails: 'BradCast' 2/28/2018	Daily Kos	30
3/1/2018	Why Left Is Going Gonzo Over Asking For Citizenship On The Census	Federalist, The	30
3/1/2018	Proposed Citizenship Question on Census Raises Concern Among Immigrant Advocates	Independent View, The	30
3/1/2018	The three (obscure) things that could transform American politics	San Diego Union-Tribune Online	30
3/1/2018	The Teen-Led Fight For Gun Reform	CityLab	30
3/1/2018	Who Counts?	New Republic, The	30
3/1/2018	The three (obscure) things that could transform U.S. politics	San Diego Union-Tribune, The	30
3/1/2018	Revisiting Rockwell: His "Four Freedoms" helped win World War II. What do they mean today?(THE PAST IS prologue: AMERICAN ICON)(Norman Rockwell)	Smithsonian	30
2/25/2018	Myths about chain migration	Arkansas Democrat-Gazette Online	30
2/25/2018	'Chain migration'	Dayton Daily News	30
2/23/2018	The Progressive Happy Hour: The Census is a Civil Rights Issue	People for the American Way	30
2/21/2018	Fox 26 News at 9	FOX 26 News at 9 - KRIV-TV	30
2/21/2018	Democrats' 'Dirty Little Secret' Is Excluding Citizenship Question on U.S. Census	Salisbury News	30
2/21/2018	Kobach: Democrats' 'Dirty Little Secret' Is Excluding Citizenship Question on U.S. Census	Salisbury News	30
2/21/2018	County Files Request To Find Out If 2020 Census Will Ask About Citizenship	SFGate	30
2/21/2018	THE UPDATE	Daily Post	30
2/20/2018	KGO Afternoon News	KGO Afternoon News - KGO-AM	30
2/20/2018	Schatz's ignorance of our Anglo-Saxon legal heritage illustrates problem with government	Hill Online, The	30

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2/20/2018	Immigration activists slam DOJ for proposed census addition	News 12 The Bronx - Online	30
2/19/2018	Kobach: Why the 2020 U.S. Census needs citizenship question	FOX News Channel Online	30
2/17/2018	Voting Rights Roundup: GOP plots to destroy Arizona's independent redistricting commission yet again	Daily Kos	30
2/16/2018	Citizenship question essential for accurate U.S. census	Orlando Sentinel Online	30
2/16/2018	Body-in-van case highlights longstanding issues of Hispanic crime victims, Memphis police	Commercial Appeal Online	30
2/16/2018	Immigration debate shunned nearly 100 proposals	Washington Times Online	30
2/16/2018	Body in van prompts activist complaints	Commercial Appeal, The	30
2/14/2018	California rejects Trump proposal to ask citizenship in 2020 census	Asian Journal	30
2/13/2018	Are Hispanics A Racial Group, Ethnicity Or Both?	KPBS-TV Online	30
2/13/2018	State Attorneys General Want No Citizenship Question On 2020 Census	K-Love - Online	30
2/13/2018	Vicky Moore/Dick Helton	Morning News - KNX-AM	30
2/13/2018	What a Question About Citizenship on the U.S. Census Could Mean	YES Magazine	30
2/13/2018	State attorneys general: No citizenship question on census   New Country 923	WIL 92.3	30
2/13/2018	Attorneys General Argue Citizenship Question Would Weaken Census	KOVR-TV Online	30
2/13/2018	State attorneys general: No citizenship question on census - SFGate	SFGate	30
2/13/2018	State attorneys general: No citizenship question on census :Washington state attorney joins coalition against U.S. Department of Commerce, saying addition could lower immigrant participation	Lewiston Tribune	30
2/13/2018	RPT - Twenty US States Want US Citizenship Query Excluded From 2020 Census - Attorney General	Sputnik News Service	30
2/12/2018	NY, NJ push to stop citizenship question from being added to census	WPIX-TV Online	30

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2/12/2018	CT Lawmaker's Fight Trump Proposal To Include Question On 'Citizenship' In U.S. Census	ctlatinonews	30
2/12/2018	The Takeaway	Takeaway - PRI/Public Radio International	30
2/12/2018	Talk of the Nation	Talk of the Nation - NPR	30
2/12/2018	Schneiderman Opposes Citizenship Question On 2020 Census	State of Politics	30
2/12/2018	Twenty US States Want US Citizenship Query Excluded From 2020 Census - Attorney General	Sputnik News Service	30
2/9/2018	Though The 7th District Is Minority-Majority, Most Of Its Voters Are White	WBUR-FM Online	30
2/9/2018	FOX NEWS FIRST: Government shutdown showdown over budget deal; Top Dem offered contact with dossier author	FOX News Channel Online	30
2/6/2018	Title Unavailable	KERA-FM	30
2/6/2018	2020 census needs protection from 'partisanship and ideology,' de Blasio says	am New York - Online	30
2/6/2018	Trump immigration plan could keep whites in US majority for up to five more years	San Antonio Express-News Online	30
2/6/2018	Trump immigration plan could keep whites in U.S. majority for up to five more years	Wonkblog - The Washington Post	30
2/4/2018	Strong majority support a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants	Des Moines Register Online	30
2/4/2018	Poll finds most lowans back path to citizenship	Des Moines Register	30
2/3/2018	America of tomorrow will be 'none of the above'	Billings Gazette Online	30
2/2/2018	Voters with disabilities face barriers to voting	Christian Science Monitor Daily, The	30
2/2/2018	California will soon make voting easier. Here's how	San Diego Union-Tribune Online	30
2/2/2018	Voting to be easier for Californians	San Diego Union-Tribune, The	30
1/31/2018	Editorials from around New York	Washington Times Online	30
1/31/2018	Iowa Bill Would Require High School Students To Pass U.S. Citizenship Test Before Graduating	WBEZ-FM Online	30
1/31/2018	What Trump didn't say in his State of the Union address	Hill Online, The	30
1/31/2018	The truly broken state of our dis-union	Daily Kos	30
1/30/2018	COULD THE HQ2 TURN NEXT U.S. ELECTION?	Dayton Daily News	30
1/30/2018	Trump's 'cuts in legal immigration are too great,' critic says	Buffalo News, The	30

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1/30/2018	Immigration plan could back re in Bu alo	Buffalo News, The	30
1/29/2018	Good Day Atlanta 8:00am	Good Day Atlanta - WAGA-TV	30
1/28/2018	News 13 Your Morning News at 5	Central Florida News 13 at 5AM - Central	30
1/28/2018	News 13 Your Overnight News	Central Florida News 13 at 12AM - Centr	30
1/27/2018	News 13 Your Evening News at 11	News 13 Your Evening News at 11 - New	30
1/27/2018	News 13 Your Evening News at 6	Central Florida News 13 at 6PM - Central	30
1/27/2018	News 13 Your Evening News at 5	News 13 Your Evening News at 5 - News	30
1/27/2018	How Donald Trump's first year in office has changed Arizona	Arizona Republic Online	30
1/26/2018	Census citizenship question under legal review Census citizenship question under legal review Census citizenship question under legal review Most Popular Stories Most Popular Stories More>>	Crossroads Today	30
1/26/2018	By Gregory Wallace[CR-LF]WASHINGTON (CNN) -- The Trump administration on Friday announced that a request to add a controversial question on citizenship status to the 2020 Census is under legal review	WENY-TV - Online	30
1/26/2018	WTOP-FM	WTOP-FM	30
1/26/2018	Jim Bohannon	Jim Bohannon Show - WestwoodOne, Th	30
1/26/2018	WFED-AM	WFED-AM	30
1/24/2018	Why Democrats should be very worried about the Census requesting citizenship info	Fix - The Washington Post, The	30
1/24/2018	Immigration piper will have to get paid	Atlanta Journal-Constitution	30
1/23/2018	Recent editorials from Texas newspapers	Washington Times Online	30
1/22/2018	What should prisoners read? Not Cosmo, Ohio says	Dayton Daily News Online/daytondailyne	30
1/20/2018	Could Amazon's new headquarters flip the presidential vote in a swing state?	San Antonio Express-News Online	30
1/19/2018	Miami's Haitians, accustomed to being shunned, rally after Trump slight	Atlanta Journal-Constitution Online	30
1/18/2018	Maloney, Serrano, Gutiérrez, 100+ Members Urge Sec. Ross to Reject DOJ's Misguided Request to Add Citizenship Question to the 2020 Census	U.S. Representative - New York	30

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1/18/2018	California Socialist/Democrats/Guv Brown To Try to NULLIFY U.S. Census in 2020 - California Political Review	California Political News & Views	30
1/18/2018	Dreamers From Rep. Kevin McCarthy's District Call On the GOP To Step Up	KQED-FM Online	30
1/18/2018	Reps. Maloney, Serrano, Gutierrez, 100+ Members Urge Sec. Ross to Reject DOJ's Misguided Request to Add Citizenship Question to 2020 Census	Targeted News Service	30
1/17/2018	Trump Immigration Stance Could Cause Calif. to Lose Money, House Seat	White House Dossier	30
1/17/2018	Sean Hannity	Sean Hannity Show, The	30
1/17/2018	NO CITIZENSHIP QUESTION ON CENSUS?	New York Real Estate Lawyers' Blog, The	30
1/16/2018	Tim Conway Jr.	Tim Conway, Jr. - KFI-AM	30
1/16/2018	John and Ken	KFI-AM	30
1/15/2018	The census should ask about citizenship - AEI - American Enterprise Institute: Freedom, Opportunity, Enterprise	AEI.org	30
1/15/2018	Census change may be costly	Valley Star.com	30
1/13/2018	Census change may be costly	Brownsville Herald, The (TX)	30
1/13/2018	Census change may be costly	Monitor, The (McAllen, TX)	30
1/11/2018	Perryman: The Count	Rio Grande Guardian	30
1/11/2018	Census Uncertainty Spurs State Action to Prevent Undercounting	Route Fifty	30
1/10/2018	Here's How It Works	Atlantic Online, The	30
1/10/2018	Census should be able to ask citizenship status   Letter	Express-Times -- New Jersey Edition - On	30
1/10/2018	Protect the Census: Oppose DOJ Request to Add a Citizenship Question to the 2020 Census	Targeted News Service	30
1/10/2018	Julián Castro says nearly all DACA recipients employed, in school or serving in military	Tampa Bay Times	30
1/7/2018	Aging, undocumented and uninsured immigrants challenge cities and states	Boston Herald Online	30
1/6/2018	Foreign aid, McShan Elementary, DACA, U.S. Census, Ken Tapscott, John Foster Dulles, Puerto Rico, Ice Bowl	Dallas Morning News - Online	30
1/6/2018	Trump's Vote Suppression Team Is Doing GOP's Dirty Work	National Memo	30
1/6/2018	Catherine Rampell: The GOP is sabotaging this sacred mandate	Chippewa Herald Online	30

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1/6/2018	Catherine Rampell: The GOP is sabotaging this sacred mandate	Chippewa Herald, The	30
1/5/2018	Dreamers Urge California Republicans To Save DACA	HuffPost	30
1/5/2018	Trump's odd view of states' rights + Why Trump must tweet + What do about Petrovich's gas station	Sacramento Bee Online, The	30
1/4/2018	Lucky Dragon temporarily shuts gaming, restaurant operations	Las Vegas Review-Journal Online	30
1/4/2018	Aging undocumented immigrants pose costly health care challenge	CNNMoney	30
1/4/2018	Citizenship Questions in the Census? Trump's DOJ Has an Audacious New Project to Suppress the Vote	AlterNet Online	30
1/4/2018	Rep. Maloney: Justice Department Request for Inclusion of Citizenship Question in 2020 Census Threatens Accuracy of Count of Our Nation	Targeted News Service	30
1/3/2018	Morning Edition	KQED-FM	30
1/3/2018	NPR's Morning Edition	Morning Edition - NPR/National Public R	30
1/3/2018	Title Unavailable	KERA-FM	30
1/3/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	AZ Family	30
1/3/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	KXLF	30
1/3/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	KITV-TV Online	30
1/2/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	WSEE-TV Online	30
1/2/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	KAKE-TV - Online	30
1/2/2018	"Alarm at Proposal to Ask About Citizenship Status in Census"	Election Law	30
1/2/2018	Trump's true priorities revealed in holiday news dumps	Hartford Courant Online	30
1/2/2018	Congressman King seeks citizenship question on U.S. Census form	Radio Iowa - Online	30
1/2/2018	The Daily 202: Trump's true priorities revealed in holiday news dumps	San Antonio Express-News Online	30
1/2/2018	See percentage of senior citizens in your Michigan county	MLive	30
1/1/2018	Hillary Clinton received 800,000 votes from noncitizens, bolsters Trump argument, study finds	Washington Times Online	30
12/31/2017	High Impact Posts: December 30, 2017	Daily Kos	30
12/30/2017	WCBS-AM	WCBS-AM	30
3/23/2018	Public Affairs Events	C-SPAN	24

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3/7/2018	KCBA Mornings on 2 at 6am	KCBA-TV	24
2/15/2018	The administration has proposed an overhaul of SNAP benefits	Daily WRAG, The	24
2/1/2018	Politics and Public Policy Today	C-SPAN	24
1/8/2018	Good anti-crime news for the new year	Sun Times Online, The	24
1/8/2018	LETTERS: Good anti-crime news for the new year	Chicago Sun-Times	24
3/23/2018	Senadores demócratas presentan medida para prohibir pregunta sobre ciudadanía en Censo	El Diario Nueva York Online	20
3/23/2018	EPIC FOIAs Commerce Department about Citizenship Question on 2020 Census	Electronic Privacy Information Center	20
3/22/2018	The Census Clause and the Constitutional Obligation to Count All Persons”	Election Law	20
3/22/2018	Senadores demócratas presentan medida para prohibir pregunta sobre ciudadanía en Censo	La Opinión	20
3/21/2018	UPDATE: Judicial Watch Lawsuit Against Los Angeles County and the State of California   Citizens Journal	Citizens Journal	20
3/21/2018	Financial box scores for Yankees, Mets	Crain's New York Business Online	20
3/20/2018	NBC Bay Area News at 11AM	NBC Bay Area News at 11AM - KNTV (NB	20
3/16/2018	Decatur residents track down, celebrate their green roots ??	Herald & Review Online	20
3/16/2018	Trump admits dodging facts on U.S.-Canada trade relations	Pittsburgh Tribune-Review - Online	20
3/16/2018	Wake up Kion 5/46 News Channel	Wake up Kion 5/46 News Channel - KION	20
3/16/2018	Trump owns up to being economical with the truth	Daily Hampshire Gazette Online	20
3/16/2018	'We are the forgotten people': It's been almost six months since Hurricane Maria, and Puerto Ricans are still dying	WZVN-TV Online	20
3/16/2018	Trump admits untruths	Charleston Gazette-Mail, The	20
3/16/2018	'Everyone's Irish today': Decatur residents track down, celebrate their green roots ??	Herald & Review	20
3/16/2018	SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE DEMOCRATS DEMAND ANSWERS FROM DOJ ON POTENTIAL CENSUS CITIZENSHIP QUESTION	US Fed News	20
3/15/2018	Trump admits making things up in meeting with Canada	Akron Beacon Journal Online	20
3/15/2018	Trump owns up to making things up - KTAR.com	KTAR-AM Online	20
3/15/2018	Trump owns up to making things up :: WRAL.com	WRAL-TV Online	20

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3/15/2018	Trump owns up to making things up   Depend On WOKV - Jacksonville's News, Weather, and Traffic	WHJX-FM - Online	20
3/15/2018	Trump owns up to making things up Trump owns up to making things upNationalMore>> Trump owns up to making things upNationalMore>>AP National News VideoMore>>	KFMB-AM (760 AM Talk Radio) - Online	20
3/13/2018	Thomas: Disasters hit the most vulnerable hardest	Tribune Online	20
3/12/2018	Long Beach City Council to vote on providing undocumented immigrants with extra protections from federal authorities	Long Beach Press-Telegram Online	20
3/12/2018	VOTING ON A HELPING HAND	Long Beach Press-Telegram	20
3/7/2018	KTVU Mornings on 2 at 5am	KTVU Channel 2 Morning News at 5AM -	20
3/7/2018	Can the Parkland Survivors Inspire a New Focus on Civics Education?	Education Week	20
3/6/2018	FOX8 10:00 News	Fox8 10:00 News - WGHP-TV	20
3/5/2018	10 policy issues to watch in omnibus spending bill	Daily Republic Online	20
3/2/2018	Can the Parkland Survivors Inspire a New Focus on Civics Education?	Education Week Online	20
3/2/2018	With DACA in flux, 'Dreamers' from Trump country navigate a college minefield	Washington Examiner Online	20
3/1/2018	The BRAD BLOG : 'It's Their Last Stand': Why Immigration Facts Sent a CPAC Panel Off the Rails: 'BradCast' 2/28/2018	Brad Blog	20
2/25/2018	5 myths about chain migration	Naples Daily News	20
2/24/2018	5th Annual Taste of the Valley Scholarship Fundraiser	Beyond Borders Gazette	20
2/23/2018	US Agency Changes 'Nation of Immigrants' Mission Statement	Learning English	20
2/22/2018	Attorney General Frosh Joins Coalition of Attorneys General Opposing Citizenship Question on 2020 Census	Salisbury News	20
2/21/2018	Attorney General Frosh Joins Coalition of Attorneys General Opposing Citizenship Question on 2020 Census	Salisbury News	20
2/20/2018	Non-citizens can provide an "untapped" pool of military recruits, experts say	United Press International Online	20
2/20/2018	Signing of Executive Order 9066 forces thousands of Japanese Americans into internment camps	KIRO-TV Online	20

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2/16/2018	Mitt Romney is running for Senate; here are the Mormons currently serving in Congress	Deseret News Online	20
2/15/2018	To Make America Safe Again, We Must End Sanctuary Cities and Remove Criminal Aliens	U.S. Department of Homeland Security	20
2/14/2018	Texas Ranks 47th In Voter Participation, Better On Neighborliness, Study Finds	Texas Standard	20
2/14/2018	ORRALL is in – HERALD's new owners – Open seats in W. MASS	POLITICO Online	20
2/14/2018	Here's how immigration, naturalization has changed in San Angelo	San Angelo Standard-Times - Online	20
2/14/2018	California fights Trump's efforts to add a citizenship question to the 2020 census - California Political Review	California Political News & Views	20
2/14/2018	Report: Construction employing quarter of a million people in NYC.(CONSTRUCTION + DESIGN)	Real Estate Weekly	20
2/13/2018	The DeMaio Report	DeMaio Report - KOGO-AM, The	20
2/13/2018	Cathy McMorris Rodgers, Lisa Brown split on the wall, refugees and chain migration	Spokesman-Review Online, The	20
2/13/2018	Blank Headline	Marycontrary's Blog	20
2/13/2018	POIZNER defects from GOP, will run as independent -- TRIPPI, MASLIN start new super PAC -- BECERRA takes on TRUMP over Census	POLITICO Online	20
2/13/2018	CLOCK STARTS ON SENATE IMMIGRATION DEBATE -- Trump's budget written in red ink -- REPUBLICANS WORRY THEY COULD LOSE CORKER'S SEAT -- Census pick withdraws	POLITICO Online	20
2/13/2018	Tom Haule/Linda Nunez	Tom Haule/Linda Nunez - KNX-AM	20
2/13/2018	Hawaii News Now: Sunrise	Hawaii News Now: Sunrise at 5:00 - KHN	20
2/13/2018	Why do Republicans assume immigrants will vote Democratic?	Daily Progress Online, The	20
2/13/2018	Candidates split on immigration issues McMorris Rodgers, Brown see border wall, refugees differently	Spokesman-Review, The	20
2/12/2018	Diane Thompson, Jim Thornton, and Chris Sedens	Diane Thompson, Jim Thornton, and Chri	20
2/11/2018	Sam Ross Jr.   Korea not the only Olympic divide	Tribune-Democrat Online, The	20
2/10/2018	Why do Republicans assume immigrants will vote Democratic?	Roanoke Times Online, The	20

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2/10/2018	At a glance[CR-LF][CR-LF]With immigrants, Galvin said, the greatest challenge is often making sure that people who have citizenship in another country know that they should participate in the U.S. Census.[CR-LF][CR-LF]"Given the rhetoric of the Trump admini	Telegram & Gazette	20
2/10/2018	The Republicans of 2044	Roanoke Times, The	20
2/9/2018	Massachusetts official warns of possible census undercount	OJornal	20
2/9/2018	Channel 5 News This Morning at 6am	KRGV-TV	20
2/7/2018	I am young, Black and undocumented in Trump's America	TheGrio.com	20
2/7/2018	Spectrum News Live at Noon	Spectrum News Albany	20
2/7/2018	Spectrum News	Spectrum News Central New York	20
2/7/2018	Spectrum News All Morning at 9:30	Spectrum News Albany	20
2/7/2018	Spectrum News All Morning at 9	Spectrum News Albany	20
2/7/2018	News10 in the Morning	News Center in the Morning - WXXA-TV	20
2/7/2018	Spectrum News All Morning at 6	Spectrum News Albany	20
2/7/2018	News10 in the Morning at 4:30am	News10 in the Morning at 4:30am	20
2/7/2018	Massachusetts official warns of possible census undercount	SFGate	20
2/6/2018	FOX8 News at 5:00P	Fox8 News at 5:00 PM - WGHP-TV	20
2/6/2018	Mucho más que un sueño (Much more than a dream)	Standard-Examiner Online	20
2/6/2018	White Americans: Where do you really come from?	Holland Sentinel, The	20
2/4/2018	Fallacy to block immigration	Missoulia Online	20
2/2/2018	Don't mix immigration with the 2020 census	OJornal	20
2/2/2018	Arab Americans undeterred despite failure to get MENA category on 2020 Census	Arab American News - Online, The	20
2/1/2018	Make DACA the example	Greenville News Online, The	20
2/1/2018	Why Democrats Really Don't Want To Reinstate The Citizenship Question	Federalist, The	20
1/31/2018	National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials	Guidry News Service - Online	20
1/31/2018	Our Puerto Rican citizens	Portsmouth Daily Times	20
1/30/2018	America Must be "Cleansed" of its "White Male Privilege"	Burning Platform, The	20
1/30/2018	Michael Scherer - Potential citizenship question in 2020 Census could shift power to rural America	Jewish World Review	20

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1/29/2018	Los Angeles Times Editorial: This isn't an immigration plan, it's a ransom note	Press Democrat Online, The	20
1/26/2018	Jeff Sessions Is Just Getting Started: 7 Things You May've Missed Over the Holidays	People for the American Way	20
1/25/2018	NPR All Things Considered	WUNC-FM	20
1/25/2018	Citizenship question would hurt results, critics caution	National Catholic Reporter Online	20
1/25/2018	Hall may not have choice on bilingual ballots	Times Online, The	20
1/22/2018	Osterhout Free Library provides resources for immigrant community	Citizens Voice Online, The	20
1/22/2018	Rep. Norton to Introduce Bill to Prohibit Question on Citizenship Status on 2020 Census Questionnaire	Targeted News Service	20
1/22/2018	Osterhout Free Library provides resources for immigrant community	Citizens Voice, The	20
1/20/2018	Could Amazon's new headquarters flip the presidential vote in a swing state?	Pittsburgh Tribune-Review - Online	20
1/20/2018	Could Amazon's new headquarters flip the presidential vote in a swing state?	Standard-Examiner Online	20
1/20/2018	The BRAD BLOG : LIVE BLOGGING: BRAD BLOG Covers CSPAN Coverage of Baker/Carter Election Reform Commission Hearing...	Brad Blog	20
1/20/2018	California Dems fear state losing congressional seat if Census counts only Americans - Liberty Unyielding	Liberty Unyielding	20
1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	WOLF-TV - Online	20
1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	WSBT-TV - Online	20
1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	KOKH-TV Online	20
1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	KTUL-TV Online	20
1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	WKEF-TV - Online	20

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1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	WHP-TV Online	20
1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	WGME-TV Online	20
1/19/2018	Corrections & Clarifications	WBIR-TV Online	20
1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	WTVC-TV Online	20
1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	KABB-TV Online	20
1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	WSET-TV Online	20
1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	WTTE-TV Online	20
1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	WLOS-TV Online	20
1/19/2018	Miami's Haitians, Used to Being Shunned, Rally After Trump Slight :: WRAL.com	WRAL-TV Online	20
1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	KGAN-TV - Online	20
1/18/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	KEYE-TV Online	20
1/18/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	WSYX-TV Online	20
1/18/2018	Trump's revenge on California: The Census - California Political Review	California Political News & Views	20
1/18/2018	RH Line calls printed Jan. 18, 2018	Daily Reporter-Herald Online	20
1/17/2018	WTVN-AM	WTVN-AM	20
1/17/2018	The KFBK Afternoon News	KFBK Afternoon News - KFBK-AM, The	20
1/17/2018	AHA asks members to "Help Protect the Census"	History News Network	20
1/17/2018	Sean Hannity	KOGO-AM	20
1/17/2018	The Schnitt Show	Schnitt Show - Compass Media Networks	20

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1/17/2018	the Census -- HILLARY ALUM jumps into state treasurer's race -- White House SCOTUS push to dismantle DACA -- Shutdown looms, DREAMers deal?	POLITICO Online	20
1/17/2018	Californian Democrats Are Worried About Trump's Revised US Census	AllMediaNY	20
1/16/2018	Title Unavailable	KJZZ-TV	20
1/16/2018	Title Unavailable	KOPB-FM	20
1/14/2018	Step up and do right by us	Bakersfield Californian Online	20
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	KVCR-FM Online - KVCR-FM	20
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	91.5 KIOS-FM	20
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WUOT	20
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WESA-FM Online	20
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	Kmuw	20
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	KNAU-FM Online	20
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	KTEP-FM Online	20
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	KERA	20
1/9/2018	California Secretary of State Alex Padilla Releases Statement in Opposition to Adding Citizenship Question to U.S. Census	Sierra Sun - Online	20
1/9/2018	Mornings With Mark Caesar, Ed Clements & Sgt. Sam Cox	Mornings With Mark Caesar, Ed Clement	20
1/9/2018	The GOP is sabotaging this sacred mandate	Alliance Review Online	20
1/9/2018	California Secretary of State in opposition to U.S. Census citizenship question	Santa Ynez Valley News Online	20
1/8/2018	Trump's Latest Immigration Move Could Affect Thousands of Salvadoran Students	Education Week Online	20

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1/8/2018	AFTER THE STROM: Puerto Rico was home to widespread poverty and on the verge of bankruptcy. And that was before Hurricane Maria.	America	20
1/7/2018	Not because of cavalier threats about nuclear apocalypse and attempted erosion of First Amendment rights (okay, maybe those things, too). Because our federal government is failing to execute one of its most basic constitutional duties: the decennial census	Wellsville Daily Reporter	20
1/6/2018	The People's Pharmacy	WUNC-FM	20
1/5/2018	Larger turnout expected in March	Athens Daily Review Online	20
1/4/2018	Trump Kills Incompetent 'Election Integrity' Commission, But His Voter Fraud Conspiracy Theory Lives On	Reason Online	20
1/4/2018	Aging undocumented immigrants pose costly health care challenge	KMJ-FM - Online	20
1/3/2018	Corrections & Clarifications	WBIR-TV Online	20
1/3/2018	What to expect in Texas' voting rights court fights in 2018	Lubbock Avalanche-Journal Online	20
1/3/2018	The question that could sabotage the census Most Popular Stories Most Popular Stories More>>NewsWeatherEntertainmentOnline Public File: [CR-LF]KCTV KSMO	KCTV-TV Online	20
1/3/2018	Talk of the Nation	Talk of the Nation - NPR	20
1/3/2018	BBC World Service	BBC World Service - KNOW-FM	20
1/3/2018	The Brian Lehrer Show	Brian Lehrer Show - WNYC-FM, The	20
1/3/2018	By Raul A. Reyes[CR-LF]Editor's note: Raul A	WENY-TV - Online	20
1/2/2018	The Daily 202: Trump's true priorities revealed in holiday news dumps	Standard-Examiner Online	20
1/2/2018	Profile America: New Year's Day in History - The Bronx Chronicle	Bronx Chronicle	20
12/31/2017	Trump DOJ proposes adding citizenship question to Census; 'experts alarmed' - Liberty Unyielding	Liberty Unyielding	20
12/30/2017	DOJ Trying to Add Citizenship Question to Census: Report	Rumor bus	20
12/30/2017	Terrible Idea: U.S. Justice Dept. Proposing That Questions About Immigration Status Be Included In Census	Larry Ferlazzo's Websites of the Day...	20

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1/29/2018	Good Day Atlanta 5:00am	Good Day Atlanta - WAGA-TV	18
3/6/2018	President Shirley M. Collado Co-Edits Book on Latinx Students and Professionals in Higher Ed - IC News	Unity Coalition for Israel	16
2/7/2018	Spectrum News All Morning at 11:30	Spectrum News Albany	16
2/7/2018	Spectrum News All Morning at 11	Spectrum News Albany	16
2/7/2018	Spectrum News All Morning at 10	Spectrum News Albany	16
1/26/2018	Everything you need to know about DACA in three minutes	NYC Epeak	16
3/23/2018	We are not a 'nation of immigrants'	Central Maine Today Media	10
3/23/2018	Senadores demócratas presentan medida para prohibir pregunta sobre ciudadanía en Censo	La Opinión de la Bahía Online	10
3/22/2018	10 Must Reads for the CRE Industry Today (March 22, 2018)	National Real Estate Investor Online	10
3/21/2018	Civics project may be required	Salem News Online	10
3/21/2018	'We are the forgotten people': It's been almost six months since Hurricane Maria, and Puerto Ricans are still dying	News2read	10
3/21/2018	So many want to vote in Mexico's presidential election that the Dallas consulate can't handle them all	Dallas Morning News Online	10
3/21/2018	REP. JOHN CULBERSON	Political/Congressional Transcript Wire	10
3/20/2018	How Many Illegal Immigrants Are in the US?	FAIR via FAIR	10
3/20/2018	This Week in Poverty: Chairman Ryan and the Real World	George Zornick	10
3/20/2018	(Most) Silver town councilors welcome signs	Silver City Daily Press & Independent	10
3/17/2018	Online News Gazette   Get On. Get What's Important	Online News Gazette	10
3/16/2018	Trump owns up to making things up - - WOW!	Wow Way!	10
3/16/2018	Trump owns up to making things up -	Hawaiian Telecom	10
3/16/2018	Attorney General Hunter Sends Letter to US Commerce Secretary Ross, Requesting ...	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
3/16/2018	Trump owns up to making things up   New Country 923	WIL 92.3	10
3/16/2018	Trump owns up to making things up while in office	Sauk Valley Newspapers Online	10
3/16/2018	Trump Admits to Making Things Up in Speech to Donors   BCNN1	BCNN1	10

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3/16/2018	Trump owns up to making things up Top VideoMore>> Trump owns up to making things up Top VideoMore>>Most Popular HeadlinesMore>>	Erie News Now	10
3/16/2018	Kion 5/46 News Channel	Kion 5/46 News Channel - KION-TV	10
3/16/2018	It's been almost six months since Hurricane Maria, and Puerto Ricans are still dying	KXLF	10
3/16/2018	Trump owns up to making things up during meeting with Canadian PM	Englewood Sun Online	10
3/16/2018	Story by John D. Sutter, CNN Video by Leyla Santiago and Khushbu Shah, CNN Photographs by Erika P	WENY-TV - Online	10
3/16/2018	Trump owns up to making things up, Page 0 - TheTrucker.com	Trucker Online, The	10
3/15/2018	Trump owns up to making things up - Aurora Sentinel	Aurora Sentinel - Online	10
3/15/2018	Trump owns up to making things up - news	Hawaiian Telecom	10
3/15/2018	'We are the forgotten people': It's been almost 6 months since Hurricane Maria, Puerto Ricans are still dying	WPIX-TV Online	10
3/15/2018	Peter Kirsanow, US Commission on Civil Rights member, asks about citizenship on census forms	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
3/15/2018	America's census must drop the citizenship question	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
3/15/2018	Gay German diplomat settles into SF	bayareareporter.org	10
3/14/2018	Federal trial continues on Kansas restrictions on voter registration	Wyandotte Daily News	10
3/12/2018	Non-citizen voters discovered in Chicago suburb	Spero News	10
3/12/2018	Fox 5 News at 6:30	Fox 5 News @ 6:30 - WTTG-TV	10
3/12/2018	Yes, manufacturing still provides a pay advantage, but staffing firm outsourcing is eroding it	EPI: Economic Policy Institute	10
3/9/2018	U.S. to overtake Russia as world's biggest oil producer	Lisah C. Nease	10
3/8/2018	GEORGE SHEN: State doesn't need a racial registry	Wicked Local	10
3/8/2018	We Now Know Who's Behind the Trump Administration's Push to Suppress Immigrant Participation ...	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
3/8/2018	Smart Ideas: A Better Way to Draw Districts	National Journal Daily Extra AM	10
3/7/2018	GEORGE SHEN: State doesn't need an Asian registry	Wicked Local	10

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3/7/2018	California Has Lessons for Integrating Immigrants, but Will the Feds Undercut Them?   The Takeaway   Zócalo Public Square	Zócalo Public Square	10
3/7/2018	Exodus from Puerto Rico grows as island struggles to rebound from Hurricane Maria	MSN News US (en)	10
3/7/2018	FOX8 News	FOX8 News Repeat - WGHP-TV	10
3/6/2018	Exodus from Puerto Rico grows as island struggles to rebound from Hurricane Maria - SFGate	SFGate	10
3/6/2018	Lexington Has A Youth Murder Problem?	Page One	10
3/5/2018	10 policy issues to watch in omnibus spending bill - Personal Liberty®	Personal Liberty Digest	10
3/5/2018	Gun control, Immigration, Planned Parenthood and more	Norwalk Reflector Online	10
3/4/2018	While Congress debates DACA reform, N.C. recipients go about their lives	Daily News, The (Jacksonville, NC)	10
3/3/2018	President's big list of things done gets bigger	Lisah C. Nease	10
3/2/2018	New crackdown on immigrant workforce Industries	Virginia Business Online	10
3/2/2018	DIVIDED AMERICA: Will Trump energize the Latino vote?	Observer News Enterprise - Online	10
3/2/2018	New crackdown on immigrant workforce	Virginia Business	10
3/1/2018	Why The Left Is Going Gonzo Over Asking Citizenship Status On The Census	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
2/28/2018	Proposed citizenship question on census raises concern among immigrant advocates	Newsday Online	10
2/28/2018	Berkshire Immigration Center assists with citizenship and integration processes	Williams Record, The	10
2/28/2018	Trump's big list of things done gets bigger	Lisah C. Nease	10
2/28/2018	Honduran teen makes last bid in Chicago immigration court to stay in US	Register Guard Projects, The	10
2/28/2018	MapLab: Snap by Snap, the Teen-Led Fight For Gun Reform	Atlantic Cities	10
2/28/2018	LATEST WINTHROP POLL COVERS TRUMP, ECONOMY, CLIMATE CHANGE AND DRILLING	US Fed News	10
2/28/2018	LATEST WINTHROP POLL COVERS TRUMP, STATE LEADERS AND ECONOMY	US Fed News	10

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2/27/2018	Why a retired federal worker is helping immigrants pay for the US citizenship exam	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
2/26/2018	CONSERVATIVES AND A LIBERTARIAN ON IMMIGRATION	Venitism	10
2/26/2018	Conservatives and a Libertarian on Immigration at CPAC	Cato Journal - Online	10
2/24/2018	6 States Where Voters Could Push Democracy Forward in the Midterms	YES Magazine	10
2/22/2018	A 21st-Century Reimagining of Norman Rockwell's "Four Freedoms"	Smithsonian Online	10
2/22/2018	City Of Los Angeles Department Of Airports	Boston Commons High Tech Network	10
2/21/2018	Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights issues timeline of Trump administration's rollbacks on civil and human rights	Wisconsin Gazette - Online	10
2/21/2018	Wednesday Morning News Roundup - SFGate	SFGate	10
2/21/2018	Immigration Uncertainty Can Spell Trouble For Cleaning Industry	CleanLink - Online	10
2/21/2018	County files request to find out if 2020 census will ask about citizenship	Mountain View Voice - Online	10
2/20/2018	CHN: Select Departmental FY19 Budget Requests	Coalition on Human Needs	10
2/20/2018	Why the 2020 U.S. Census needs citizenship question	KNSS-AM Online	10
2/19/2018	Scandal and Tragedy: Look At News Daily (Feb. 10-16 /Day 22-27) Week 4   Citizens Journal	Citizens Journal	10
2/17/2018	Why won't media cover these Trump successes?	Lisah C. Nease	10
2/16/2018	Opinion News, Breaking Opinion News and More: Lake County Record-Bee	Lake County Record-Bee Online	10
2/16/2018	Census 'citizenship' question sets off new California vs. Trump immigration argument	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
2/16/2018	Citizenship question essential for accurate US census	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
2/16/2018	Undercompensation is likely a factor in Pennsylvania's growing teacher shortage	EPI: Economic Policy Institute	10
2/16/2018	Debate heats up about citizenship question in next Census	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
2/16/2018	High-skilled Indian Workers Rally For Trump's Merit-based Immigration Plan	News India Times	10
2/15/2018	Trump Puts New Twist on Visa Misinformation	FactCheck.org	10

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2/15/2018	Schumer-Rounds-Collins Destroys Ability of DHS to Enforce Immigration Laws, Creating a Mass Amnesty For Over 10 Million Illegal Aliens, Including Criminals	U.S. Department of Homeland Security	10
2/15/2018	Report: Texans lag in political participation	San Marcos Daily Record Online	10
2/15/2018	SENATE INDIAN AFFAIRS, HEARING ON NATIVE AMERICANS AND THE 2020 CENSUS	Political/Congressional Transcript Wire	10
2/15/2018	Reviving a civic group	Nassau Herald (Garden City, NY)	10
2/14/2018	Texas Ranks Near Bottom for Political Participation and Civic Involvement	PressReleasePoint	10
2/14/2018	Business Briefcase	Gloucester Daily Times Online	10
2/14/2018	Nogelo inducted into National Association of Women Artists	Gloucester Daily Times Online	10
2/14/2018	A Cemetery of Crows	Gloucester Daily Times Online	10
2/14/2018	Urgent care clinic set to open Friday	Gloucester Daily Times Online	10
2/14/2018	David Price wants to start fresh	Gloucester Daily Times Online	10
2/14/2018	Molly Sliney visits Center School	Gloucester Daily Times Online	10
2/14/2018	Chloe, a therapy dog at Beverly Hospital, does tricks before visiting patients	Gloucester Daily Times Online	10
2/14/2018	Video: Hoffman: 'Exactly the right time' for Baker, DeLeo to raise concerns	Gloucester Daily Times Online	10
2/13/2018	State Report: Minnesota Needs Immigrants to Fill Jobs, Maintain Economic Growth	Twin Cities Business	10
2/13/2018	Census is not a citizenship detector	Eagle-Tribune Online, The	10
2/13/2018	20 States Fight Addition of Citizenship Question to Census	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
2/13/2018	Get More Smarter on Tuesday (February 13)	Colorado Pols	10
2/13/2018	State report: Minnesota needs immigrants to fill jobs and maintain economic growth	MinnPost	10
2/13/2018	State Rep. Raoul Backs Citizen Challenges for Environmental Permits	Chicago Maroon, University of Chicago, T	10
2/13/2018	Bronx Political Round Up: Sex Offenders Barred - The Bronx Chronicle	Bronx Chronicle	10
2/13/2018	Brian Ping	Brian Ping - KNX-AM	10
2/12/2018	Bill Polish	Bill Polish - KNX-AM	10

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2/12/2018	KGO Evening News	KGO Evening News - KGO-AM (News Talk	10
2/12/2018	AG Madigan, coalition oppose citizenship question on 2020 census	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
2/12/2018	AG Healey warns adding citizenship question would jeopardize accuracy of 2020 Census and ...	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
2/12/2018	Hawai'i Joins Coalition Opposing Citizenship Question on 2020 Census	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
2/12/2018	What a Question About Citizenship on the US Census Could Mean	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
2/12/2018	AG Becerra to Trump Administration: Citizenship Question On 2020 Census Would Be Unconstitutional	YubaNet	10
2/12/2018	AG Schneiderman Leads Coalition Of 19 AGs Opposing Citizenship Question On 2020 Census	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
2/11/2018	Elder Ford Of Tampa	Boston Commons High Tech Network	10
2/11/2018	APAP 2018 Overview. Challenges, Activists, and The Good in the World's Performing Arts	World Music Central	10
2/10/2018	City of San Gabriel withdraws from ICE partnership	Asian Journal	10
2/9/2018	Opinion News, Breaking Opinion News and More: Lake County Record-Bee	Lake County Record-Bee Online	10
2/9/2018	Citizenship question raises fears about census	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
2/8/2018	Threats to Government Data Are Threats to Democracy	Government Executive	10
2/8/2018	THOMAS KNAPP COMMENTARY: The Census for dummies, including the Department of Justice	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
2/8/2018	IMMIGRATION	Bennington Banner (VT)	10
2/7/2018	As It Happens	As It Happens - KNOW-FM	10
2/7/2018	Trump's Chain-Immigration Plan Takes Aim at Asia	Bloomberg News Online	10
2/7/2018	Immigration plan could keep whites in U.S. a majority for 5 more years	Santa Fe New Mexican	10
2/7/2018	Friday DACA Rally at SDSU to Feature Congressman Luis Gutiérrez	San Diego Free Press	10
2/6/2018	Commonwealth Club	Commonwealth Club	10

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2/6/2018	Trump immigration plan could keep whites in U.S. majority for up to five more years	MSN News US (en)	10
2/6/2018	Trump immigration plan could keep whites in US majority for up to five more years - SFGate	SFGate	10
2/6/2018	Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee Issues Testimony From Gov. Torres	Targeted News Service	10
2/5/2018	Column: Preserving, Protecting and Defending White Hegemony	Valley News - Online	10
2/4/2018	Abbreviated Pundit Round-up: The lapdog memo	Daily Kos Diaries - Teacher Ken	10
2/4/2018	The International Examiner – Activists discuss healthcare, environmental, criminal justice legislation affecting APIs	International Examiner - Online	10
2/4/2018	Brexit: CFO Perspectives - Strategic Finance	Strategic Finance Online	10
2/3/2018	Black History Month in the US Pt 3	Long Island Tech News	10
2/2/2018	Tom Haule/Linda Nunez	Tom Haule/Linda Nunez - KNX-AM	10
2/2/2018	Should the Census be Allowed to Ask About Citizenship?	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
2/2/2018	Cruising the Web	Betsy's Page	10
2/1/2018	Texas Is Front Line of Immigration Reform Debate	ENR California - Online	10
2/1/2018	Immigration Restrictionists Seek to Weaponize the Census	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
2/1/2018	Kobach Backs Citizenship Question, Targeting 'One Person, One Vote'	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
2/1/2018	Why Democrats Really Don't Want To Reinstate The Citizenship Question On The US Census	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
2/1/2018	Redefining Vagrancy: Policing Freedom and Disorder in Reconstruction New Orleans, 1862-1868.(Essay)	Journal of Southern History	10
2/1/2018	Troubled Refuge: Struggling for Freedom in the Civil War.(Book review)	Journal of Southern History	10
2/1/2018	Coushatta Homesteading in Southwest Louisiana and the Development of the Community at Bayou Blue.(Essay)	Journal of Southern History	10
1/31/2018	Are Puerto Ricans White?	History News Network	10
1/31/2018	Texas Is Front Line of DACA Immigration Reform Debate	ENR California - Online	10
1/30/2018	Timeline of Trump administration's civil and human rights rollbacks	Wisconsin Gazette - Online	10
1/30/2018	Country For United States	Boston Commons High Tech Network	10

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1/30/2018	Exclusive – Kobach: Bring the Citizenship Question Back to the Census	https://www.google.com/	10
1/30/2018	Big List of 178 Trump accomplishments in 376 days	Lisah C. Nease	10
1/30/2018	Identity Politics And Our Racialized Government . . .	Arra News Service	10
1/30/2018	Immigration backlash is coming from places least touched by immigration	MSN News US (en)	10
1/30/2018	Analysis by Ronald Brownstein CNN[CR-LF](CNN) -- The escalating struggle between the parties over immigration rests on a paradox	WENY-TV - Online	10
1/30/2018	Identity Politics and Our Racialized Government Census Bureau refuses to midwife yet another identity-grievance scam. Bruce Thornton	RUTHFULLY YOURS	10
1/30/2018	Ensure Everyone Is Counted	https://www.google.com/	10
1/30/2018	Trump Immigration Plan – Making America Into California	Tennessee Star, The	10
1/30/2018	Economic Impact of Immigration by State	Wallethub Articles & Studies	10
1/30/2018	BBC World Service	BBC World Service - WUNC-FM	10
1/29/2018	Millions of Americans on the 'denial spectrum' when it comes to President Trump	InfoTel	10
1/29/2018	Morning Read: Do more candidates for state superintendent mean a more likely November runoff? (and 6 more must-reads)   LA School Report	LA School Report	10
1/29/2018	White House Releases A Dud Of An Immigration Plan	Arra News Service	10
1/29/2018	WAVY News 10 at 7 on Fox 43	WAVY News 10 at 7 on Fox 43 - WVBT-TV	10
1/29/2018	WAVY News 10 Today at 4:30am	WAVY News 10 Today at 4:30am - WVBT	10
1/28/2018	Letters to the Editor	Queens Gazette	10
1/27/2018	Donald Trump's Cooperation in the Mueller Investigation and the Possibility of His Using His Fifth Amendment Right; Judge Rosemarie	Technology Wire	10
1/27/2018	Los Angeles Times criticizes Trump's immigration plan	CE Noticias Financieras English	10
1/26/2018	Sunburn – The morning read of what's hot in Florida politics – 1.26.18	Florida Politics Blog - South Florida Sun S	10
1/26/2018	Bay News 9 Your Midday News at 11	Bay News 9 Your Midday News at 11 - Ba	10

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1/26/2018	A Few Fun Facts About 'Dreamers'	snopes.com	10
1/25/2018	Patt Morrison	Patt Morrison - KPCC-FM	10
1/25/2018	All Things Considered	All Things Considered - KNOW-FM	10
1/25/2018	Census concerns: Citizenship question would hurt results, critics caution	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
1/24/2018	Lake County agency accepting DACA renewals	Chronicle Media	10
1/24/2018	TEMPEST-TOSSED	Florida Weekly - Fort Myers	10
1/22/2018	Trump officers need 2020 census to ask about citizenship	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
1/22/2018	To Many Movers And Shakers, Where Amazon Puts It's New Headquarters Is The Most Important Thing In The World	Down with Tyranny!	10
1/21/2018	Could Amazon's new headquarters flip the presidential vote in a swing state?	Keene Sentinel Online	10
1/20/2018	One year of Trump: The Fourth 100 Days (Trump Briefs: Jan. 13-Jan. 19/Day 359-365) Week 52   Citizens Journal	Citizens Journal	10
1/20/2018	The very American myth of 'exceptional immigrants'	TravelWireNews	10
1/20/2018	After 1 Year of[CR-LF]Trump, America Is Losing Its Soul	Root, The	10
1/20/2018	Could Amazon's new headquarters flip the presidential vote in a...	Wired Journal, The	10
1/20/2018	Analysis   Could Amazon's new headquarters flip the presidential vote in a swing state?	Wonkblog	10
1/19/2018	Miami's Haitians, accustomed to being shunned, rally after Trump slight	My Palm Beach Post	10
1/19/2018	Miami's Haitians, accustomed to being shunned, rally after Trump slight	My Dayton Daily News	10
1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	KFXL-TV Online	10
1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	KBAK-TV Online	10
1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	KMPH-TV Online	10
1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	KRNV-TV Online	10

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1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	KBOI-TV Online	10
1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	KMEG-TV Online	10
1/19/2018	Why Asking About Citizenship Could Make the Census Less Accurate	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	WTVR-TV Online	10
1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	WKRC-TV Online	10
1/19/2018	Foreign Workers Make Up More Than Half Of Silicon Valley's Tech Industry, Reports Say	Yahoo Finance	10
1/19/2018	Get to know Guam: Mongmong, Toto, Maite	Stripes Guam	10
1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	KRXI-TV Online	10
1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	KOMO-TV Online	10
1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	WBFF-TV - Online	10
1/19/2018	Lawmakers Shouldn't Praise Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. While Restricting Voting Rights	Weekly Challenger Online, The	10
1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	WSMH Fox66 News	10
1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	My Fox Illinois	10
1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	WJLA-TV Online	10
1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	WDKT-TV - Online	10
1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	KFDM-TV - Online	10

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1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	WEYI-TV Online	10
1/19/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	KEPR-TV Online	10
1/19/2018	America's Puerto Rican Citizens	Pike County News Watchman, The	10
1/19/2018	ICE Raids	News India Times	10
1/18/2018	Trump's vision for border wall has evolved in some ways, but not others	WJSU-TV - Online	10
1/18/2018	2020 Census Changes Could Change Size of House Delegation for Calif.	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
1/17/2018	Dave Ramsey	Dave Ramsey Show, The	10
1/17/2018	Activists discuss healthcare, environmental, criminal justice legislation affecting APIs	International Examiner - Online	10
1/17/2018	Trump's 2020 Census May Cost California Congressional Seat by Counting Citizens	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
1/16/2018	Bill Polish	Bill Polish - KNX-AM	10
1/16/2018	Patt Morrison	Patt Morrison - KPCC-FM	10
1/16/2018	Citizenship question threatens US census, says former programme chief	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
1/15/2018	It's a Fact: Supreme Court Errors Aren't Hard to Find	ProPublica	10
1/15/2018	The census should ask about citizenship	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
1/15/2018	The Real Bleep-Hole Moment - LewRockwell LewRockwell.com	LRC Blog, The	10
1/15/2018	Democrats once again holding out hope that Latino voters will make a difference	ExpressNews	10
1/14/2018	David Stockman On The Real "Shithole" – \$40 Trillion & Counting...	Peoples Trust Toronto	10
1/14/2018	\$40 trillion and counting -- Sott.net	Signs of the Times (us)	10
1/14/2018	Backlash builds over immigration, but it's unclear how much it'll help Democrats	ExpressNews	10
1/14/2018	I On Politics	Queens Gazette	10
1/13/2018	The Real Bleep-Hole Moment--\$40 Trillion And Counting	Burning Platform, The	10
1/11/2018	Will the Court Kill the Gerrymander?	New York Review of Books Online, The	10

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1/11/2018	Perryman: The Count	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
1/9/2018	The GOP is sabotaging this sacred mandate	MyTownNEO	10
1/8/2018	Aging, undocumented and uninsured immigrants challenge cities and states - Personal Liberty®	Personal Liberty Digest	10
1/8/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
1/7/2018	Aging, undocumented and uninsured immigrants challenge cities and states	Watertown Daily Times Online	10
1/7/2018	The Census Bureau already asks about citizenship — for good reasons	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
1/5/2018	Experts Say Census Citizenship Question Would Stifle Response	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
1/5/2018	Potential census question on citizenship stirs fears of dampened participation	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
1/5/2018	California Dreamers say 'We can't wait,' as they plead for Congressional action	Public I	10
1/5/2018	Trump's Vote Suppression Team Is Doing GOP's Dirty Work	AlterNet Online	10
1/4/2018	Citizenship Questions in the Census? Trump's DOJ Has an Audacious New Project to Suppress the Vote	OpEdNews.com	10
1/4/2018	Democrats Challenge Proposed Citizenship Question on 2020 Census	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
1/4/2018	Aging undocumented immigrants pose costly health care challenge	Sunny 103 1	10
1/4/2018	Aging undocumented immigrants pose costly health care challenge	CNNMoney	10
1/4/2018	Aging undocumented immigrants pose costly health care challenge	AZ Family	10
1/4/2018	Aging undocumented immigrants pose costly health care challenge	WABC-AM Online	10

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1/4/2018	Aging undocumented immigrants pose costly health care challenge Aging undocumented immigrants pose costly health care challenge Aging undocumented immigrants pose costly health care challenge Most Popular Stories Most Popular Stories More>>	Crossroads Today	10
1/4/2018	Aging undocumented immigrants pose costly health care challenge	Erie News Now	10
1/4/2018	Aging undocumented immigrants pose costly health care challenge	KITV-TV Online	10
1/4/2018	Aging undocumented immigrants pose costly health care challenge	KRTV-TV - Online	10
1/4/2018	Why the census shouldn't try to count undocumented immigrants	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
1/4/2018	I've been a census enumerator. Asking about citizenship is a terrible idea.	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
1/3/2018	Aging, Undocumented and Uninsured Immigrants Challenge Cities and States	Route Fifty	10
1/3/2018	The DOJ Wants A Citizenship Question On The Census. That Could Blow Up The Whole Survey	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
1/3/2018	Social Science   Education World	Education World	10
1/3/2018	Citizenship question is crucial for a fair, updated 2020 Census	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
1/3/2018	Aging, Undocumented and Uninsured Immigrants Challenge Cities and States	Pew Charitable Trusts, The	10
1/3/2018	What to expect in Texas' voting rights court fights in 2018	Texas Tribune, The	10
1/3/2018	BBC World Service	BBC World Service - WNYC-FM	10
1/3/2018	What to expect in Texas' voting rights court fights in 2018	Aggie Sports	10
1/3/2018	BBC World Service	BBC World Service - KQED-FM	10
1/2/2018	Alarm at Proposal to Ask About Citizenship Status in Census	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
1/2/2018	"You all just got a lot richer:" Donald Trump's true priorities revealed in holiday news dumps	Waterloo Region Record Online	10
1/2/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10

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1/2/2018	What Trump's wrecking crew is doing to the US government and environment   Later On	Leisure Guy	10
1/2/2018	"You all just got a lot richer:" Donald Trump's true priorities revealed in holiday news dumps	Kitchener Post Online	10
1/2/2018	"You all just got a lot richer:" Donald Trump's true priorities revealed in holiday news dumps	Waterloo Chronicle Online	10
1/2/2018	"You all just got a lot richer:" Donald Trump's true priorities revealed in holiday news dumps	Hamilton Spectator Online, The	10
1/2/2018	"You all just got a lot richer:" Donald Trump's true priorities revealed in holiday news dumps	New Hamburg Independent Online	10
1/2/2018	Furor greets request to add citizenship question to 2020 US census	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
1/2/2018	Furor greets request to add citizenship question to 2020 US census	Science Online	10
1/2/2018	Furor greets request to add citizenship question to 2020 US census	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
1/2/2018	The Daily 202: Trump's true priorities revealed in holiday news dumps	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
1/1/2018	2017: Last Year's Reading - dooneyscafe.com	Dooneyscafe	10
1/1/2018	Saving the Associate of Arts Degree: HOW AN A.A. DEGREE CAN BECOME A BETTER PATH TO LABOR MARKET SUCCESS.(Essay)	AEI Paper & Studies	10
12/31/2017	Efforts grow to help students evaluate what they see online	KCBQ-AM Online	10
12/30/2017	Spread of fake news prompts literacy efforts in schools	1300 AM Wall Street Business Network K	10
12/30/2017	DOJ wants 2020 census to ask about citizenship status	EnvironmentGuru	10
12/30/2017	Census Bureau called to add citizenship question on forms	USA Shafaqna	10
12/29/2017	Trump Justice Department Pushes for Citizenship Question on Census, Alarming Experts	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	10
12/29/2017	Project Recruiting Prospective Voters	Tennessee Tribune	10
3/6/2018	President Shirley M. Collado Co-Edits Book on Latinx Students, Professionals in Higher Ed	Targeted News Service	8
2/9/2018	Channel 5 News This Morning at 5AM	Newschannel 5 This Morning - KRGV-TV	8
2/8/2018	Channel 5 News at 4pm	Channel 5 News at 4 - KRGV-TV	8

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2/16/2018	WMBC News	WMBC Local News - WMBC-TV	6
1/27/2018	News 13 Your Evening News at 9	News 13 Your Evening News at 9 - News	4
1/26/2018	Immigration crackdown could cost Illinois a congressional seat	WLS-AM Online	0
1/26/2018	Potential citizenship question in 2020 Census could shift power to rural America	Bangor Daily News Online	0
1/26/2018	DOJ suggests adding citizenship question to 2020 census	Bay News 9 Online	0
1/26/2018	1 query on census could shift power	Washington Post, The	0
1/25/2018	Concern over Census request	Boston Globe, The	0
1/24/2018	North Carolina editorial roundup	Fresno Bee Online, The	0
1/24/2018	Why Democrats should be very worried about the Census requesting citizenship info	Fix - The Washington Post, The	0
1/20/2018	Could Amazon's new headquarters flip the presidential vote in a swing state?	Washington Post Online, The	0
1/19/2018	Miami's Haitians, accustomed to being shunned, rally after Trump slight	Austin American-Statesman Online	0
1/19/2018	Stats for Stories: National Spouses Day	Targeted News Service	0
1/18/2018	At least half of Silicon Valley's tech industry workers are foreign-born, many rely on H-1B visas	Newsweek Online	0
1/17/2018	Brian Ping	Brian Ping - KNX-AM	0
1/16/2018	Michael Barone: Against new questions for the 2020 Census	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	0
1/15/2018	Across the Mideast, Palestinians Brace for Trump Aid Cuts	New York Times Online, The	0
1/15/2018	Across the Mideast, Palestinians brace for Trump aid cuts	WFED-AM Online	0
1/15/2018	Latino clout in election uncertain; Higher turnout might not guarantee gains for Dems	San Antonio Express News	0
1/14/2018	Trump is playing politics with the 2020 Census. It could backfire.	Napa Valley Register Online	0
1/14/2018	Census change may be costly	Brownsville Herald Online, The	0
1/14/2018	Latino; voters' course unclear; Dems seek gains after immigration backlash, but GOP is confident	Houston Chronicle	0
1/13/2018	Karen Grigsby Bates	High Plains Public Radio	0
1/13/2018	As long as inequality exists, the census needs to ask about race	Chicago Tribune Online	0
1/13/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn - California Political Review	California Political News & Views	0

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1/13/2018	DOJ wants citizenship question added to U.S. Census	KFSN-TV - Online	0
1/13/2018	DOJ needs citizenship query added to U.S. Census	WDN	0
1/13/2018	The Indian-American small business community is rattled as immigration authorities target a slew of 7-Eleven franchises around the country - News India Times	News India-Times - Online	0
1/13/2018	Backlash builds over immigration, but it's unclear how much it'll help Democrats	Houston Chronicle Online/chron.com	0
1/13/2018	Fla. Republicans fear fallout in crucial elections	Washington Post, The	0
1/13/2018	Citizenship should not be in Census	Las Cruces Sun-News	0
1/13/2018	Citizenship should not be in Census	Alamogordo Daily News	0
1/12/2018	Immigrants with jobs, education worry that Trump will force them into the shadows	Fresno Bee Online, The	0
1/12/2018	Dreamers Urge California Republicans To Save DACA	HuffPost	0
1/12/2018	Immigrants with jobs, education worry that Trump will force them into the shadows	McClatchy Newspapers Online	0
1/12/2018	Unchained migration	National Affairs News	0
1/12/2018	Immigrants with jobs, education worry that Trump will force them into the shadows	Sacramento Bee Online, The	0
1/12/2018	Without 's-- -hole countries,' there would be no you, me or America	USA Today Online	0
1/12/2018	A question of citizenship could sabotage 2020 census	Milwaukee Independent	0
1/12/2018	Americans Must Be Able to Count on Census	ImmigrationReform	0
1/12/2018	Leaked Memo: DACA Amnesty Is 'Critical Component of Democratic Party's Future Electoral Success'	Steady Drip, The	0
1/12/2018	FEEDBACK[CR-LF][CR-LF]The Jan. 4 Washington Post editorial concerning the census ("Change that could derail U.S. Census") was typical left-wing propaganda. The Census Bureau wants to add a question to the form inquiring about your citi	Express-Times -- Bethlehem Edition, The	0
1/12/2018	Splintering of mass media promotes disunity	Express-Times -- Bethlehem Edition, The	0
1/12/2018	Why no progress on Bethlehem Theater?	Express-Times -- Bethlehem Edition, The	0
1/12/2018	Asking About Citizenship	New York Times, The	0
1/12/2018	Census should ask citizenship status	Express-Times -- Bethlehem Edition, The	0

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1/11/2018	Opinion   Asking About Citizenship	New York Times Online, The	0
1/11/2018	Report: Non-citizens' crime rate analyzed	Spero News	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	KUNM	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WITH	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WRKF-FM Online	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WVPE	0
1/10/2018	NBC Bay Area News at 6	NBC Bay Area News at 6 PM - KNTV-TV	0
1/10/2018	Citizenship and the Census	New York Times Online, The	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WEMU-FM Online	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	KVNF Public Radio	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	wutc.org	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WCBE-FM - Online	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	KUFM-FM Online	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	KLCC-FM - Online	0
1/10/2018	I On Politics   www.qgazette.com	Western Queens Gazette - Online	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	KASU	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WCQS-FM (Western North Carolina Publi	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WMRA	0

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1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	kwgs.org	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	KDNK-FM - Online	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WUWF - Online	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WESM	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	Capital Public Radio - Online	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	kenw.org	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	KNKX-FM Online	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WNIJ-FM - Online	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	KALW	0
1/10/2018	Hansi Lo Wang	HPPR	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	HPPR	0
1/10/2018	Trump Administration's Push For Citizenship Question On Census Alarms Critics By	Texas Standard	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	KNPR-FM (Nevada Public Radio) - Online	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	KUER-FM Online	0
1/10/2018	KUHF-FM	KUHF-FM	0
1/10/2018	Title Unavailable	KSTX-FM	0
1/10/2018	Title Unavailable	KERA-FM	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WUNC-FM - Online	0

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1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	wkyufm	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	KGOU Online	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	KCUR-FM Online	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	Alabama Public Radio - Online	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WUKY-FM - Online	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WVPB-FM - Online	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	KCBX-FM - KCBX-FM online Bureau	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	KBIA-FM - Online	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	Texas Public Radio - Online	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WFAE-FM - Online	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WEKF-FM - Online	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	Interlochen Public Radio	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	KRWG-FM - Online	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	Northeast Indiana Public Radio	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WNPR News	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WLRN-FM Online	0

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1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	KUVO Online	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WCAI Online	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WAMC-FM Online	0
1/10/2018	Adding Citizenship Question Risks 'Bad Count' For 2020 Census, Experts Warn	WYSO-TV - Online	0
1/9/2018	Republicans sabotaging the U.S. census	Laredo Morning Times Online	0
1/9/2018	Republicans sabotaging the U.S. census	San Antonio Express-News Online	0
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier Online	0
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	Sentinel Online	0
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	Wisconsin.com	0
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	Muscatine Journal Online	0
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	Napa Valley Register Online	0
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	Lebanon Express Online	0
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	Rapid City Journal Online	0
1/9/2018	The question that could sabotage the census	Herald & Review Online	0
1/9/2018	Will The "C" Question Destroy The Democratic Party?	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	0
1/9/2018	Will The "C" Question Destroy The Democratic Party?	Fox & Hounds Daily	0
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Current-Argus Online	0
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Coshocton Tribune Online	0
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Ruidoso News Online	0
1/9/2018	Census 2020 doesn't need citizenship question	Newnan Times-Herald Online	0
1/9/2018	California Secretary of State in opposition to U.S. Census citizenship question	Santa Maria Times Online	0
1/9/2018	Smart Ideas: Leave Citizenship Out of the Census	National Journal Daily Extra AM	0
1/9/2018	Sabotaging a sacred mandate	Courier, The	0
1/9/2018	GOP sabotaging a sacred mandate	Daily Record, The	0
1/8/2018	OUR VIEW: Census shouldn't try to count undocumented immigrants	Milford Daily News Online, The	0

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1/8/2018	Why the census shouldn't try to count undocumented immigrants	Tribune-Herald Online	0
1/8/2018	Politics put America's 2020 Census at risk	Billings Gazette Online	0
1/8/2018	Count Founders as angry	Times-Tribune Online, The	0
1/8/2018	GOP is sabotaging this sacred mandate	Daytona Beach News-Journal Online	0
1/8/2018	It's time for the Census Bureau to stop dividing America	Chicago Tribune Online	0
1/8/2018	Sabotage of a sacred mandate	Richmond.com	0
1/8/2018	Justice Department's Census Citizenship Question Increases Undercounting Fears	Route Fifty	0
1/8/2018	Congress must guard accuracy, use of census	Star Tribune Online	0
1/8/2018	Census not about citizenship	San Francisco Chronicle	0
1/8/2018	The Census Bureau already asks about citizenship - for good reasons	Washington Post, The	0
1/8/2018	Why the census shouldn't try to count undocumented immigrants	Tribune-Herald	0
1/8/2018	Trump administration pushes for a change that could derail the census	Patriot Ledger, The	0
1/8/2018	How They See It	Times Record	0
1/8/2018	Sabotage of a sacred mandate	Richmond Times-Dispatch	0
1/8/2018	GOP sabotaging census to decrease participation	Courier-Post	0
1/8/2018	It's time for the Census Bureau to stop dividing America	Chicago Tribune	0
1/8/2018	When Winston-Salem was N.C.'s largest city	Winston-Salem Journal	0
1/8/2018	The GOP is sabotaging this sacred mandate	Star, The (Shelby, NC)	0
1/8/2018	Uninsured immigrants a challenge forcities, states	Arizona Daily Star	0
1/7/2018	The GOP is sabotaging the census — and ignoring the Constitution	Denver Post Online, The	0
1/7/2018	Aging, undocumented and uninsured immigrants challenge cities and states	Register Guard Projects, The	0
1/7/2018	Editorial: Snapshots from the nation's press	Daily Camera	0
1/7/2018	The GOP is sabotaging this sacred mandate	New Hampshire Sunday News	0
1/6/2018	The Trump administration wants to make a major change to the 2020 US census	Business Insider	0

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1/6/2018	California Dreamers say 'We can't wait,' plead for congressional action	Philly.com	0
1/6/2018	The GOP is sabotaging this sacred mandate	Day Online	0
1/6/2018	The Trump administration's citizenship questions could wreck the census	San Francisco Chronicle Online	0
1/6/2018	BBC World Service	BBC World Service - KNOW-FM	0
1/6/2018	Title Unavailable	KSTX-FM	0
1/6/2018	Protect the census	San Diego Union-Tribune, The	0
1/6/2018	The GOP is sabotaging census	Daily Review Atlas	0
1/5/2018	Sessions wants next census to include "citizenship status"	ExpressNews	0
1/5/2018	5 Dem senators ask administration not to include citizenship question on census	Hill Online, The	0
1/5/2018	Experts Say Census Citizenship Question Would Stifle Response	WFPL-FM - Online	0
1/5/2018	What to expect in Texas' voting rights court fights in 2018	Community Impact	0
1/5/2018	Potential census question on citizenship stirs fears of dampened participation	NBC News Online	0
1/5/2018	GOP sabotaging sacred census mandate	Asbury Park Press Online	0
1/5/2018	5 Things You Need to Know About Federal News From the Past Month - GovLoop	GovLoop	0
1/5/2018	The GOP is sabotaging this sacred mandate	Burlington Free Press Online	0
1/5/2018	Lucky Dragon temporarily shuts gaming, restaurant operations	EB-5 News Blog: Regional Centers in the	0
1/5/2018	The GOP is sabotaging this sacred mandate	Plum Line, The	0
1/5/2018	Catherine Rampell The GOP is sabotaging this sacred mandate	Salt Lake Tribune, The	0
1/5/2018	Trump administration pushed for a change that could derail the census	New Britain Herald	0
1/5/2018	It's time the census bureau stops dividing America	Siskiyou Daily News	0
1/5/2018	Trump administration pushed for a change that could derail the census	Bristol Press, The	0
1/5/2018	Senators to Trump Administration: Reject Census Citizenship Question	Targeted News Service	0
1/4/2018	Feds plan to add citizenship question to U.S. Census	Dayton Daily News Online/daytondailyne	0

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1/4/2018	Maloney: Justice Department Request for Inclusion of Citizenship Question in 2020 Census Threatens Accuracy of the Count of Our Nation	U.S. Representative - New York	0
1/4/2018	Democrats Challenge Proposed Citizenship Question on 2020 Census	Government Executive	0
1/4/2018	Feds plan to add citizenship question to U.S. Census	My Dayton Daily News	0
1/4/2018	Feds plan to add citizenship question to U.S. Census	WHIO-TV Online	0
1/4/2018	Census change should be rejected	Manhattan Mercury Online, The	0
1/4/2018	Feds plan to add citizenship question to U.S. Census	Springfield News-Sun Online	0
1/4/2018	Feds plan to add citizenship question to U.S. Census	Journal-News Online	0
1/4/2018	Aging undocumented immigrants pose costly health care challenge	92qnashville.com	0
1/4/2018	Aging undocumented immigrants pose costly health care challenge	KAKE-TV - Online	0
1/4/2018	Aging undocumented immigrants pose costly health care challenge	WICC-AM Online	0
1/4/2018	OpEdNews Citizenship Questions in the Census? Trump's DOJ Has an Audacious New Project to Suppress the Vote	OpEdNews.com	0
1/4/2018	Feds plan to add citizenship question to US Census	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	0
1/4/2018	Letter to Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross: Reject a new citizenship question on the 2020 Census	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	0
1/4/2018	Aging undocumented immigrants pose costly health care challenge	WBBH-TV Online	0
1/4/2018	Aging undocumented immigrants pose costly health care challenge	WSEE-TV Online	0
1/4/2018	Trump DOJ Could Effectively Be Reviving A Long-Term Attack On Voting Rights	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	0
1/4/2018	A question of citizenship	<a href="https://www.google.com/">https://www.google.com/</a>	0
1/4/2018	Census 2020 part of Trump's plan to wreck America	Daily Kos	0
1/4/2018	Department of Justice Requests Citizenship Questions Be Added to Census	Pacific Standard Online	0
1/4/2018	What to expect in Texas' voting rights court fights in 2018	KABB-TV Online	0

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1/4/2018	Another view: The Trump administration pushes for a change that could derail the census	Northwest Herald	0
1/4/2018	Another view: The Trump administration pushes for a change that could derail the census	McHenry County Business Journal, The	0
1/4/2018	Change that could derail U.S. census	Express-Times -- Bethlehem Edition, The	0
1/4/2018	Trump administration pushes for change that could derail the census	Progress-Index, The (Petersburg, VA)	0
1/4/2018	Trump changes could derail the census	Daily Gazette, The	0
1/4/2018	Last-minute question could derail census	Daily Record, The	0
1/3/2018	Social Security pay increase is a slap in the face for Americans	Patriot-News Online/PennLive.com, The	0
1/3/2018	Men need to zip-up and shut-up	Patriot-News Online/PennLive.com, The	0
1/3/2018	A free and open internet should not be stifled by bureaucratic whims	Patriot-News Online/PennLive.com, The	0
1/3/2018	Marc Scaringi's recent op-ed should scare all Americans	Patriot-News Online/PennLive.com, The	0
1/3/2018	Critics Say Questions About Citizenship Could Wreck Chances for an Accurate Census	New York Times Online, The	0
1/3/2018	Trump Appointing Advocate of Racial Gerrymandering to Run Next Census	Independent Journal Review	0
1/3/2018	What to expect in Texas' voting rights court fights in 2018	Amarillo Globe-News Online	0
1/3/2018	What To Expect In Texas' Voting Rights Court Fights In 2018	KUHF-FM - Online	0
1/3/2018	What to expect in Texas' voting rights court fights in 2018	KEYE-TV Online	0
1/3/2018	Alarm at Proposal to Ask About Citizenship Status in Census	Pacific Northwest Inlander - Online	0
1/3/2018	The DOJ Wants A Citizenship Question On The Census. That Could Blow Up The Whole Survey	HuffPost	0
1/3/2018	Aging, Undocumented And Uninsured Immigrants Challenge Cities And States	HuffPost	0
1/3/2018	Trump Justice Department Pushes for Citizenship Question on Census, Alarming Experts	Madison365	0
1/3/2018	Opinion   Say it again, Mitt Romney: Trump is unfit to serve	Washington Post Online, The	0
1/3/2018	Congressman Steve King Seeks Citizenship Question On U.S. Census Form	You-Blog.Club	0

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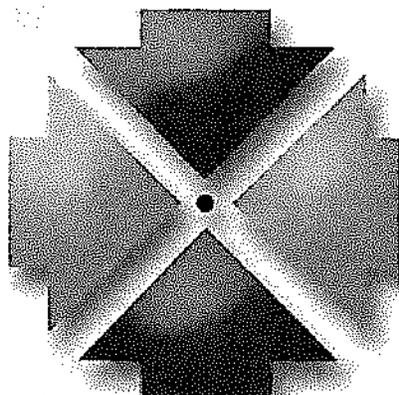
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1/3/2018	Critics Say Questions About Citizenship Could Wreck Chances for an Accurate 2020 Census	News Taco	0
1/2/2018	Trump DOJ Pushes For Citizenship Question On Census, Alarming Experts	Talking Points Memo	0
1/2/2018	Furor greets request to add citizenship question to 2020 U.S. census	Science Online	0
1/2/2018	Trump administration calls for citizenship question on census, potentially chilling participation	Daily Kos	0
1/11/2018	Corrections & Clarifications	WBIR-TV Online	
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	Word Count=300-399, Maximum Score=40		
	Word Count=200-299, Maximum Score=30		
	Word Count=101-199, Maximum Score=20		
	Word Count=1-100, Maximum Score=10		
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	Tier 2, Multiplier=3		
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	Tier 4, Multiplier=1		
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## U.S. Immigrant Population Hits Record 43.7 Million

An Increase of 12.6 million since 2000



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WASHINGTON, Oct. 16, 2017 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- A new analysis by the Center for Immigration Studies of recently released U.S. Census data finds that the nation's immigrant population (legal and illegal) hit a record 43.7 million in 2016. The data also show more than 16.6 million U.S.-born minor children with an immigrant parent. Immigrants and their young children thus now account for nearly one in five U.S. residents.

Growth in the immigrant population was not the same for all countries. There were significant increases in the total number of immigrants from the Middle East, Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, and Latin American countries other than Mexico, while the number of those from Mexico, Europe, and Canada grew not at all or declined. The sending countries with the highest percentage growth from 2010 to 2016 were Saudi Arabia (up 122 percent), Nepal (up 86 percent), Afghanistan (up 74 percent), Burma (up 73 percent), and Syria (up 62 percent).

The states experiencing the largest percentage increases in the number of immigrants 2010 to 2016 were North Dakota (up 48 percent), West Virginia (up 41 percent), South Dakota (up 39 percent), Delaware (up 24 percent), Nebraska (up 20 percent), and Minnesota (up 20 percent).

Dr. Steven Camarota, the Center's director of research and co-author of the report, said, "The enormous number of immigrants already in the country coupled with the settlement of well over a million newcomers each year has a profound impact on American society, including on workers, schools, infrastructure, hospitals and the environment. The nation needs a serious debate about whether continuing this level of immigration makes sense."

View the report at: <https://cis.org/Report/US-Immigrant-Pop-Hit-Record-437-Million-2016>

Among the findings in the new data:

- The nation's immigrant population (legal and illegal) hit a record 43.7 million in July 2016, an increase of half a million since 2015, 3.8 million since 2010, and 12.6 million since 2000.
- As a share of the U.S. population, immigrants (legal and illegal) comprised 13.5 percent, or one out of eight U.S. residents in 2016, the highest percentage in 106 years. As recently as 1980, just one out of 16 residents was foreign-born.
- Between 2010 and 2016, 8.1 million new immigrants settled in the United States. New arrivals are offset by the roughly 300,000 immigrants who return home each year and annual natural mortality of about 300,000 among the existing foreign-born population. As a result, growth in the immigrant population was 3.8 million 2010 to 2016.
- In addition to immigrants, there were slightly more than 16.6 million U.S.-born minor children with an immigrant parent in 2016, for a total of 60.4 million immigrants and their children in the country. Immigrants and their minor children now account for nearly one in five U.S. residents.
- Mexican immigrants (legal and illegal) were by far the largest foreign-born population in the country in 2016. Mexico is the top sending country, with 1.1 million new immigrants arriving from Mexico between 2010 and 2016, or one out of eight new arrivals. However, because of return migration and natural mortality, the overall Mexican-born population has not grown in the last six years.
- The sending regions with the largest numerical increases in the number of immigrants living in the United States 2015 to 2016 were the Caribbean (up 120,522), the Middle East (up 109,113), Central America (up 70,664), Sub-Saharan Africa (up 67,198), South Asia (up 64,902), and South America (up 61,462).
- Longer term, the regions with the largest numerical increases 2010 to 2016 were East Asia (up 892,209), South Asia (up 889,878), the Caribbean (up 554,903), the Middle East (up 471,029), Sub-Saharan Africa (up 456,989), Central America (up 402,784), and South America (up 249,660).
- The sending countries with the largest *numerical* increases since 2010 were India (up 654,202), China (up 550,022), the Dominican Republic (up 206,134), El Salvador (up 172,973), Cuba (up 166,939), the Philippines (up 164,077), Honduras (up 128,478), Vietnam (up 112,218), Venezuela (up 106,185), Guatemala (up 104,883), Nigeria (up 87,565), Pakistan (up 83,271), Haiti (up 81,074), Bangladesh (up 80,949), Jamaica (up

76,532), Ethiopia (up 71,332), Brazil (up 69,982), Colombia (up 68,032), Iraq (up 61,787), Burma (also known as Myanmar, up 60,294), Nepal (up 59,992), and Saudi Arabia (up 54,833).

- The sending countries with the largest *percentage* increases in the number of immigrants living in the United States since 2010 were Saudi Arabia (up 122 percent), Nepal (86 percent), Afghanistan (up 74 percent), Burma (up 73 percent), Syria (up 62 percent), Venezuela (up 58 percent), Bangladesh (up 53 percent), Kenya (up 46 percent), Ethiopia (up 41 percent), Nigeria (up 40 percent), Iraq (up 39 percent), Ghana (up 37 percent), India (up 37 percent), Egypt (up 32 percent), Pakistan (up 28 percent), and China (up 25 percent).
- The states with the largest *numerical* increases in the number of immigrants from 2010 to 2016 were Texas (up 587,889), Florida (up 578,468), California (up 527,234), New York (up 238,503), New Jersey (up 171,504), Massachusetts (up 140,318), Washington (up 134,132), Pennsylvania (up 131,845), Virginia (up 120,050), Maryland (up 118,175), Georgia (up 95,353), Nevada (up 78,341), Arizona (up 78,220), Michigan (up 74,532), Minnesota (up 73,953), and North Carolina (up 70,501).
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## Philanthropy and the 2020 census: A once-in-a-decade chance to get it right

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The U.S. Constitution requires a census every 10 years, and getting it right is important to everyone. The census has an enormous impact on the nation's ability to ensure that all Americans receive equal treatment under the law and have equal access to economic opportunities. Census data provide the basis for virtually

all demographic and socioeconomic information used by policymakers at all levels of government, businesses, philanthropy, community leaders and research organizations.

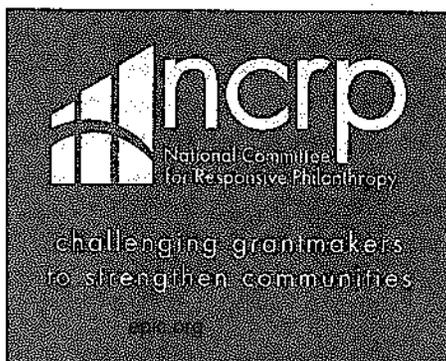
A good census is not a partisan issue. The goal of the U.S. Census Bureau is to "count everyone once, only once, and in the right place."<sup>1</sup> But the census doesn't count all groups equally well, which skews the results in favor of some communities over others for the next 10 years. Already, budget shortfalls are placing census operations designed to reach groups that have been historically underrepresented in the census at risk, threatening fairness and accuracy, and ultimately, our democracy.

The U.S. Census Bureau spends billions of dollars on the census. However, none of that money reaches the non-profit organizations whose outreach to people of color, immigrants and people with low income can help make the difference between a disastrous undercount and an accurate count.

### IT'S NOW OR NEVER

Some of the largest foundations in the country have started to fill a portion of this resource gap, but more focus and resources are needed to support the organizations engaged in critical census education and promotion.

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prioritize achieving a fair and accurate 2020 census:

## 1. THE CENSUS IS IMPORTANT TO EVERYONE.

The outcome of the census influences – directly or indirectly – almost every issue that U.S.-focused philanthropies support, including political empowerment, social justice, educational opportunity, employment, veterans' services, rural development, health care and infrastructure in disadvantaged communities. Philanthropy also relies on census data to guide investment strategies and evaluate the work of grantees.

Decennial census data on state populations determine the number of seats in Congress each state receives and how those districts are drawn. More than \$600 billion annually is allocated through federal programs based, in whole or in part, on census data.<sup>2</sup> Additionally, state and local governments use census information to distribute billions more for essential services. Census data are also used to monitor compliance with, and enforcement of, civil rights statutes.

Counting every person in the United States is an extraordinarily complex endeavor – it is the nation's largest peacetime mobilization of personnel and resources. Even with careful planning, a perfect count is virtually impossible: Some people are missed, some are double-counted, and some do not respond fully. But, because the accuracy of the census directly affects our nation's ability to ensure equal representation and equal access to public and private resources, achieving a fair and accurate census must be regarded as one of the most significant civil rights and social justice priorities facing the country.

## 2. THE 2020 CENSUS IS ALREADY UNDERWAY.

While the 2020 census may seem far off, key decisions are being made now, and poor choices could lead to signifi-

cant harm for years to come. The Census Bureau has spent an entire decade planning for the upcoming census, and, by the end of 2017, the Census Bureau will have finalized the questionnaire for 2020 and launched its program for sharing preliminary address lists with states and municipalities.

Significant operations will go into effect in 2018 with the End-to-End Census Test. This pivotal "dress rehearsal" had been scheduled to take place in three areas – Pierce County, Washington; Providence County, Rhode Island; and Bluefield-Beckley-Oak Hill, West Virginia – but due to budget shortfalls, it will only be conducted in Providence. The dry run is the only opportunity for a complete test of the 2020 questionnaire and new technologies, including a new Internet response option that the Census Bureau is promoting as the primary response mode for the 2020 census and electronic devices for census takers to collect information during personal visits to unresponsive households.

In 2019, the Census Bureau will ramp up its outreach efforts, which include a partnership program, paid advertising and a census in the schools program. Hundreds of millions of questionnaires will be printed, and local offices across the country will begin recruiting more than a million temporary census employees, with plans to hire about 300,000 enumerators during peak operations. Census workers also will canvass selected communities that have undergone significant change or that have unstable housing conditions, to update the master address file that establishes the universe for the 2020 count.

## 3. ENGAGING LATER MAY BE TOO LATE.

Historically, the census has missed disproportionately high numbers of people of color, low-income households in rural and urban areas and young children. The Census Bureau also des-

ignates "hard-to-count" areas based on additional characteristics, including limited English proficiency, mobile and single-parent households. This uneven accuracy has significant civil rights implications because it could deny the most vulnerable members of our society equal representation and opportunity. Efforts to address these challenges must be built into the census process now, before it is too late for them to have an impact.

Encouraging people to complete their census questionnaires, and eliminating undercounts in at-risk communities, will be particularly challenging in 2020. Encouraging an online response might lead to concerns about Internet privacy and data confidentiality, especially given high-profile news stories about computer hacking affecting businesses and government. And some communities that may already feel besieged by the current political climate may be concerned about new options for identifying Middle Eastern and North African ethnicity. Immigrant and mixed-status households may be especially fearful of providing information to the federal government in 2020, given the heightened climate of fear that anti-immigrant rhetoric and policies have created.

The Census Bureau will attempt to minimize undercounting with an extensive, \$400+ million communications plan, but the bureau cannot be successful on its own. The role that national and state advocacy groups and community-based organizations play is critical to a fair and accurate census.

According to former Census Bureau Director Kenneth Prewitt, "Of the many things necessary for a successful census, none rival 'trusted voices' that reassure Americans anxious about the government asking questions. The Census Bureau knows that trusted community voices persuade millions of Americans to join the once every decade opportu-

nity that is truly 'of the people, by the people, for the people.'<sup>3</sup>

We commend the philanthropic community for identifying an accurate 2010 census as an important goal and for committing significant resources to this work – The Leadership Conference's 2010 census education and promotion campaign, a collaborative with Asian Americans Advancing Justice-AAJC, the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials Educational Fund, the NAACP, and the National Congress of American Indians, which served as a key bridge between the Census Bureau and communities at greatest risk of an undercount – would not have been possible without this support.

Foundations invested at least \$37 million in "get out the count" campaigns to increase the accuracy of the 2010 census.<sup>4</sup> But the flow of funds to nonprofit organizations was uneven and unpredictable, and the levels of funding were not commensurate with the importance of the census and the wide-ranging and long-term consequences of underperformance.

Equally important is to consider that meaningful funder involvement did not begin until 2008, which was not early enough in the decade during the last census cycle.

Our work for the 2020 census has been under way for years, and some of the nation's largest foundations have begun to shore up funding to support nonprofit communities. But the resources and reach to date are inadequate to meet the immense challenge of ensuring a fair and accurate count.

In the current climate, broadening the coalition engaged in census work will be critical. Foundations that understand the importance of the census for their other substantive areas of focus must find ways of ensuring a swift and sufficient investment in the work of community groups.

#### 4. FOCUSING ON POLICY IMPROVEMENTS NOW COULD PAY SIGNIFICANT DIVIDENDS.

The 2020 census faces a severe threat that underfunding will compromise its fairness and accuracy. In order for the Census Bureau to prepare well – and carry out important tests of new technologies and procedures – it requires a continuous ramp up in funding levels in the years ending in "6" through "0."

Unfortunately, as the below graph shows, for this cycle Congress allocated far less than the Census Bureau requested in both 2016 and 2017; the 2017 funding level was only modestly higher than the previous year. To make matters worse, the administration's funding request of \$1.5 billion for fiscal year 2018 is irresponsible and unrealistically low, falling at least \$300 million short of the level needed to ensure a cost-effective decennial census in 2020.

This underinvestment has already forced the Census Bureau to scale back or eliminate some key 2020 census preparations. For example, 2017 field

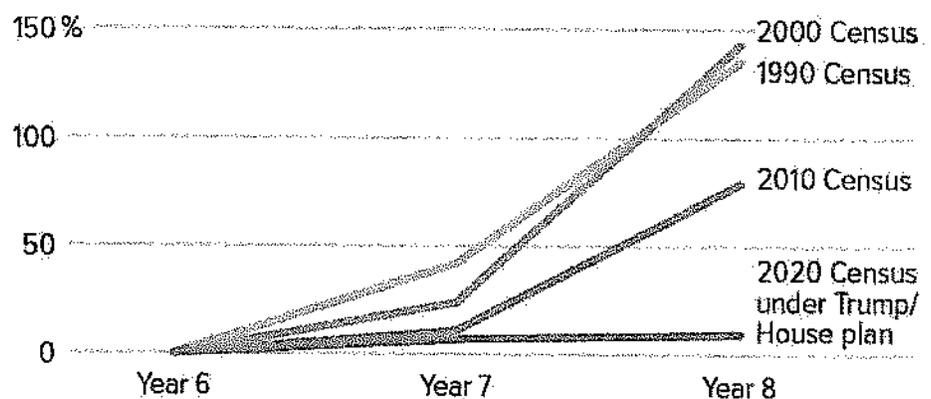
tests planned for Puerto Rico and on two American-Indian reservations were canceled. In addition, the opening of three of six regional 2020 census offices has been delayed, and the communications campaign and coverage measurement components of the 2018 dress rehearsal were eliminated.

Given the Trump Administration's inadequate budget request for 2018, the Census Bureau has been forced to entirely eliminate two of the three dress rehearsal sites, thus diminishing the opportunity to fully test all methods and operations in a census-like environment in different types of communities.

The consequences of inadequate preparation and funding could be devastating, with vulnerable, hard-to-count communities taking the hardest hits. Educational outreach, to both sides of the aisle, about the need for sufficient government investment in the sound preparation and policy development to ensure a fair and accurate census, can help address this potential crisis, but

### Proposed Increase in 2018 Census Bureau Funding Far Less Than in Previous Decennial Census Cycles

Change in Census Bureau Budget relative to year 6 of each decade



Note: All years are fiscal years. Figures show discretionary budget authority in each year of the decade relative to that in the sixth year, not adjusted for inflation.

Source: CBPP based on Office of Management and Budget, enacted appropriations, and draft legislation from the House Appropriations Committee

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philanthropic support is needed for this work to be successful.

Census funding has been traditionally viewed by philanthropy as a once-a-decade undertaking, without a midcycle funding stream. But funding for organizations with a proven track record on census issues, as well as for those who can reach audiences that will support and decide census policy, can help make the difference in bolstering efforts to educate and influence policymakers.

### FUNDERS: BE A VALIDATOR TO YOUR PEERS.

The census is a classic “intersectional” issue. It has a direct impact on antipoverty efforts, criminal justice reform, racial justice issues, educational access and much more. Thousands of community groups across the country are hoping to play a role in promoting the census to their constituents, but they lack the resources to develop and staff major activities.

Foundations that support the core

work of these organizations should recognize that an inclusive census enables grantees to access the resources they need to provide better services.

We hope that funders will be open to combining portfolios, as many did in 2010, to increase the pot of available funding. Please talk to your colleagues about this critical issue.

When it comes to the census, there are no do-overs – we have only one chance this decade to get it right. ■

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## A new way to fund grassroots LGBTQ organizing in the South

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needed, to be used by those who are most impacted. There’s a strategic reason as well: Creating legal and lived equality in the South requires that we do long-term organizing in every community, not just in large metro areas.

For CSE, funding grassroots work is a core strategy as we build a new model of Southern organizing, just like direct services and litigation. We learn from and build with our grassroots partners. In the shared work and mutuality of these relationships, there is also great joy. ■

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Chairman Gowdy, Ranking Member Cummings, and Members of the Committee: I am Vanita Gupta, president & CEO of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. Thank you for the opportunity to testify about planning and preparations for the 2020 Census.

The Leadership Conference is a coalition charged by its diverse membership of more than 210 national organizations to promote and protect the civil and human rights of all persons in the United States. Founded in 1950 by A. Philip Randolph, Arnold Aronson, and Roy Wilkins, The Leadership Conference works in support of policies that further the goal of equality under law through legislative advocacy and public education.

The Leadership Conference provides a powerful unified voice for the many constituencies of the coalition: persons of color, women, children, individuals with disabilities, LGBTQ individuals, older Americans, labor unions, major religious groups, civil libertarians, and human rights organizations. Given the breadth of our coalition, The Leadership Conference is ideally positioned to address many of the most pressing issues affecting the successful implementation of Census Bureau programs, surveys, and initiatives. The Leadership Conference's coordinating role among so many diverse organizations allows for the sharing of different perspectives, as well as the development of broader strategies that occur within the purview of any individual organization. All of our work draws on the expertise of the cross-section of national organizations, and examines the impact of civil rights policy on a broad range of constituencies.

Our coalition views an accurate and fair census, and the collection of useful, objective data about our nation's people, housing, economy, and communities generally, to be among the most important civil rights issues of our day. We and the Leadership Conference Census Task Force co-chairs, NALEO Educational Fund and Asian Americans Advancing Justice-AAJC, have a long record of first-hand experience working in support of previous censuses. For the 2010 Census, we undertook the most comprehensive and extensive effort by a stakeholder organization to promote participation in historically hard-to-count communities and to mobilize local advocates in support of the census by highlighting the community

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benefits, civil rights implications, and constitutional imperative of an accurate count. We are now building upon our previous work to help ensure that no one is left out of the 2020 Census.

Under the Constitution, Congress bears responsibility for overseeing the census and, by extension, for ensuring a fair and accurate count that supports the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment's guarantee of equal representation. That is why this oversight hearing is so important, and we commend the committee for focusing much-needed and welcome attention on preparations for our nation's largest, most complex peacetime activity.

The Leadership Conference shares this committee's interest in a modern and cost-effective census. Those are worthwhile goals and important considerations in the design of the 2020 Census. Technology undoubtedly can facilitate easy and quick participation in the census for many Americans, and administrative data maintained by other government agencies can help streamline and improve some census operations. But the primary and overarching goal of the census is a fair and accurate enumeration of all people living in the United States on Census Day. The goal of a census that is equally successful in *all* communities is non-negotiable.

### **The Importance of the Census**

Article I, Section 2 of the United States Constitution places the census at the core of our democratic system of governance by calling for a count of the nation's population every ten years. The census provides information that is the cornerstone of knowledge about all people in the United States. It is the basis for virtually all demographic and socio-economic information used by businesses, policy makers, research institutions, and nonprofit organizations.

The decennial census has several important uses. First, decennial census data on state populations determine the number of seats in Congress each state receives and how those districts are drawn, through the reapportionment and redistricting processes. Second, the census provides the figures that determine the number of electors each state receives for presidential elections. Third, census numbers determine the allocation of hundreds of billions of federal program dollars for important community services, such as schools, programs for veterans and seniors, modern transportation systems, and rural economic development. Fourth, census data are used to monitor compliance with civil rights laws and to determine where disparities exist and remediation is required. Finally, the private sector uses census data to make important decisions about their businesses, including investment strategies, hiring plans, and location of facilities.

All of these functions depend on a fair and accurate census. For all of these reasons, getting the census right is important to everyone.

### **Census Accuracy and the Problem of the Undercount**

However, certain population groups—referred to as “hard-to-count”—are at a higher risk of not being fully counted in the decennial census. The differential undercount is a disproportionate undercounting of these population groups, most notably people of color, young children, and renters (a proxy for low-

income households), compared to non-Hispanic Whites, seniors, and homeowners. These groups have been historically underrepresented in the decennial census for decades; and for some populations—for example, young children under age five—the undercount has been getting progressively worse. Now, however, additional populations—such as rural residents and older Americans—may experience new or increased vulnerability due to major changes in methodology, such as relying on the Internet as the primary way for households to respond to the 2020 Census. Others may be reluctant to respond due to concerns about data confidentiality. Being hard-to-count can deprive people and their communities of equal political representation and their fair share of vital public and private resources.

Census tracts are considered hard-to-count, according to Census Bureau research, if they have certain population and housing characteristics associated with both low self-response and higher likelihood of being missed entirely in the census. There are hard-to-count communities in every state, and hard-to-count population groups in communities of all sizes, from large urban areas such as Denver, New York, and Omaha, to smaller cities such as Virginia Beach and Little Rock. These examples may be of particular interest to members of the Committee:

- Nearly 10 percent of census tracts in South Carolina are hard-to-count.
- 27 percent of Baltimore's population lives in hard-to-count census tracts.
- Nearly 15 percent of Tennessee census tracts are hard-to-count.
- One quarter of San Antonio's residents live in hard-to-count census tracts.
- Ten percent of North Carolinians live in such areas.
- One in three Oklahomans (34.5 percent) live in neighborhoods or communities that are considered more difficult to count and, therefore, are at greater risk of disproportionate undercounting.
- Roughly one in five Illinois census tracts are considered hard-to-count.
- One in ten Michigan census tracts face similar circumstances, with a staggering 65 percent of Detroit residents living in neighborhoods that are harder to count accurately.

Hard-to-count communities are not confined to urban areas. It may be less well known, but rural and remote communities, including American Indian tribal lands and reservations, are also vulnerable to disproportionate undercounting in the decennial census, with lower income households especially at risk. Eighty-seven percent (87 percent) of the hardest-to-count counties in the 2010 Census were rural counties.<sup>1</sup>

According to the Census Bureau's own scientific measurements, the 2010 Census undercount in areas counted using a modified method known as Update/Enumerate, was nearly eight percent (7.87 percent). Update/Enumerate operations are deployed in areas without city-style addressing or that do not receive mail through city-style addressing, such as those where people receive their mail through a Post Office Box; in communities affected by significant natural disasters, such as areas still recovering from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the 2010 Census; are especially inaccessible; or have high seasonal

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<sup>1</sup> Dr. William P. O'Hare, President, O'Hare Data and Demographic Services, LLC, tabulation for upcoming issue brief for the Carsey Institute, University of New Hampshire.

vacancy rates.

The Census Bureau is planning new methods as part of the Update/Enumerate operation for the 2020 Census, *yet it was forced to cancel all pre-census testing of Update/Enumerate methods due to lack of sufficient funding.* The first such tests were scheduled for earlier this year, on two American Indian reservations and adjacent tribal lands on the North and South Dakota border and in Washington State, as well as in Puerto Rico. But the uncertainty of adequate full year funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 led the Bureau to cancel all 2017 census site tests. Similarly, the Census Bureau has canceled two of three dress rehearsal sites in 2018 (the 2018 End-to-End Census Test) due to uncertainty about timely and sufficient funding. The two eliminated sites — Pierce County, Washington, and the Bluefield-Beckley-Oak Hill area of West Virginia — included the only opportunities to test, in a real-time census-like environment, special counting methods for rural areas.

With no testing opportunities on the horizon, the Census Bureau changed its counting plans for most rural areas originally slated for Update/Enumerate operations. Instead, the bureau will use an Update/Leave method, which it will test in a very limited way in 2018, but not in a rural area. The operational and cost implications of this recent design modification are, as yet, unknown. While the bureau has used Update/Leave methods in previous censuses, they have not addressed past problems of duplication, and potential new challenges of an Internet-focused enumeration, for the 2020 Census.

Failure to provide adequate resources before the once-a-decade population count will force the Census Bureau to shortchange 2020 Census operations designed to improve accuracy in historically undercounted communities. This would lead to a result that deprives population groups of equal political representation and access to their fair share of public and private resources. Equally important, failure to test all methods adequately — due to budget shortfalls — puts the 2020 Census at risk of cost overruns during peak census operations.

### **A Fair and Accurate Census is At Risk**

The schedule for final census testing, preparations, and implementation over the next three years is unrelenting. At this point in the decennial cycle, the Census Bureau requires a sufficient funding ramp-up to keep 2020 Census planning and preparations on track. Funding for the decennial census is cyclical and traditionally increases significantly in the years ending in “6” through “0.”

Unfortunately, the delay in passing FY 2017 appropriations bills, coupled with underfunding in the final “omnibus” measure, forced the Census Bureau to eliminate, streamline, or delay vital planning activities, putting a fair and accurate 2020 Census in jeopardy. Furthermore, the Trump administration’s original FY 2018 budget request for the Census Bureau was *inadequate and unrealistic.*

These current and anticipated budget constraints are taking a toll on rigorous 2020 Census preparations. In addition to the cancellation of two of three planned sites for the 2018 End-to-End Test mentioned earlier (a dry run of all census operations that integrates all operations and IT systems for the first time), the Census Bureau eliminated the advertising campaign and Partnership Program for the 2018 dress



rehearsal. Development of the full advertising campaign and Partnership Program, which helps keep costs down by boosting self-response and increase accuracy by targeting messages to historically hard-to-count communities, is well behind schedule. The original FY 2018 budget request did not include any funding for partnership specialists, who help state and local officials and trusted community leaders support census operations through focused outreach and promotion for their constituencies. In addition, uncertainties about funding have forced the bureau to “pause” planning for the Census Coverage Measurement program, which produces undercount and overcount estimates and tells us how accurate the census is. The Census Bureau will not test this operation in the 2018 dress rehearsal as originally planned.

Simply put, the Census Bureau needs a steady ramp-up in funding to support a critical dress rehearsal, deployment of the IT architecture and field infrastructure, and development of a massive communications campaign that will encourage people to participate and, therefore, help keep census costs in check. We support the proposal in Rep. Carolyn Maloney’s new bill, to allocate roughly \$1.9 billion for the Census Bureau in FY 2018. The additional funding will help the bureau meet growing costs for the data collection and processing system; restore advertising and partnership activities to the 2018 End-to-End Census Test in Providence County, RI; assess and implement modified census plans for communities in Texas, Florida, and other states hit hard by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, as well as for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands; put development of the Integrated Partnership and Communications program back on track; and possibly plan a smaller, focused test of census operations in rural communities in advance of the 2020 Census.

### **Internet Response and Technology**

As this committee knows, the Census Bureau will conduct the first “high-tech” census in 2020. The Internet response option could help keep census costs in check by increasing initial response rates, or at least holding them steady compared to 2010, thereby saving resources that can be used to find and enumerate the hardest to count. Congress must remember, however, that Internet response is not a silver bullet. The fact is, not everyone has the same connectivity, security, and comfort with the Internet. The Commerce Department’s own analyses show that communities of color, rural residents, adults with low educational attainment, low income individuals, people with disabilities, and older Americans lag behind younger, affluent, highly educated, urban, and White adults in both device and Internet penetration. An Internet response option, while offering the promise of cost savings, could lead to poor or uneven participation, technological infrastructure failings, or both, thereby increasing the differential undercount. A lower-than-projected Internet response rate could strain the Bureau’s already limited resources by increasing response by paper questionnaire or telephone or, more worrisome, the number of households that require door-to-door follow-up.

Technology also brings cybersecurity threats, real or perceived. The security of the 2020 Census IT systems and personal census data is paramount, and the Census Bureau and its federal and private sector partners must do everything possible to ensure that security. This means there must be a comprehensive back-up plan to address any potential breaches and their consequences for the census process in real time. At the same time, the Census Bureau must have an effective communications plan to assure everyone in the United States that their personal information is secure - in other words, to build confidence in a high-



tech census at a time when many people are wary. Lack of confidence in data security could depress Internet response rates (more so if a large business or another government agency suffers a cyber-attack near the time of the census), thus increasing costs and enumeration challenges considerably.

It is still possible that a streamlined state-of-the-art program could produce a fair and accurate census, while simultaneously meeting Congress' challenging budget restrictions. However, to uphold its constitutional duty and ensure an accurate and fully inclusive count, Congress must allocate the resources for comprehensive risk management and preparations for real-time back-up methods and operations.

To address these and other concerns related to a high-tech census, we are pleased to offer for the record a new report from The Leadership Conference Education Fund and the Georgetown Center on Poverty and Inequality, entitled Counting Everyone in the Digital Age. The report addresses how proposed Internet and automation technologies will affect 2020 Census enumeration for groups at risk of being undercounted, and includes actionable recommendations for Congress, the administration, and community leaders.

#### **Utilizing Administrative Records**

The Census Bureau is evaluating the use of administrative records to obtain missing information about unresponsive households in lieu of in-person, door-to-door follow-up visits by Census enumerators. However, the implications of such a methodology for data quality and consistency and census accuracy are not clear. There are a number of questions that the Census Bureau must address and resolve before stakeholders have confidence that a broad use of these data will not compromise census accuracy or undermine the goals of eliminating the differential undercount and collecting more accurate race and ethnicity data for all communities. The Bureau will be hindered in resolving outstanding concerns about its potential use of administrative records if it conducts an End-to-End Census Test that is far less comprehensive than originally planned. We offer for the record a new report, Administrative Records in the 2020 U.S. Census: Civil Rights Considerations and Opportunities, which is the culmination of a project of the Urban Institute, The Leadership Conference, and the Georgetown Center on Poverty and Inequality, to examine, from the perspective of civil rights stakeholders, the benefits and risks of utilizing administrative data for the U.S. population in general and for specific vulnerable subpopulations such as communities of color, the impoverished, immigrants, homeless, those participating in government assistance programs, and others, in the upcoming census.

#### **Other 2020 Census Challenges**

Counting every person residing in the United States is a difficult endeavor. But even with careful planning, several other factors—many out of the Census Bureau's control—pose significant risks to a fair and accurate census.

First, proposals to add untested and unnecessary questions – including about immigration status – to the census form at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour could derail eight years worth of research and testing and result in an expensive, yet ultimately failed, census.



Second, the reluctance of many individuals to provide personal information voluntarily to the government poses an additional barrier to a full count. The Census Bureau will face this challenge in many parts of the country and in many types of communities.

Finally, there remains a leadership vacuum at the Bureau following the unexpected resignation of the Census Director in June, as well as other high-level vacancies at the Commerce Department and the Census Bureau.

Regrettably, we fear that the strict budget constraints Congress has imposed on the 2020 Census add to these formidable barriers. The Census Bureau will try to minimize undercounting, but will be hampered by a smaller footprint in the field. Budget shortfalls have caused the cancellation of the advertising campaign and Partnership Program for the End-to-End Census Test and delays in researching and developing a full communications campaign and Partnership Program. These activities keep costs down by boosting self-response and increase accuracy by targeting messages to motivate response in historically hard-to-count communities. A robust Partnership Program is especially critical in light of the realignment of the Bureau's field office structure following the 2010 Census, including plans to employ, at most, half the staffing used for the 2010 Census.

### Conclusion

Members of Congress are fully aware that the census has political consequences—in fact, the Constitution says as much, by basing congressional apportionment and equal representation on the population count. But the conduct of the census must be strictly nonpartisan and must strive to achieve an equally accurate count in all communities.

The Leadership Conference and its member organizations look forward to working with all members of this committee to ensure a cost-effective, secure, and above all, accurate and inclusive census in every one of the nation's communities. When people — *your constituents* — are not counted in the census, they remain invisible for the next ten years. And overcounts — that is, counting people twice or including them by mistake — do not benefit anyone either, because policymakers have a skewed picture of where to direct hard-earned, limited taxpayer dollars. There are no do-overs with the census. The Census Bureau must get it right the first time, and all of us — members of Congress, county officials and mayors, school principals, veterans advocates, businesses large and small, and, indeed, every person in the United States — must live with the results for the next ten years.



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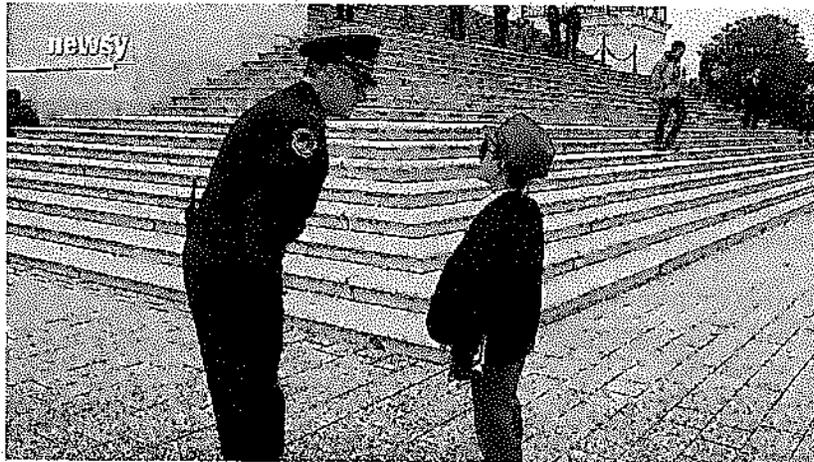
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# The DOJ Wants A Citizenship Question On The Census. That Could Blow Up The Whole Survey

Experts already concerned about census response rates say the query would cause even fewer people to respond.



By Sam Levine



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The Department of Justice's recent request to add a question about citizenship to the 2020 census has sparked concerns that such a move would lower response rates within immigrant communities.

An inaccurate Census would have severe consequences. The survey helps determine the allocation of nearly \$700 billion each year in federal money, the number of representatives each state has in the U.S. House and how other electoral districts are drawn.

Even before ProPublica reported the Department of Justice request to the Census Bureau for the citizenship question, officials already faced significant challenges in getting people to respond. Among those is convincing people that the Census Bureau, which is overseen by the Commerce Department, won't share data on individuals with other government agencies, said Arturo Vargas, the executive director of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials-Educational Fund.

"What has happened in the past year or so, given the political environment, is that immigrants have become much more fearful of contact with the federal government, Vargas told HuffPost. "These are not just undocumented immigrants. They're legal

permanent residents, they're U.S. citizens who have family members who are immigrants."

Vargas, who also is a member of the Census Bureau's National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations, said part of this fear arises from the policies and "new tone" of the Trump administration toward immigrants.

"So adding the citizenship question to [the census] is going to exponentially increase that hurdle to convince everybody that nothing's going to happen to you if you answer this survey," he said.

"The U.S. Census Bureau is evaluating the request from the U.S. Department of Justice and will process it in the same way we have historically dealt with such requests. The final list of questions must be submitted to Congress by March 31, 2018. Secretary [Wilbur] Ross will then make a decision. Our top priority is a complete and accurate 2020 Census," the bureau said Thursday in a statement.

The Justice Department, in its Dec. 12 letter to the Census Bureau, said it needs data on non-citizens to better enforce Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. That provision prohibits the drawing of electoral maps in such a way to dilute the influence of minority votes. DOJ said the data on non-citizens would ensure districts are drawn in a way that fairly represents minority citizens.

Voting rights lawyers question that rationale, noting that the Census Bureau already asks people if they are citizens through the American Community Survey (ACS), which every year goes out to about 3 million households and extrapolates information about the U.S. population. The Justice Department said in its letter the ACS data was insufficient for voting rights enforcement and that the citizenship question should be included on the formal census, something that has not been done since 1950.

John Yang, the president and executive director of Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC, told HuffPost that asking about citizenship on the census would hinder the government from collecting accurate data.

"Putting it in the minds of the immigrant, they will have a certain paranoia," he said. "Even if they are a citizen themselves, they will say, 'Well, does this mean that they are asking me about my relatives that are here? How will this information be used against me?' Just by its nature, because this is something that goes to the core of someone's presence in the United States, they are going to be fearful."

He added that among immigrants who are not English proficient, the citizenship question would "raise in them a whole host of questions of 'I don't want to lie, I don't want to misstate anything, so it's easiest just not to answer.'"

John Thompson, the former Census Bureau director who resigned in May, said he would not advise adding a question about citizenship because census officials hadn't had a chance to measure how it would affect the response rate.

"From a census point of view ... you don't do things until you understand the effect," he told HuffPost. Census officials don't understand the effect (of adding the citizenship question. Without being able to measure it and trying to understand how this would affect the census and the census environment, for me, it would be hard to make that recommendation."

Some lawmakers have previously tried to pass legislation requiring a citizenship question on the census. Rep. Clay Higgins (R-La.) last year unsuccessfully sought to withhold funding for the Census Bureau unless it added such a question.

Rep. Steve King (R-Iowa) said in December he wants the census to count citizens separately from non-citizens and then use only the count of citizens to determine the apportionment of congressional seats. The U.S. Constitution requires congressional seats to be apportioned based on a count of all "persons," not just citizens.

Terri Ann Lowenthal, who worked as staff director of the House census oversight subcommittee from 1987-1994, said that adding a question about citizenship would produce inaccuracies that would have far-ranging consequences.

Asking about citizenship "will depress response rates and just lead to a completely inaccurate census in many areas," she said. "Those same data must be used for redistricting, as well as the allocation of hundreds of billions of dollars a year for federal funds for vital services, as well as state funds for community purposes."

Census researchers conducting tests in preparation for 2020 already have been raising concerns about the impact of harsh immigration rhetoric on response rates. In a September memo, the researchers said field representatives and supervisors were seeing an unprecedented amount of concern about the confidentiality of census data, particularly among immigrants. The officials observed test respondents "falsifying names, dates of birth, and other information on household rosters." In focus groups conducted in several languages to test messages for the census, respondents expressed concern about opening their door for a census-taker out of fear they could be deported.

"Spanish-speakers brought up immigration raids, fear of government, and fear of deportation. Respondents talked about having received advice not to open the door if they fear a visit from Immigration and Customs Enforcement" agents, the memo said.

The researchers called the responses "eye-opening" because many of the respondents had participated in previous census-related testing and not expressed similar nervousness or hesitation about sharing information.

*This article has been updated with a statement from the Census Bureau.*

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# Census 2020:

## Research and Messaging

**January 22, 2018**

**Presented by**

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## Research and Messaging Goal

- Key ideas to test and understand: interest/awareness of Census, empowerment/resistance, convenience/compliance, and community benefit
- Identify concerns about Census participation across formats (in-person, online, etc)
- Identify trusted messengers, especially on traditional media and social media platforms
- Assess existing interest and determine which messages move people to action
- Test behavioral outcomes, not just attitudes
- Understand the Hard-to-Count Latino community
- Complement research conducted by the Census and other groups/organizations

# Target Research Population

## National Poll

- Nationally representative sample of the adult Latino population
- Participants will also be assigned to treatment groups, or the control group to test most effective message(s)

**Focus Groups** - Messages from the survey experiment (national poll) will be tested to evaluate what refinements are needed, given local and/or demographic nuances

- Hispanic adults who reside in two target areas (Site options: Atlanta, Charlotte or Raleigh NC, Houston or Dallas)
- Mix of gender, age, language preference and nativity
- English group and one Spanish group
- Two groups with women, two groups with men
- Ensure Hard to Count populations are included



# 2020 Census: Research and Messaging Timeline

**2018** **January to May** – Conduct national poll and focus groups  
**May to June** – National poll and focus group analysis and report  
**June - December** – Messaging development and deployment

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**2019 - 2020** **January to April/May** – Conduct national poll and focus groups to update/refresh messaging; emphasis on helping inform a “Get Out the Count” program  
**May to June** – National poll and focus group analysis and report  
**May 2019 – April 2020** – Refine messaging and deploy, including a field, media, and social media campaign

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# Thank you.

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# Opinion: 2020 Census will be a disaster for California without more money

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By **ARTURO VARGAS** and **JOHN DOBARD** |

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Alarms about poor preparation for the 2020 Census are ringing across the nation, but perhaps no where louder than in California. The Golden State, with almost 39 million residents, has the largest stake in a fair and accurate census.

The U.S. Constitution requires a new count of the population every 10 years. It's a massive undertaking, involving more than a decade of planning, elaborate tests of supporting technology, outreach to a more diverse and mobile population, and hiring a temporary work force of more than half a million to contact those who fail to self-respond.

But so far, Congress has severely underfunded preparations for the 2020 Census by hundreds of millions of dollars.

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The census is more than a head count. The framers intended it to ensure the fair allocation of political power. Population data from the census are used for the reapportionment of congressional seats and the redistricting of California's state and local government political districts.

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Census data also guide \$87 billion annually in federal funds to the Golden State. These funds are for such vital needs as Medicaid and Medicare (Part B), Head Start, school lunch programs, highways and transportation and housing assistance. All depend on the census count.

Census data are used in civil rights and voting rights enforcement. The information is used to protect access to the ballot, to monitor discrimination and to examine economic equality.

Today the Census Bureau's annual budget sits stalled at last year's level because of a continuing resolution passed by Congress and signed by President Donald Trump. The administration and Congress have yet to act on more funding.

California is more than the largest state; it is the most diverse state in the nation. For the Census Bureau, whose job is to count and place every resident of our state, the challenge in California may be greater than anywhere else in the nation.

Latinos are one of the fastest growing population groups in California. They represent about 40 percent of the population and increased by 9 percent since the last census.

Nationally, Latinos have one of the highest undercounts of any population group in the census. So, one of the largest, growing segments of California's population is going to be one of the most difficult to count in the next census.

Historically, the Census Bureau put serious resources into neighborhoods with large ~~Supports of color on this issue~~ now threatened by insufficient funding.

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in California at least 25 percent of residents, or 9.7 million people, are in localities the Census Bureau refers to as "Hard-to-Count" tracts. Communities of color make up a large portion of these tracts. In California, 38 percent of African-Americans, 34 percent of Hispanics and 31 percent of Asians live in Hard-To-Count areas, according to the Census Bureau.

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Californians cannot afford to wait until 2020 to protect our stake in the national head count. The time to send an alarm to Washington, D.C., is now.

The Trump administration recently asked Congress to increase funding for the Census Bureau in 2018 by \$187 million to make up for past underinvestment. We believe the appropriate increase is closer to \$400 million to get started in outreach, partnership and testing of new operations that promise to ensure a complete, fair and accurate count.

We encourage readers to contact their U.S. Senators and Congressional Representatives now, before the final 2018 funding bill is considered this month. Our state has too much at stake for the next decade to settle for anything less.

*Dr. John Dobard is manager of Political Voice, Advancement Project California, a multiracial civil rights organization. Arturo Vargas is executive director of the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund.*

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**From:** Kris Kobach [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2017 2:43 PM  
**To:** Teramoto, Wendy (Federal) < [REDACTED] >  
**Cc:** Alexander, Brooke (Federal) < [REDACTED] >; Hernandez, Israel (Federal) < [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Re: Follow up on our phone call

Yes.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 24, 2017, at 1:39 PM, Teramoto, Wendy (Federal) < [REDACTED] > wrote:

Kris- can you do a call with the Secretary and Izzy tomorrow at 11 am? Thanks. Wendy

**From:** Kris Kobach [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2017 12:02 PM  
**To:** Teramoto, Wendy (Federal) < [REDACTED] >  
**Subject:** Re: Follow up on our phone call

That works for me. What number should I call? Or would you like to call me?

On Mon, Jul 24, 2017 at 9:12 AM, Teramoto, Wendy (Federal) < [REDACTED] > wrote:

We can speak today at 230. Please let me know if that works. W

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 21, 2017, at 4:34 PM, Kris Kobach < [REDACTED] > wrote:

Wendy,

Nice meeting you on the phone this afternoon. Below is the email that I sent to Secretary Ross. He and I had spoken briefly on the phone about this issue, at the direction of Steve Bannon, a few months earlier.

Let me know what time would work for you on Monday, if you would like to schedule a short call. The issue is pretty straightforward, and the text of the question to be added is in the email

Thanks.

Kris Kobach

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Kris Kobach** <[REDACTED]>

Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 at 9:12 AM

Subject: Follow up on our phone call

To: [REDACTED]

Secretary Ross,

Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach here. I'm following up on our telephone discussion from a few months ago. As you may recall, we talked about the fact that the US census does not currently ask respondents their citizenship. This lack of information impairs the federal government's ability to do a number of things accurately. It also leads to the problem that aliens who do not actually "reside" in the United States are still counted for congressional apportionment purposes.

It is essential that one simple question be added to the upcoming 2020 census. That question already appears on the American Community Survey that is conducted by the Census Bureau (question #8). A slight variation of that question needs to be added to the census. It should read as follows:

**Is this person a citizen of the United States?**

**Yes, born in the United States**

**Yes, born in Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or Northern Marianas**

**Yes, born abroad of U.S. citizen parent or parents**

**Yes, U.S. citizen by naturalization – Print year of naturalization \_\_\_\_\_**

**No, not a U.S. citizen – this person is a lawful permanent resident (green card holder)**

**No, not a U.S. citizen – this person citizen of another country who is not a green card holder (for example holds a temporary visa or falls into another category of non-citizens)**

Please let me know if there is any assistance that I can provide to accomplish the addition of this question. You may reach me at this email address or on my cell phone at [REDACTED]

Yours,

**From:** Gay E. Lasher [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 3, 2018 12:57 PM  
**To:** Ron S Jarmin (CENSUS/ADEP FED)  
**Subject:** Citizenship question on census survey

Dear Mr. Jarmin,

I am very concerned, after reading an article in today's NY Times, about a request from the Justice Department to include a question about citizenship in the general census. This question has not been asked in a general census since 1960 and is very likely to result in an inaccurate count, disproportionately affecting people of color.

In addition, such a late request (Dec.12, 2017) does not allow proper time to vet the writing of such a question or to really consider the negative effects. Please do NOT allow such a question to be added and thus affect the lives of many people by inaccurately tallying the number of persons in the U.S. for the purpose of equitable representation.

Sincerely yours,

Gay E. Lasher, Psy.D.

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Thank you for your email to Ron Jarmin and for your attention to the important 2020 Census. We are always interested to hear from the public and appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts. Visit [census.gov](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USCENSUS/subscriber/new) to stay connected and sign up for the latest news and updates from the Census Bureau delivered directly to your inbox.

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We hope you will find the information helpful.

Thank you

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Denise Carpenter

Jan. 4, 2018

Dear Mr. Jarmin:

I oppose asking about citizenship during the US Census. Latinos have always been fearful of answering the Census, this type of question would destroy any possibility of a reliable Census.

Sincerely,  
Denise Carpenter

Ron Jarmin

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The Honorable Secretary Wilbur Ross  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave NW  
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Dear Secretary Ross:

We write in response to the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) proposal to add an additional untested subject to the upcoming decennial census. Adopting this question on citizenship and legal status will negatively affect response rates, jeopardize the accuracy of the collected surveys, and deter many people from participating. The 2020 Census already faces significant planning and operational challenges, and we urge you to reject this misguided and problematic proposal.

As you know, the Census Bureau is already in the final stages of preparing the questions and format of the 2020 Decennial Census. Over the past several years, the Bureau has tested various question options, languages, and other important issues. To the best of our knowledge, at no point has the Census Bureau considered including a question on citizenship. In fact, the list of topics for the decennial census provided to Congress in March 2017 and available for public review does not include a question on citizenship. Given that the Bureau must submit its questions and form to Congress by March of this year, it is very unlikely that the Bureau would even be able to appropriately test the impact of such a question on response rates and other issues.

There is also significant reason to question the need for including a question on citizenship on the 2020 Census form. This information is already collected via the American Community Survey, and despite intimations to the contrary, this information has been appropriately used in a variety of Voting Rights Act cases without concern. It is also noteworthy that the request for this potential change came from DOJ's Justice Management Division, rather than the Civil Rights Division which actually enforces the Voting Rights Act.

It is also important to recognize that the communities most affected by the Voting Rights Act have not requested this question for inclusion in the upcoming census. Nor has the Census Bureau's National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic and Other Populations (NAC) requested this change. This lack of stakeholder support further undermines this request.

Lastly, this is a potentially unwise change based on ongoing problems faced by the Bureau. Due to budgetary and time constraints, the Census Bureau is already facing serious challenges to its planned preparations for the 2020 Census. Last year, the Bureau was forced to cancel a field-test of Spanish language surveys as well as the testing of non-traditional addresses located in Puerto Rico and on tribal reservations. Two locations were also removed from the Bureau's end-to-end test of decennial census systems. Furthermore, the Bureau has delayed plans to open local census offices and conduct outreach campaigns in support of the 2020 Census. Given these serious concerns, the Census Bureau should refrain from adding further problems to this process.

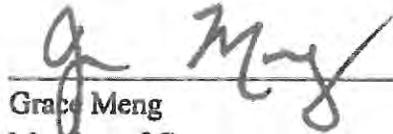
Since 1790, every census has included citizens and non-citizens alike. In fact, the Constitution of the United States mandates that the number of "persons" be counted. That mission will be threatened if the Bureau accedes to the Justice Department's request. Disrupting preparations for the 2020 Census to add an additional untested subject, especially at this pivotal point, would undermine both the funding and years we have already spent on research and testing. Congress heavily relies on the census to allocate funding for vital federal grant programs and for the distribution of much-needed resources to our communities; this remains especially true for decennial surveys, which also directly impact the redistricting process.

It is our obligation to ensure that the Bureau receives accurate information about our population. We must also ensure that all of our communities are properly accounted for, and that each household is correctly counted the first time. On behalf of our constituencies, we urge you to oppose this proposal. We thank you for your attention to this critical matter and look forward to further supporting the Bureau as it prepares for the decennial census.

Sincerely,



Jose E. Serrano  
Member of Congress



Grace Meng  
Member of Congress



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

February 22, 2018

The Honorable José E. Serrano  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Serrano:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Department of Justice's request to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census questionnaire. I appreciate your taking the time to make me aware of your position on this important matter.

The Department of Commerce is conducting an orderly review of the Department of Justice's request. The Department is required by law to submit the proposed final list of questions to Congress by March 31, 2018, which is two years prior to Census Day, April 1, 2020.

Let me underscore my commitment to conduct a full, fair, and accurate 2020 Census. A high-quality 2020 Census that counts each person, in the place where he or she lives, is my highest priority. As you know, I reported back to Congress last October after I conducted a rigorous deep dive to produce a new 2020 Census lifecycle cost estimate as well as a thorough review of Census programming and financial management. I have assembled a multidisciplinary team to address and remedy concerns expressed by the Government Accountability Office, the Department of Commerce's Office of the Inspector General, the Office of Management and Budget, and Congressional members. In addition, I have put into place the people, processes, and programs to ensure strong governance and oversight of the 2020 Census.

We will keep you apprised of any developments regarding the citizenship question. If you have any additional questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please have a member of your staff contact Michael Platt, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at [mplatt@doc.gov](mailto:mplatt@doc.gov) or (202) 482-3663.

Sincerely,

Wilbur Ross



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Sincerely,

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Wilbur Ross



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
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U.S. Census Bureau  
Office of the Director  
Washington, DC 20233-0001

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Ms. Denise Carpenter  
[REDACTED]

Dear Ms. Carpenter:

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Sincerely,

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January 4, 2018

Honorable Wilbur L. Ross  
Secretary of Commerce  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave NW  
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We appreciate the commitment to a full, fair, and accurate census that you and your senior staff have recently expressed. The Leadership Conference views a fair and accurate census, and the collection of useful, objective data about our nation's people, housing, economy, and communities generally, to be among the most important civil rights issues of our day. However, as discussed below, the Justice Department's ill-advised proposal poses a significant threat to our shared goal.

First, as you noted during the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform's October 12, 2017 hearing on the 2020 Census (where we both testified), requiring a new topic this late in the preparations for the census is irresponsible because robust testing for new questions in a contemporary, census-like environment is essential. This is especially true given the chilling effect of adding a citizenship question to the form. Census preparations are already behind schedule, the final dress rehearsal will kick off in a month, and there simply is no time left to redesign the census form and rigorously test the proposed additional question. As we know from extensive research and testing in the survey field, even small changes in question order and wording can significantly affect both the rate and accuracy of responses. Yet the Census Bureau has neither the time nor the resources to evaluate the consequences of such a major change in the questionnaire.

Second, as I know from my prior experience as the chief government enforcer of the Voting Rights Act, the Justice Department has never needed to add this new question to the decennial census to enforce the Voting Rights Act before, so there is no reason it would need

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to do so now. Contrary to the Justice Department's letter, the Census Bureau has not included a citizenship question on the modern census "short form," sent to every household. In fact, no such question has appeared on the census "short form" since enactment of the Voting Rights Act in 1965. Estimates of the citizen voting-age population derived from the ongoing American Community Survey, and the so-called census "long" or sample form before that, have been and continue to be suitable for purposes of civil rights and Voting Rights Act enforcement. Whether utilizing such data for Section 2 enforcement actions, Section 203 determinations, or other voting rights enforcement efforts, courts and the Justice Department have accepted census data as currently collected since enactment of the Voting Rights Act. Civil rights groups, likewise, have never asserted a need for a "100 percent" census citizenship question in order to effectively represent and ensure voting rights for minority communities. Given these plain facts, the entire justification for the request should be viewed skeptically as an attempt to throw a wrench into final planning and preparations for an enumeration that already faces enormous challenges, including inadequate and delayed funding, cyber-security risks, and a climate of fear fanned by anti-immigrant rhetoric.

Third, this new proposed question on the 2020 Census is unnecessarily intrusive and will raise concerns in all households – native and foreign born, citizens and noncitizens – about the confidentiality of information provided to the government and how government authorities might use that information. Asking every household and every person in the country about their citizenship status in the current political environment – when there is no legal basis or need for doing so – will no doubt give many people pause about participating in the census altogether. In fact, new Census Bureau research already is raising alarm bells about the growing reluctance of immigrant households to participate fully and honestly in any Census Bureau surveys, due to their fear about how their responses will be used by government agencies.

Adding this new question would also result in taxpayers spending significantly more for a government undertaking that we know in advance would not be successful. Your recent oral testimony before Congress acknowledged that the Census Bureau will need billions of dollars more than originally estimated to conduct a modern, inclusive census. The Justice Department's proposal to add a new citizenship question would increase census costs even further while decreasing accuracy, because self-response rates are certain to plummet, which in turn will require additional, costly door-to-door visits that still may not spur cooperation or result in accurate responses.

Finally, this request – coming almost a year after the Census Bureau has finalized topics for the 2020 Census, as required by law – risks jeopardizing the accuracy of the 2020 Census in every state and every community by deterring many people from responding, making the data collected in this crucial once-a-decade operation less accurate and useful for all of us. As four former Census Directors, who served in both Republican and Democratic administrations, wrote in an *amici curiae* brief in the Supreme Court case *Evenwel v. Abbott*, asking about citizenship status in the decennial census "would likely exacerbate privacy concerns and lead to inaccurate responses from non-citizens worried about a government record of their immigration status... The sum effect would be bad Census data."

I know you appreciate that the stakes of a fair and accurate census are high and everyone – from Congress to governors, mayors, and school board officials, to business owners and nonprofits serving the most vulnerable in our communities – will have to live with any flawed results for the next 10 years. The



Leadership Conference and its member organizations look forward to working with you and your staff to ensure a cost-effective, secure, and above all, accurate and inclusive census in every one of the nation's communities. If you have any questions, please contact me or Chris Harley, Census Campaign Director, at (202) 466-3311. Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,



Vanita Gupta

Cc: Acting Deputy Secretary and Under Secretary for Economic Affairs Karen Dunn Kelley  
Acting Census Director Ron Jarmin

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**From:** Ross, Wilbur (Federal)  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 22, 2018 1:14 PM  
**To:** DOCExecSec  
**Subject:** FW: Leadership Conference Letter Regarding DOJ Request on Citizenship Question  
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**From:** Vanita Gupta [mailto: [REDACTED]@org]  
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**Cc:** Kristine Lucius < [REDACTED]@ [REDACTED] >; Chris Harley < [REDACTED]@ [REDACTED] >  
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Please see the attached letter regarding this important issue.

Sincerely,  
Vanita Gupta

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

March 13, 2018

Ms. Vanita Gupta  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights  
1620 L Street, NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20036

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Wilbur Ross

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Karen,

Please see note from Arturo to you and my response below. He got your email wrong.

Also, I sent a couple emails yesterday I'd like make sure you see relevant to the DOJ request.

Thanks from chilly philly.

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** "Ron S Jarmin (CENSUS/ADEP FED)" <[REDACTED]>  
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**Cc:** "[REDACTED] (CENSUS/ADDP FED)" <[REDACTED]> "Enrique Lamas  
**Subject:** Re: DOJ request to the Census Bureau

Arturo,

Thanks for your note. We are reviewing the DOJ request as we do all such requests. This includes exploring options that don't require adding questions to the census. We hope to expedite the process and come to a resolution soon.

Regards

Ron

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 4, 2018, at 6:35 PM, Arturo Vargas <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Madam Secretary,

I hope you were able to have a restful break over the holidays and that 2018 is off to a good start despite the particularly cold weather on the east coast.

Thank you again for taking the time to meet with me last month to

discuss our shared concerns with the 2020 Census. The public reports from last week that the Department of Justice has requested the Census Bureau to add a question on citizenship has raised yet additional concerns on my end. We discussed some of the challenges the Bureau will encounter in securing full public cooperation in the 2020 Census and this issue would complicate the situation. I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you about my concerns on this matter, some of which have been reported by the media, but I hope to share with you directly and also hear your perspective on the issue. I look forward to hearing from your office about a time when we may be able to connect by phone at your convenience.

Best regards,

Arturo Vargas

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# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 5, 2018

The Honorable Wilbur Ross  
Secretary of Commerce  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Ross:

We write to express our serious concern about the recent Department of Justice (DOJ) request to add a question on citizenship to the 2020 Census and urge you to not add this question.<sup>1</sup> The inclusion of a question on citizenship threatens to undermine the accuracy of the Census as a whole, and given this administration's rhetoric and actions relating to immigrants and minority groups, the DOJ request is deeply troubling.

Article I, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution requires a census of all persons residing in the United States every ten years, as directed by Congress. As you know, the decennial census is the basis for critical aspects of our democracy, such as distributing the number of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and drawing congressional and state legislative district lines. Census data are used for allocating billions of dollars in federal funding and are important to every level of government, as well as to businesses and nonprofits.

Despite its importance, the 2020 Census is in trouble. In February 2017, the GAO put the 2020 Census on its list of high-risk projects due to uncertainty about its budget and technology.<sup>2</sup> The planning and preparations for the 2020 Census are significantly behind schedule and underfunded. Furthermore, since the previous director of the Census Bureau resigned in June of 2017, the Bureau has been left without a permanent director. New questions in the census must be field-tested and subject to a lengthy Office of Management and Budget approval process. Introducing a question on citizenship so late in an already delayed timeline would not allow the Bureau to appropriately test its impact and effectiveness.

The DOJ's request to include a question on citizenship in the 2020 Census dramatically increases our concerns about the already troubled census.<sup>3</sup> Such a question would likely depress participation in the 2020 Census from immigrants who fear the government could use the information to target them. It could also decrease response rates from U.S. citizens who live in mixed-status households, and who might fear putting immigrant family members at risk through

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<sup>1</sup> The Department of Justice Letter to the U.S. Census Bureau, "Request to Reinstate Citizenship Question on 2020 Census Questionnaire," Dec. 12, 2017, *available at*: <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/4340651-Text-of-Dec-2017-DOJ-letter-to-Census.html>

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Government Accountability Office, "2017 High Risk Report: 2020 Decennial Census," *available at*: [https://www.gao.gov/highrisk/2020\\_decennial\\_census/why\\_did\\_study](https://www.gao.gov/highrisk/2020_decennial_census/why_did_study)

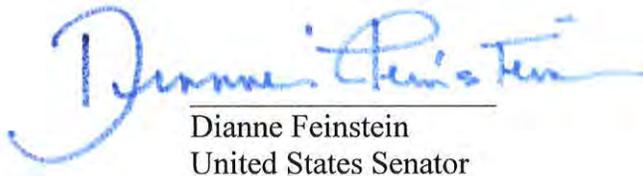
<sup>3</sup> Justin Elliott, *ProPublica*, "Trump Justice Department Pushes for Citizenship Question on Census, Alarming Experts," Dec. 29, 2017, *available at*: <https://www.propublica.org/article/trump-justice-department-pushes-for-citizenship-question-on-census-alarming-experts>

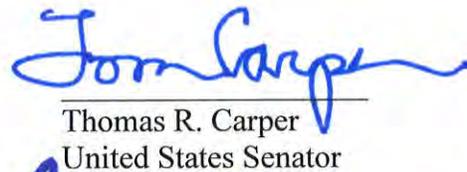
providing information to the government. As you testified before Congress, the Census is already grappling with “high levels of mistrust of the federal government.”<sup>4</sup> The addition of a citizenship question would only further exacerbate an already severe obstacle facing an accurate count in 2020.

This chilling effect could lead to broad inaccuracies across the board, from how congressional districts are drawn to how government funds are distributed. Rather than preserve civil rights, as the Justice Department claims, a question on citizenship in the decennial census would very likely hinder a full and accurate accounting of this nation’s population.

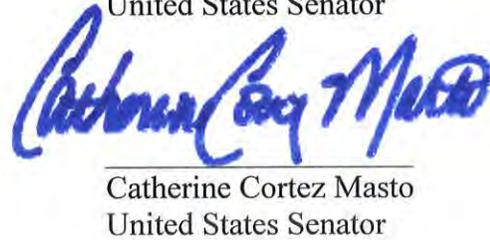
On October 31, 2017, in testimony to the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, you stressed the importance of an “efficient 2020 Census that provides a full, fair, and accurate count of everyone living in this country.” We agree with you, and urge you to live up to this commitment by rejecting this harmful and misguided request for a question on citizenship in the 2020 Census. We look forward to your response.

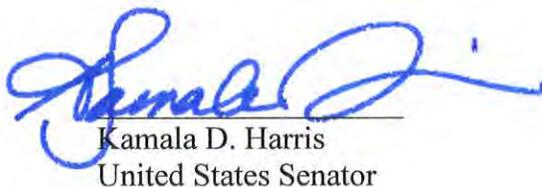
Sincerely yours,

  
Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senator

  
Thomas R. Carper  
United States Senator

  
Brian Schatz  
United States Senator

  
Catherine Cortez Masto  
United States Senator

  
Kamala D. Harris  
United States Senator

CC: Dr. Ron Jarmin, Acting Director, U.S. Census Bureau  
CC: The Honorable Karen Dunn Kelley, Acting Deputy Commerce Secretary/Undersecretary for Economic Affairs, U.S. Department of Commerce

<sup>4</sup> House Oversight and Government Reform Committee (2017, October 12), House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Holds Hearing on 2020 Census. Retrieved January 3, 2018 from <http://www.cq.com/doc/congressionaltranscripts-5195222?3>



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

January 31, 2018

The Honorable Kamala D. Harris  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Harris:

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
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January 31, 2018

The Honorable Catherine Cortez Masto  
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Wilbur Ross



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

January 31, 2018

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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January 5, 2018

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Department of Commerce  
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Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Ross:

I write today on behalf of the 12,000 members of the American Sociological Association, the nation's largest professional association for teachers, scholars, and practitioners of sociology, to express deep concern about a request Ron Jarmin recently received from the Department of Justice to include a citizenship question on the 2020 Census. **We strongly urge you to reject this proposal.**

Should such a proposal be favorably received, the integrity of the 2020 Census data will be fundamentally compromised. Including a citizenship question is likely to keep some people from responding to the questionnaire and others from responding truthfully, thereby undermining the accuracy of the data. In addition, there is no longer time to properly test a new question. As you know, creation of the questionnaire is a complex process that requires years of evaluation. With little time left before the 2020 launch, a new question could not be subject to standard rigorous testing, which would further undermine the quality of the data.

Secretary Ross, the import of an accurate census cannot be overstated. You sit in a position from which you can influence the state of our democracy. An accurate census allows policy-makers in public, private, and non-profit sectors to make evidence-based decisions. We implore you to ensure that every effort is made to undertake this process with integrity. Please do not include a citizenship question on the 2020 Census.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Eduardo Bonilla-Silva  
President, American Sociological Association

cc: Dr. Ron Jarmin

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
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February 22, 2018

Mr. Eduardo Bonilla-Silva  
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Dear Mr. Bonilla-Silva:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Department of Justice's request to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census questionnaire. I appreciate your taking the time to make me aware of your position on this important matter.

The Department of Commerce is conducting an orderly review of the Department of Justice's request. The Department is required by law to submit the proposed final list of questions to Congress by March 31, 2018, which is two years prior to Census Day, April 1, 2020.

Let me underscore my commitment to conduct a full, fair, and accurate 2020 Census. A high-quality 2020 Census that counts each person, in the place where he or she lives, is my highest priority. As you know, I reported back to Congress last October after I conducted a rigorous deep dive to produce a new 2020 Census lifecycle cost estimate as well as a thorough review of Census programming and financial management. I have assembled a multidisciplinary team to address and remedy concerns expressed by the Government Accountability Office, the Department of Commerce's Office of the Inspector General, the Office of Management and Budget, and Congressional members. In addition, I have put into place the people, processes, and programs to ensure strong governance and oversight of the 2020 Census.

If you have any additional questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please have a member of your staff contact Michael Platt, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at [mplatt@doc.gov](mailto:mplatt@doc.gov) or (202) 482-3663. Thank you again for your letter. We appreciate your thoughtful input.

Sincerely,

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Wilbur Ross



January 5, 2018

Dr. Ron Jarmin  
US Census Bureau  
4600 Silver Hill Rd.  
Washington DC 20233

Dear Dr. Jarmin,

As plans are being made to conduct the 2020 Census, it has come to my attention that the Department of Justice is asking to include a question about citizenship status. Several experts have expressed real concern that including such a question could depress census response rates, adding to the cost and accuracy of the census. Terri Ann Lowenthal, a leading expert on census issues, is quoted as saying "I can think of no action the administration could take that would be more damaging to the accuracy of the 2020 census than to add a question on citizenship." Representatives of the Mexican American Legal Defense Fund and the National Advisory Committee of the Census have both indicated that this seems to be a move to prevent the shifting of Congressional representation from non-Latino states to heavily Latino states. I trust you will work with Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross to ensure that this discriminatory and expensive attempt to sabotage the census will not be considered.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Cc: Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross  
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January 7, 2018

Wilbur L. Ross, Secretary  
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Dear Secretary Ross:

## The GOP is sabotaging this sacred mandate: decennial census.

The Founding Fathers must be spinning in their graves because our federal government is failing to execute one of its most basic constitutional duties: the decennial census.

**The decennial census is the country's largest civilian mobilization. It determines where billions of federal dollars flow each year, and how many congressional and electoral college seats each state gets.** The results have enormous influence over the decisions of businesses and local governments, too. It's **mandated by the U.S. Constitution**, right there in Article I, Section 2.

Yet despite all the brandishing of pocket Constitutions on the right, the Trump White House and Republican lawmakers are sabotaging this sacred mandate. First they refused to sufficiently fund it. Now they're taking actions that would severely depress participation.

This raises the prospect that those final, critically important numbers will be – to use one of Trump's preferred adjectives – WRONG. The census is a few years off the enumeration itself doesn't happen until 2020, planning begins years in advance.

The Census Bureau must try out questions. It must test-drive technologies – especially important this time around, because for the first time, the questionnaire will be administered primarily online. The bureau must also figure out which community groups can help with public outreach and what kind of messaging will be most effective in getting people to stand up and be counted. This task is especially challenging in an era marked by record distrust of government.

Already, **funding shortfalls and administration disorganization have left these efforts woefully behind.** A scheduled dress rehearsal for the 2020 count was whittled from three sites to one, in Providence County, Rhode Island.

One goal of such tests is to find ways to maximize participation of "hard-to-count" populations, such as immigrants, the homeless and households below the poverty line. Because these are largely Democratic constituencies, Republicans may shrug at the setbacks they've created. But Trump Country is also at risk at being overlooked.

That's because funding uncertainty forced the Census Bureau to kill its "only opportunities to test, in a real-time, census-like environment, special counting methods for rural areas," as Vanita Gupta, president of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, explained in recent congressional testimony.

**Apparently not content to shortchange funding, the administration is also taking steps that will actively decrease participation.** As ProPublica first reported, the Justice Department recently sent a letter to the Census Bureau asking it to add a new question to the 2020 form. Adding a question – any question – this late in the game is risky; there's no time to field-test how people will respond to it.

This particular question is unusually hazardous: **It's about citizenship. The Justice Department claims it needs finely grained citizenship data to enforce the Voting Rights Act, a proposition that every census alumnus and civil rights expert has rejected.**

**Whatever the administration's motives, the main consequence of adding this question is clear: It would spook immigrants (legal or otherwise) and especially Hispanics anxious about how the government might use their data.**

**In unrelated survey testing last year, respondents fretted about what would happen to information they gave to the Census Bureau. Unprompted, some mentioned the "Muslim ban," "discomfort 'registering' other household members" and fears that immigration authorities would come after them. Some falsified names and dates of birth.**

Those survey respondents were paid, too, suggesting they'd be *more* likely to cooperate than would the general population. The politics have changed everything. Recently," one field representative explained, according to a Census Bureau memo.

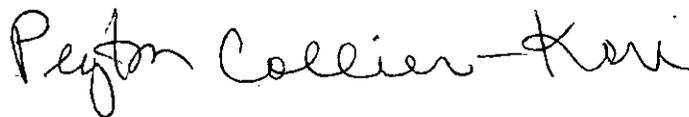
In a statement, the bureau said it was still "evaluating" the Justice Department request. Even if the Census Bureau ultimately leaves this question off the form, though, the reputational damage may already be done. Significant undercounts could distort how dollars and congressional seats are divvied up. It is likely (and perhaps not coincidentally) to the advantage of Republicans and their constituencies.

**The Constitution requires the decennial census to count all people, not just all citizens. Your department oversees the census, seems to truly want to produce a full, accurate, nonpartisan count, not least because the business sector wants one.**

But in an era of data trutherism, Donald Trump's lies, and political tribalism, Republican lawmakers and the rest of the administration appear to have other priorities.

A full, accurate and non-partisan census is critical to the proper functioning of our republic so regardless of your party affiliation or having been appointed by Donald Trump, millions of Americans are counting on you and your department to put politics aside for this very important census.

Sincerely,

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## Fwd: Process for vetting questions

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Hi,

I am trying to track down information on the process for vetting questions for the 2020 Census, particularly the DOJ's requested question on immigration status. If you wouldn't mind giving me a call, I would appreciate a quick run down on the process.

Best,  
- Erin

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Deputy Director and Chief Operating Officer

We are sending this email in response to the letter of December 12, 2017 from Arthur E. Gary of the Department of Justice to the Census Bureau which requested that citizenship be included as an item on the 2020 Census. We are members of the Census Scientific Advisory Committee, a Congressionally-mandated committee which advises the Census Bureau on all scientific matters. We are sending this letter as an expression of our professional opinion as individuals and do not write as representatives of the Census Bureau or of our individual organizations. We include academics, members of the private sector and members of NGOs.

We hold the strong opinion that including citizenship in the 2020 Census would be a serious mistake which would result in a substantial lowering of the response rate. Producing a high quality census with a very high response rate is in the interest of all Americans.

The United States Census has not encountered the problems with a high level of Census refusal that have been a problem in many other high income countries, including Germany. One reason is that in 2010 there were about 250,000 community partners who encouraged people in their communities to respond to the Census. It is expected that there will be a similar number of community partners for the 2020 Census. Adding a citizenship

question to the main Census questionnaire is almost certain to jeopardize the cooperation of at least some community partners and lead to a lower response rate, hurting the reputation of the Census Bureau. We are certain you would not like to see these outcomes occur.

Sincerely,

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January 9, 2018

The Honorable Jeff Sessions  
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U.S. Department of Justice  
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Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Attorney General Sessions:

I write to express my concerns with a letter the Justice Management Division of the Department of Justice mailed to the Census Bureau last month. The letter in question proposed reinstating a citizenship question that has not been a part of the census questionnaire for quite some time. The change was recommended under the guise of voter fraud prevention, but could ultimately have detrimental effects on the 2020 Census.

As the representative for an area known for low response rates, a strong immigrant community, and a history of being undercounted, I worry that this question may have unforeseen consequences on participation in and implementation of the Decennial Census in my district. Reintroducing this question could incite fear among immigrants and potentially deter them from participating. Furthermore, this change would represent a step backward from the recent collaboration between my office, Hidalgo County, and the Census Bureau to address past inaccuracies and better prepare for the Decennial Census. I am also concerned this sudden change could increase the costs of the Census and/or divert much needed funds from efforts intended to improve accuracy.

I am more than willing to support legislation and rules that advance the voting rights and security of Americans, but I truly believe this change would do more harm than good. The reintroduction of this citizenship question is an indirect attack on our immigrant communities, and on historically undercounted communities like those in Hidalgo County. I stand ready to work with the Department of Justice and the Census Bureau to address your concerns, increase participation, and ensure the 2020 Census runs in the best possible way.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please feel free to reach out to me to discuss this matter further at (202) 225-2531.

Sincerely,



Vicente Gonzalez  
Member of Congress

CC: Acting Director Ron Jarmin, U.S. Census Bureau



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January 10, 2018

Protect the Census: Oppose DOJ Request to Add a Citizenship Question to the 2020 Census

Dear Secretary Ross:

On behalf of The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, a coalition charged by its diverse membership of more than 200 national organizations to promote and protect the civil and human rights of all persons in the United States, and the undersigned 167 organizations, we urge you to reject the Department of Justice's untimely and unnecessary request for a new citizenship question on the 2020 Census, which would threaten a fair and accurate decennial census. Adding a new citizenship question to the 2020 Census would destroy any chance for an accurate count, discard years of careful research, and increase costs significantly.

You and your staff have made clear that you share our goal of a full, fair, and accurate census. A fair and accurate census, and the collection of useful, objective data about our nation's people, housing, economy, and communities generally, are among the most significant civil rights issues facing the country today. Every census since the first enumeration in 1790 has included citizens and non-citizens alike. Adding a new question on citizenship to the 2020 Census undoubtedly would affect response rates, outreach, and advertising strategies, and other important elements of the nation's largest, most complex peacetime activity, calling into question the results of many years of costly, painstaking research and testing.

Adding a citizenship question to the 2020 Census would disrupt preparations at a pivotal point in the decade, undermining years of research and testing and increasing census costs significantly at a time when Congress has directed a less expensive enumeration. The Justice Department's request would literally would add billions of dollars to the life-cycle cost of this census, without improving accuracy.

Questionnaire design and testing began nearly eight years ago during the 2010 Census. Requiring this new topic this late in the decade would threaten the success of the 2020 Census because robust testing in a census-like environment is essential, given the probable chilling effect of adding these questions to the form. There simply is no time to redesign the census form, craft scientifically sound questions to collect the information the Justice Department requests, and evaluate the impact of this new question on census participation and operations before the census starts, in any responsible way. Given the constitutional requirement to conduct the census in 2020, final planning and preparations for the census would be haphazard, at best, leaving the nation with a deeply flawed foundation for our

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democratic ideals, informed decision-making, and prudent allocation of precious taxpayer dollars.

In addition, adding this question would jeopardize the accuracy of the 2020 Census *in every state and every community* by deterring many people from responding. The question is unnecessarily intrusive and will raise concerns in all households – native- and foreign-born, citizens and non-citizens – about the confidentiality of information provided to the government and how that information might be used. Moreover, there are many mixed status households in the United States, which include members who are both citizens and non-citizens with various legal statuses. Mixed-status and immigrant households will be especially fearful of providing information to the federal government in 2020, given the heightened climate of fear that anti-immigrant rhetoric and policies have created. In short, any effort to determine citizenship through the constitutionally required census would jeopardize the accuracy of the entire count, leaving public, private, and nonprofit decision-makers with bad information for all purposes, for the next 10 years. Further, such an effort is likely to shake public confidence in the narrow (though vital) statistical objectives of the Census Bureau’s work, damaging ongoing data collection efforts well into the future.

Finally, in addition to being untimely, the request is unnecessary. The Justice Department has never needed to add this new question to the decennial census to enforce the Voting Rights Act before, so there is no reason it would need to do so now. Contrary to the Justice Department’s letter, the Census Bureau has not included a citizenship question on the modern census “short form,” sent to every household. In fact, no such question has appeared on the census “short form” since enactment of the Voting Rights Act in 1965. Estimates of the citizen voting-age population derived from the ongoing American Community Survey, and the so-called census “long” or sample form before that, have been and continue to be suitable for purposes of civil rights and Voting Rights Act enforcement. Whether utilizing such data for Section 2 enforcement actions, Section 203 determinations, or other voting rights enforcement efforts, courts and the Justice Department have accepted census data as currently collected since enactment of the Voting Rights Act. Given these plain facts, the entire justification for the request should be viewed skeptically as an attempt to throw a wrench into final planning and preparations for an enumeration that already faces enormous challenges, including inadequate and delayed funding, cyber-security risks, and a climate of fear fanned by anti-immigrant rhetoric.

For these reasons, we urge you to reject the Justice Department’s request to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census. If you have any questions about these comments, please contact Leadership Conference Census Task Force Co-chairs Terry Ao Minnis, Asian Americans Advancing Justice|AAJC, at 202-296-2300 x0127, or Arturo Vargas, NALEO Educational Fund, at 213-747-7606, or Chris Harley, Census Campaign Director at 202-466-3311.

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Wilbur Ross



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Wilbur Ross



January 11, 2018

Honorable Wilbur L. Ross  
Secretary of Commerce  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Ross:

We write as the co-chairs of Michigan's Nonprofit Complete Count Committee, a coalition of more than 40 diverse state organizations to ensure Michigan gets a complete and accurate count in the 2020 census. On behalf of this broad coalition, we urge you to reject the request in the December 12, 2017 letter from the Department of Justice to Acting Census Director Ron Jarmin, to add a new citizenship question on the 2020 Census.

We are concerned that adding a new and untested question to the 2020 Census would disrupt preparations at a pivotal point in the process, undermine years of costly, painstaking research and testing, and increase census costs significantly at a time when Congress has directed a less expensive enumeration. All of these factors would threaten a fair and accurate decennial census.

With census preparations significantly behind schedule and the final dress rehearsal in a month, there is simply no time left to redesign the census form and rigorously test the proposed additional questions. Even small changes in the question order and wording can significantly affect both the rate and accuracy of responses.

We are also concerned that adding this new question will result in taxpayers spending significantly more for a government undertaking that we know in advance would not be successful. Your recent oral testimony before Congress acknowledged that the Census Bureau will need billions of dollars more than originally estimated to conduct a modern, inclusive census. The Justice Department's proposal to add a new citizenship question would increase census costs even further while decreasing accuracy, because self-response rates are certain to plummet, which in turn will require additional, costly door-to-door visits that still may not spur cooperation or result in accurate responses.

Finally, this new proposed question will raise concerns in all households - native and foreign born, citizens and noncitizens - about the confidentiality of information provided to the government and how government authorities might use that information. Asking every household and every person in the country about their citizenship status in the current political environment - when there is no legal basis or need for doing so - will no doubt give many people pause about participating in the census altogether and will have a chilling effect on immigrant and minority populations who may be hesitant to respond.

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We know you appreciate that the stakes of a fair and accurate census are high and everyone will have to live with any flawed results for the next 10 years. We look forward to working with you and your staff to ensure a cost-effective, secure, and above all, accurate and inclusive census in every one of the nation's communities. If you have any questions, please contact any of us or Joan Gustafson, Michigan Nonprofit Association's external affairs officer, at (517) 230-8110 or [jgustafson@mnaonline.org](mailto:jgustafson@mnaonline.org).

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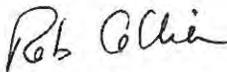
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Donna Murray-Brown  
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Hassan Jaber  
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Cc: Acting Deputy Secretary and Under Secretary for Economic Affairs Karen Dunn Kelley  
Acting Census Director Ron Jarmin



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
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February 22, 2018

Ms. Donna Murray-Brown  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Michigan Nonprofit Association  
330 Marshall Street, Suite 200  
Lansing, MI 48912

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United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

January 11, 2018

The Honorable Wilbur Ross  
Secretary  
Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Ross,

As follow up to our recent conversations about the 2020 Decennial Census, we are writing to express our opposition to the inclusion of any questions related to citizenship, immigration status or place of birth on the 2020 Decennial Census questionnaire.

While it is critical to have data on the immigrant population in the United States, there are already ten Census Bureau surveys that collect this information, including the highly accurate American Community Survey, previously known as the 'long-form' census. Seven of these surveys specifically collect information on citizenship.

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We are confident that you share our determination to make the Decennial Census as accurate and cost effective as possible and to avoid even the appearance of political motivation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Senator Jeanne Shaheen  
Ranking Member  
Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce,  
Justice, Science and Related Agencies



Senator Claire McCaskill  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Homeland Security  
and Government Affairs



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**The Secretary of Commerce**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

February 22, 2018

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United States Senate  
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February 22, 2018

The Honorable Claire McCaskill  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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Eli Effinger-Weintraub



January 12, 2018

Secretary Wilbur Ross  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Ross,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposal that the 2020 Census include a question on citizenship. I am especially concerned that the fear this question will raise in today's anti-immigrant climate will lead to a significant increase in non-participation, which will, in turn, result in an inaccurate count and an inaccurate apportionment of Congressional Districts. As a government representative, I'm sure you share my concern that we must work to preserve our democracy. Part of that job is assuring that districts are fairly drawn and that all people are counted and represented.

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*Michelle Lujan Grisham | Chairwoman*  
115TH CONGRESS

January 16, 2018

The Honorable Wilbur Ross  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
Room 5421  
Fourteenth Street and Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Ross:

We write to strongly oppose the Department of Justice's (DOJ) request to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census. General Counsel Arthur Gary's December 12<sup>th</sup> letter claims that the addition of a citizenship question is needed to enforce Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act (VRA) in order to protect against racial discrimination in voting. The addition of a citizenship question only serves to instill fear among immigrant communities, decrease participation and negatively impact the outcome and accuracy of the 2020 Census.

The U.S. Census is completed every ten years to collect data that accurately reflects the total United States population, regardless of citizenship. Census questions undergo years of extensive review, including field testing and feedback from focus groups. Adding an untested question could seriously impair the Bureau's ability to produce an accurate population count and result in increased costs to the Census.

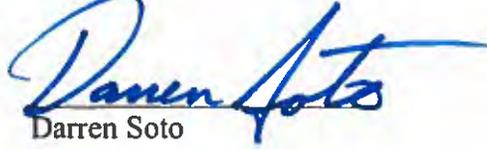
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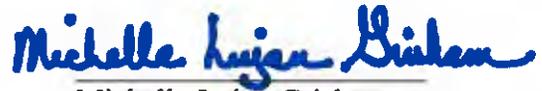
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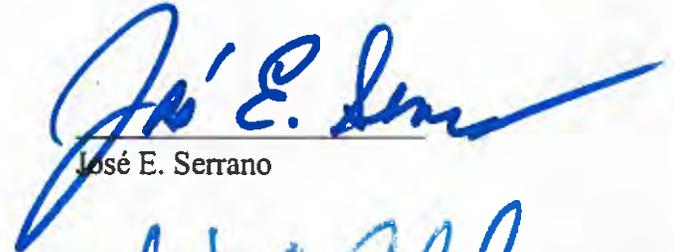
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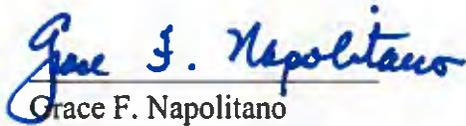
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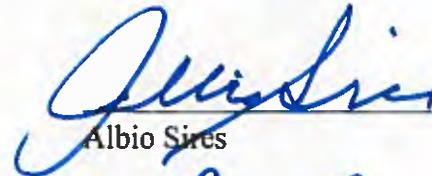
  
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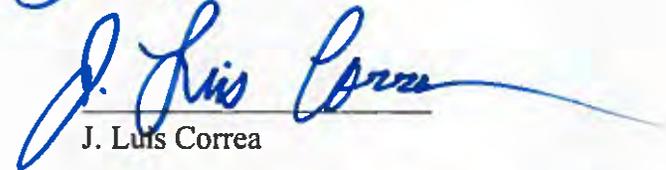
  
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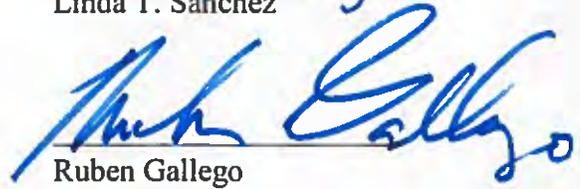
  
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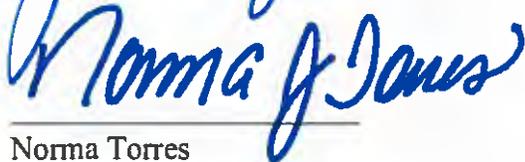
  
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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

February 22, 2018

The Honorable Darren Soto  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Luis Gutierrez  
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Washington, D.C. 20230

February 22, 2018

The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Roybal-Allard:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Department of Justice's request to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census questionnaire. I appreciate your taking the time to make me aware of your position on this important matter.

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The Honorable Albio Sires  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable J. Luis Correa  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Correa:

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The Honorable Tony Cárdenas  
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The Honorable Ben Ray Luján  
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The Honorable Juan Vargas  
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The Honorable Norma Torres  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Nanette Diaz Barragán  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Representative Barragán:

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January 16, 2018

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The Honorable Wilbur Ross  
Secretary  
United States Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue NW  
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Dear Secretary Ross:

I am writing to express my concerns about the preparations that the Department of Commerce (the Department) and the Census Bureau (the Bureau) are taking in advance of the 2020 Decennial Census for populations in remote rural and hard-to-count areas based on reports in a December 9, 2017 *New York Times* article entitled *With 2020 Census Looming, Worries About Fairness and Accuracy*<sup>1</sup>. I am worried that based on this article and other news reports that rural and geographically challenged areas, such as West Virginia and the Appalachian region, will not be appropriately and accurately enumerated.

According to the *New York Times* article, due to budget cuts, the Department cancelled testing in Bluefield, West Virginia that would have better informed how to develop accurate population counts in hard-to-count and remote rural areas. The article also goes on to state that the Bureau plans to use information from the United States Postal Service, satellite imagery and online surveys to make up for the labor-intensive work of going from door-to-door to gather data and ensure the Bureau is using an accurate list of addresses for the 2020 Census. I was alarmed to learn that only 30% of the country would be visited by enumerators in order to gather this information and it is unclear which areas are included in this 30% or the threshold that was used to come to this percentage.

I also understand that the Census is largely intended to be completed online and only certain areas will receive paper questionnaires during the first round of the Census data collection. Given the remoteness of my state's rural population, the lack of broadband access across the state, and the prevailing concern by some of my constituents that the government is asking intrusive questions, I am apprehensive about these alternate more hands-off methodologies and their ability to work for my constituents. Moreover, the Department and the Bureau's emphasis and reliance on the internet for collecting most of their Census data is troubling and seems to ignore the Digital Divide in this country. Nearly 30 percent of West Virginians are without access to broadband which means over 500,000 West Virginians would be at risk for not being counted accurately in the Census.

While I recognize that relying on technology and the internet is a more cost effective way to gather as much information as possible, I fear that in an attempt to save money, the Bureau may

<sup>1</sup><https://mobile.nytimes.com/2017/12/09/us/census-2020-redistricting.html?action=click&module=Top%20Stories&pgtype=Homepage>

miss out counting segments of the population by not deploying more trusted local enumerators to areas to collect data. I understand how vital of a role the Census plays in the United States and which is why I am requesting that the Bureau reconsider its proposed approach to collecting the data in order to make the 2020 Decennial Census a meaningful one for the entire country, including West Virginia. I also request your response to the following questions:

- Which areas are included in the 30% of the country that will be visited by enumerators to determine accurate addresses and how are these areas chosen?
- With the Administration's recent request for additional funds, does the Department intend to reinstate rural testing in West Virginia before the 2020 Census?
- What assurances can you provide that the counts in West Virginia will be accurate?

I share your desire for a cost-effective Census but I believe it is imperative that we ensure all populations, especially remote rural ones, are accurately counted. I look forward to your response to my questions and stand ready to assist you and the Department in order to make sure rural America is fully included in the 2020 Decennial Census.

Sincerely,



Joe Manchin III  
United States Senator

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

January 17, 2018

The Honorable Wilbur Ross  
Secretary  
Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Ross:

We write to express our deep concern about the Justice Department's request to include questions about citizenship status in the next census.<sup>1</sup> The U.S. Census is critical to ensuring that our democracy is truly representative and to gathering data that guides federal funding. The inclusion of citizenship questions will deter responses to the census, especially among minority, immigrant, and low-income communities. We strongly urge you to reject efforts to insert questions in the 2020 Census that focus on citizenship status.

The inclusion of citizenship questions in the census will suppress responses from minority communities who will fear reprisal against themselves or loved ones from revealing citizenship details. As the Leadership Conference Education Fund recently observed, "Asking about citizenship status in the 2020 Census...will have a chilling effect and keep many residents from responding, jeopardizing the accuracy" of the census.<sup>2</sup> As it is, according to the Census Bureau, 1.5 percent of the Hispanic population and 2.1 percent of the African-American population were not included in the last census in 2010.<sup>3</sup> Including questions like this will only further depress the response rate.<sup>4</sup> In fact, in an *amicus curiae* brief in *Evenwel v. Abbott*, four former directors of the U.S. Census Bureau noted that asking about citizenship status "would likely exacerbate privacy concerns and lead to more inaccurate responses from non-citizens worried about a government record of their immigration status...invariably lead[ing] to a lower response rate to the Census in general..."<sup>5</sup>

Moreover, a September 2017 memo by the U.S. Census' Center for Survey Measurement (CSM) flagged concerns about undercounting in the 2020 Census. In interviews with 366 individuals beginning in 2017, CSM staff reported facing a "new phenomenon" encountering high numbers of people expressing confidentiality concerns and reluctance to participate.<sup>6</sup> Many individuals cited the Muslim ban, harsh immigration policies, and the current political climate as deterrents from participating. This is particularly concerning given that CSM respondents are paid a cash incentive for their participation in surveys and are interviewed by researchers with whom they have an established relationship. It is clear that individuals are

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<sup>1</sup>Justin Elliott, *Trump Justice Department Pushes for Citizenship Question on Census, Alarming Experts*, PROPUBLICA (Dec. 29, 2017) available at: <https://www.propublica.org/article/trump-justice-department-pushes-for-citizenship-question-on-census-alarming-experts>.

<sup>2</sup>Leadership Conference Education Fund, *Factsheet: Citizenship and Legal Status Questions on the 2020 Census: Preventing a Decennial Disaster* (Jan. 1, 2018)

<sup>3</sup>Michael Wines, *Critics Say Questions About Citizenship Could Wreck Chances for an Accurate Census*, N.Y. TIMES (Jan. 2, 2018) available at: <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/01/02/us/census-citizenship-status-immigrants.html>.

<sup>4</sup>*Id.*

<sup>5</sup>578 U.S., 136 S. Ct. 1120 (2016)

<sup>6</sup>Memorandum for Associate Directorate for Research and Methodology from Center for Survey Measurement re: Respondent Confidentiality Concerns (Sep. 20, 2017) available at: <https://www2.census.gov/cac/nac/meetings/2017-11/Memo-Regarding-Respondent-Confidentiality-Concerns.pdf>.

already reluctant to complete a paid survey with someone they know. How can we expect the general public to complete a census that includes questions which will only keep them from responding?

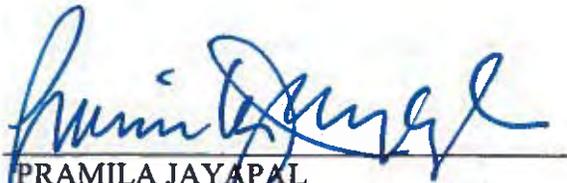
The resulting undercount will reverberate across the nation; from ensuring a fair distribution of congressional seats based on the census data to making certain that an accurate allocation of nearly \$700 billion taxpayer funds<sup>7</sup> for critical programs is made. These include programs like Medicaid (\$311 billion), SNAP (\$71 billion) and Pell Grants (\$29.9 billion), highway planning and construction (\$38 billion), Federal Transit Formula Grants (\$5 billion) and Career and Technical Education Grants (\$1.1 billion). Industry and businesses also rely on census data to determine where services and investments in communities will be made.

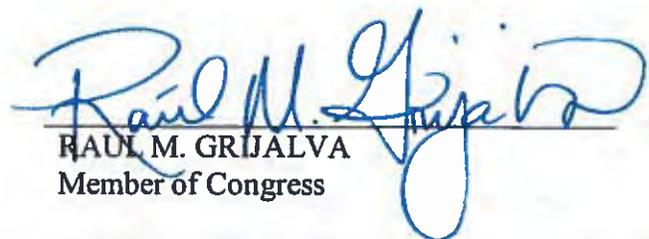
In testimony before a House Oversight and Government Reform Committee hearing in October 2017 you pledged that “[a]n efficient 2020 Census that provides a full, fair and accurate count has been one of my highest priorities since being confirmed in February...The census is the bedrock upon which we construct our system of democratic representation.”<sup>8</sup> We know you understand the important role the census plays in our democracy, and we hope that you will push back against any efforts to politicize the census process.

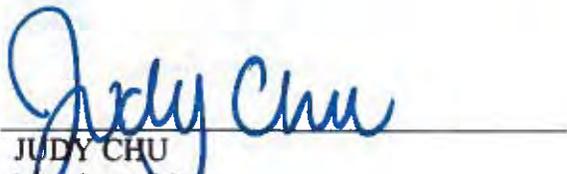
The Census Bureau has engaged in efforts for decades to build trust with under-counted communities, including communities of color and the rural poor, and build capacity among community organizations to maximize participation. During the 2010 Census, public and private investment built capacity among community leaders and strengthened the infrastructure among community organizations.<sup>9</sup> All these efforts stand to be reversed should the census become politicized.

In April 2018, you will be sharing a list of questions for the next census with Congress. We strongly urge you not to include any questions relating to citizenship status such as the ones the Justice Department is requesting. In addition to the problems described above, the inclusion of such a question so late in the process will not allow for necessary testing to correct wording problems. Moreover, such an action will impede a fair, accurate and efficient national count. We must do everything we can to ensure maximum participation the 2020 Census.

Sincerely,

  
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<sup>7</sup> Marisa Hotchkiss & Jessica Phelan, *Uses of Census Bureau Data in Federal Funds Distribution*, U.S. CENSUS BUREAU (Sep. 2017) <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial/2020/program-management/working-papers/Uses-of-Census-Bureau-Data-in-Federal-Funds-Distribution.pdf>.

<sup>8</sup> Testimony of Wilbur Ross, Secretary of Commerce, to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform (Oct. 12, 2017) available at: <https://oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Written-SWLR-HOGR-Testimony-FINAL.pdf>.

<sup>9</sup> Kim Crews, *Philanthropic Support for 2010 Census Outreach*, Funders Census Initiative (May 2011); p. 1.

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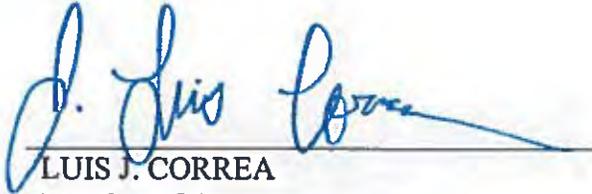
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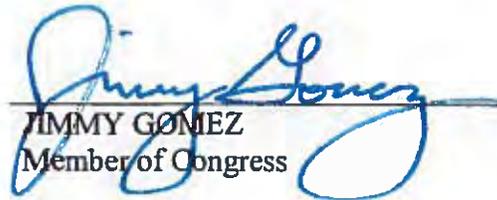
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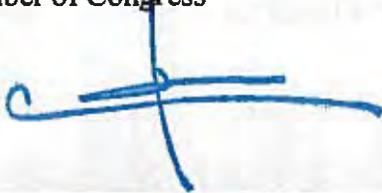
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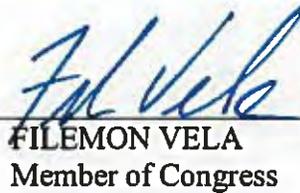
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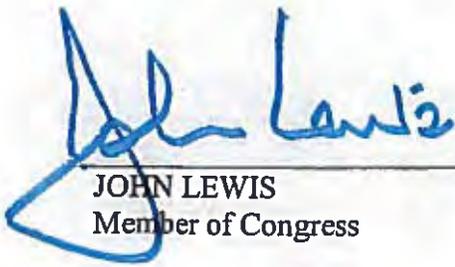
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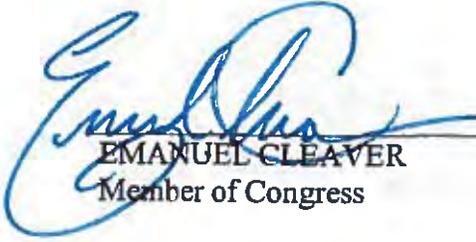
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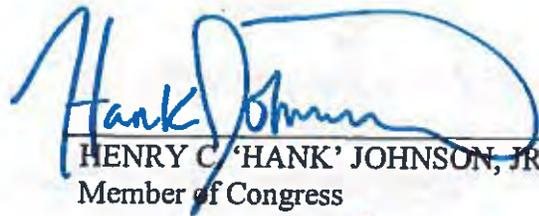
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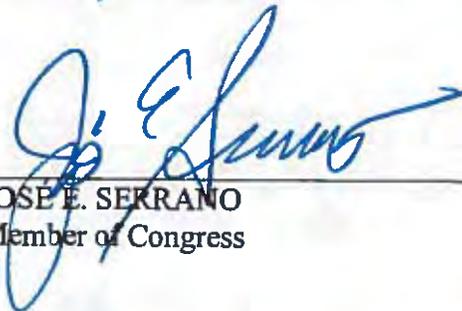
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Cedric Richmond  
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The Honorable Jim Costa  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Lisa Blunt Rochester  
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The Honorable Luis Correa  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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**The Secretary of Commerce**  
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February 22, 2018

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U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives  
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January 18, 2018

The Honorable Wilbur L. Ross, Jr  
Secretary of Commerce  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Secretary Ross:

We write to strongly oppose the Department of Justice's request to add a question regarding citizenship status to the 2020 decennial census. This duplicative, unnecessary effort seriously threatens the accuracy and integrity of a census, which has tremendous consequences for our country. We urge you to reject this request from the Department of Justice and focus on the goal of conducting a comprehensive, accurate, and cost effective decennial census in 2020.

The addition of a citizenship question, along with the other recently reported actions of pending and/or already appointed unqualified political operatives to the Census to positions that have never been political, calls into question whether this administration is serious about an accurate count or is instead actively working to hurt the integrity of the Census and ultimately discount minority voters.

As you know, the distribution of over \$600 billion in annual federal funding and the redistricting of legislative seats for the next decade depend upon a well-executed census. If a citizenship question were to be added to the 2020 questionnaire, we would likely see a significantly dropped head count of already-undercounted minority groups – particularly immigrants, non-citizens, and Latinos. This attack on civil rights would only serve to suppress the minority vote, drop the numbers necessary to apportion federal funding, and push immigrant communities even deeper into the shadows.

The December 12 letter from DOJ General Counsel Arthur Gary to Dr. Ron Jarmin of the Census Bureau argues that further information on citizenship is "critical to the Department's enforcement of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and its important protections against racial discrimination in voting." We find this argument to be disingenuous considering questions on citizenship have been included on the American Community Survey (ACS), distributed on a monthly basis for the last 13 years. The information derived from the ACS has long been effectively utilized to address voting rights abuses across the country.

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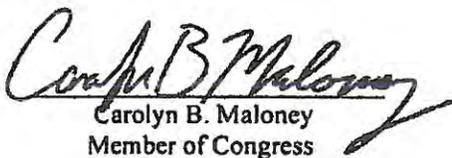
Additionally, the final census questions that are due to be submitted to Congress by April 1, 2018, will have undergone an extensive screening process constituting years of focus groups and field tests to ensure a high response rate coupled with effective data collection. Including a new question this late in the process allows no time for testing or the correction of wording problems, and only serves to increase the risk to a census that has already experienced massive cost increases and heightened levels of public mistrust.

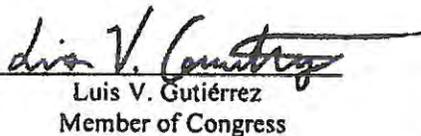
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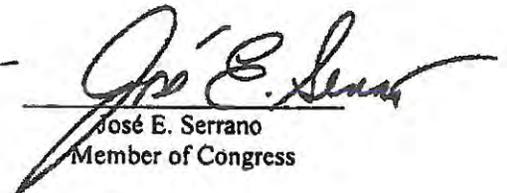
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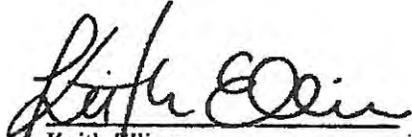
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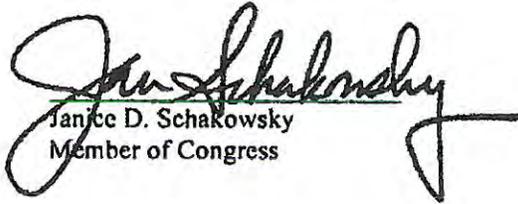
  
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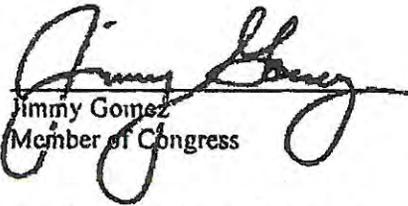
  
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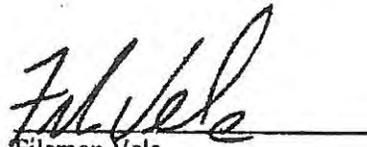
  
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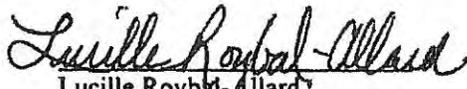
  
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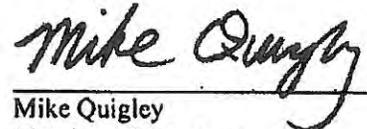
  
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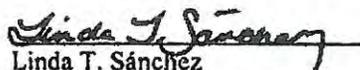
  
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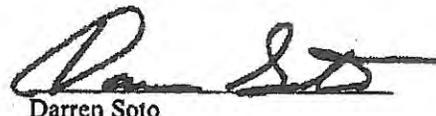
  
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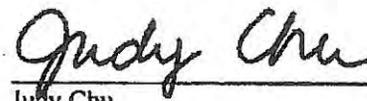
  
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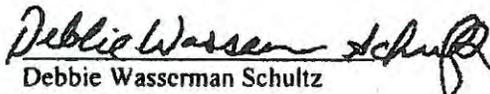
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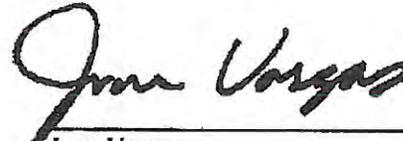
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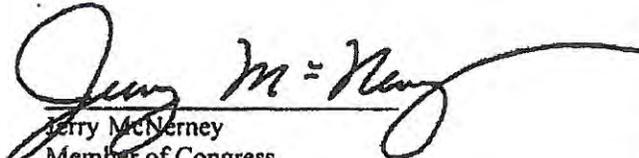
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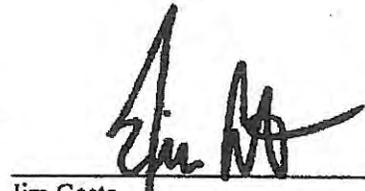
  
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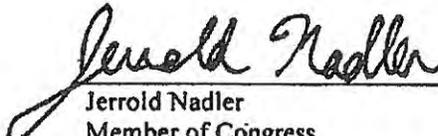
  
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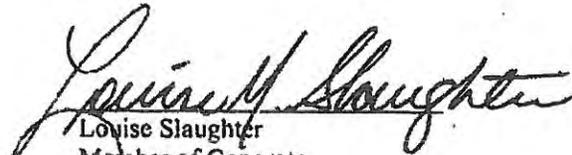
  
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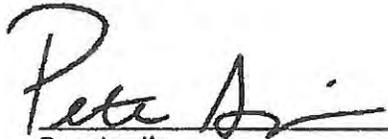
  
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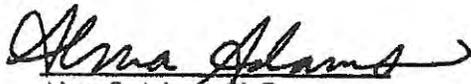
  
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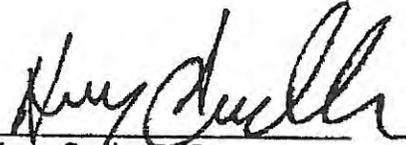
  
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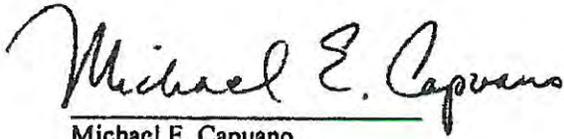
  
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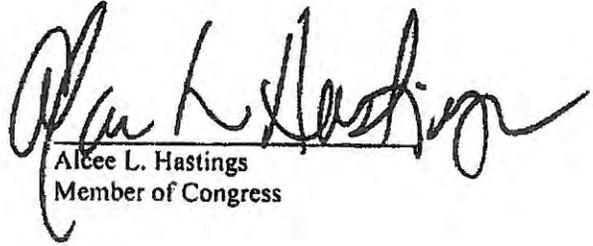
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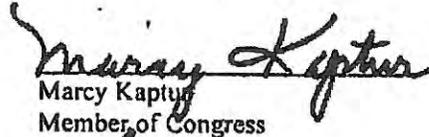
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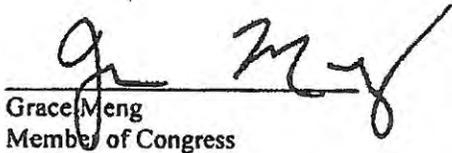
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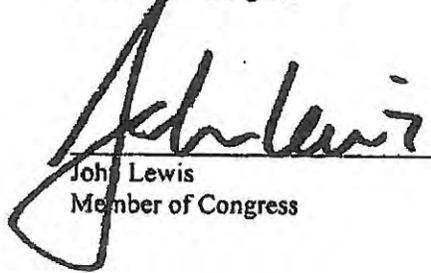
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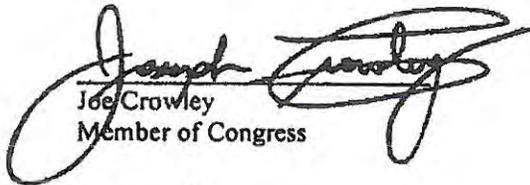
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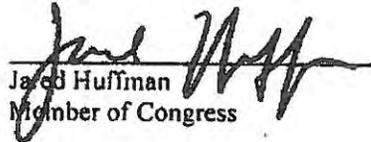
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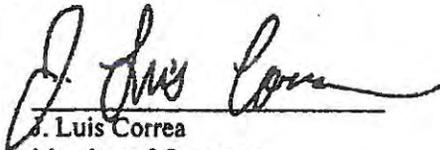
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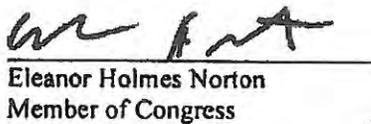
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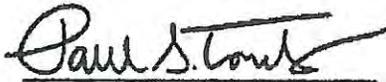
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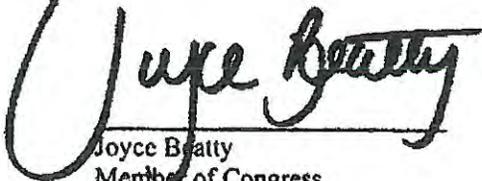
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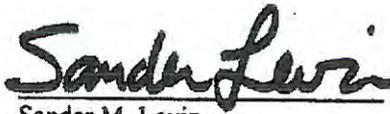
  
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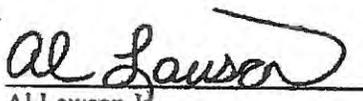
  
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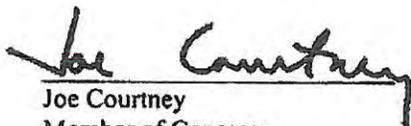
  
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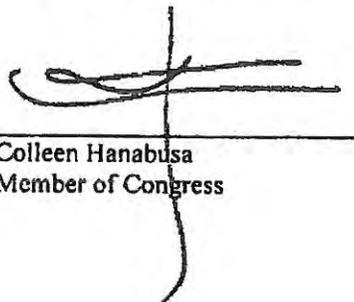
  
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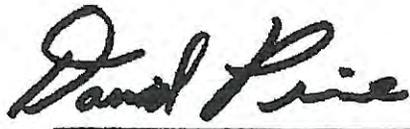
  
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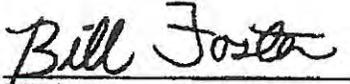
  
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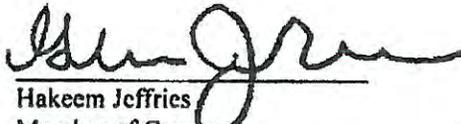
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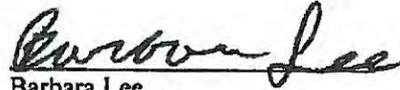
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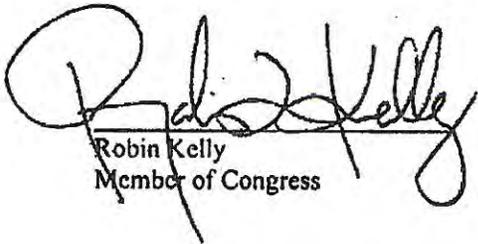
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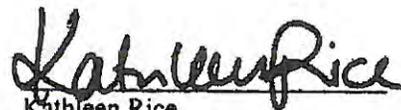
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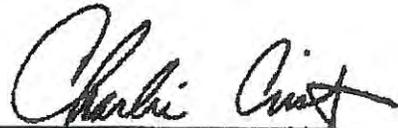
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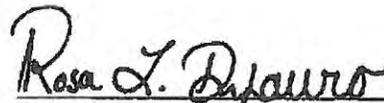
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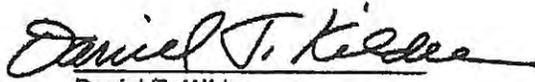
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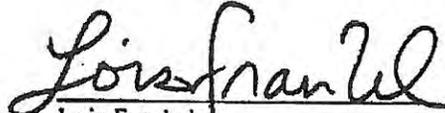
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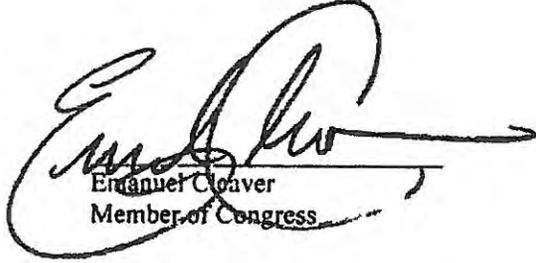
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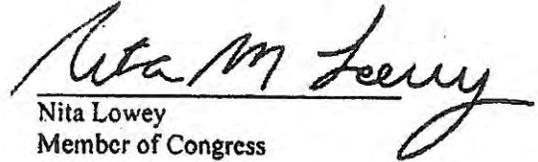
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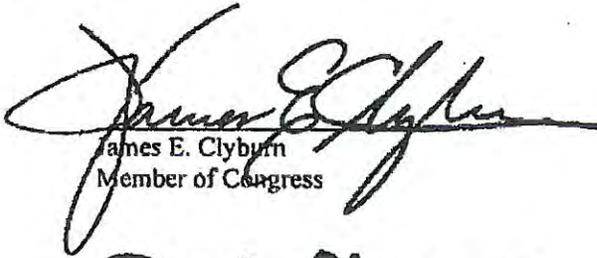
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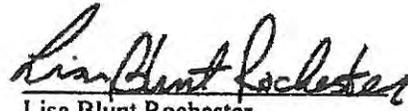
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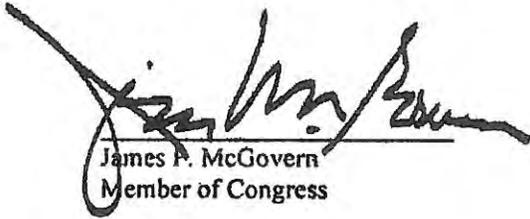
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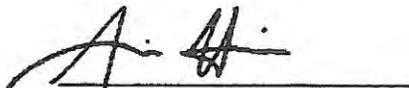
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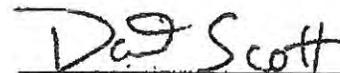
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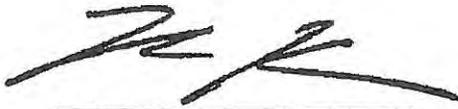
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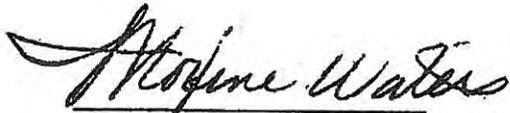
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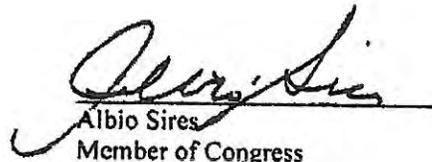
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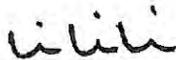
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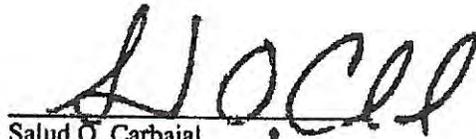
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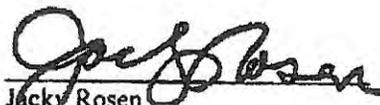
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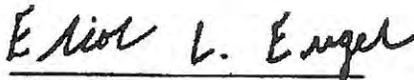
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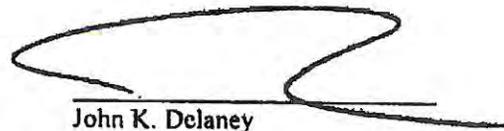
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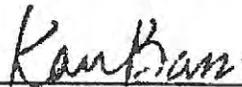
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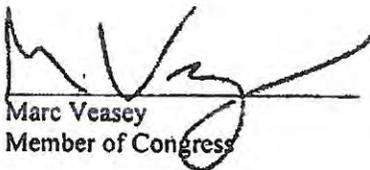
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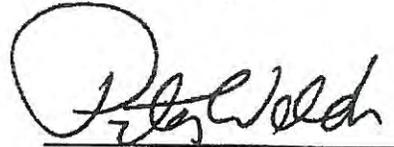
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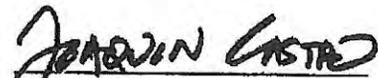
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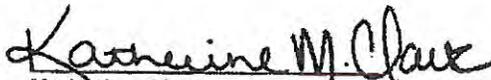
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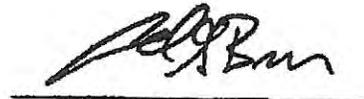


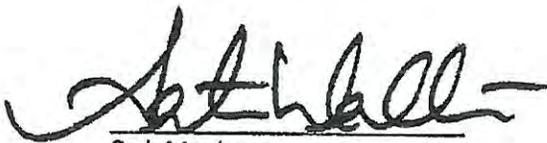
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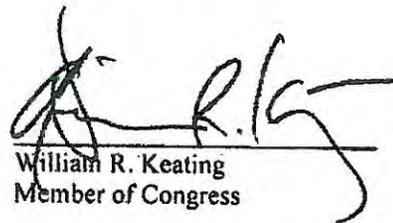
  
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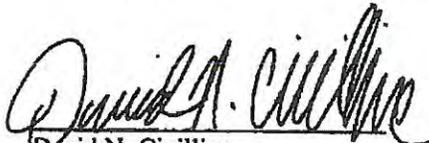
  
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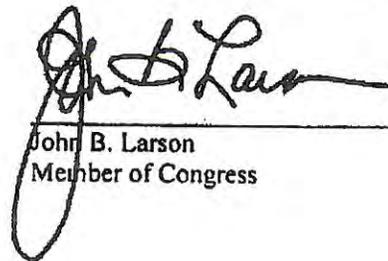
  
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Washington, D.C. 20230

February 26, 2018

The Honorable Pete Aguilar  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Nanette Diaz Barragan  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Lisa Blunt Rochester  
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The Honorable Luis Correa  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Adriano Espaillat  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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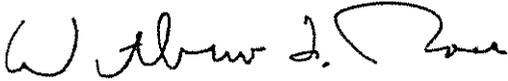
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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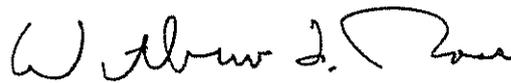
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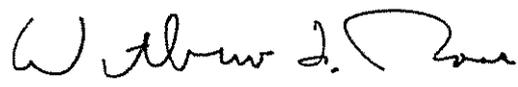
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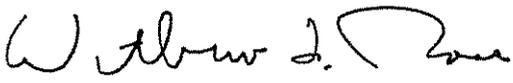
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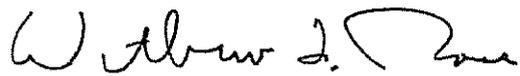
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February 26, 2018

The Honorable Emanuel Cleaver  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Mark DeSaulnier  
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The Honorable Robin Kelly  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Sanford D. Bishop, Jr.  
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Washington, DC 20515

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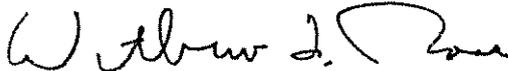
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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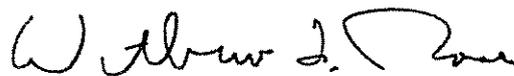
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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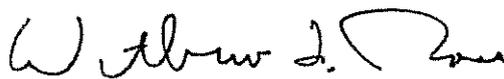
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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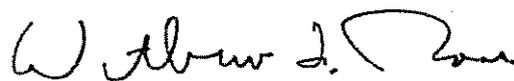
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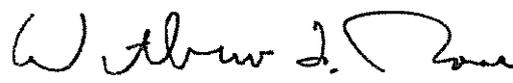
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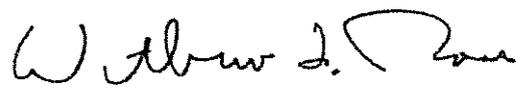
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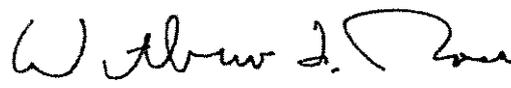
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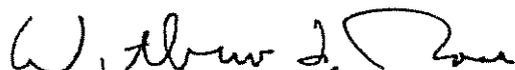
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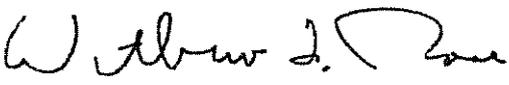
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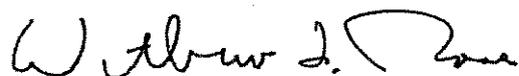
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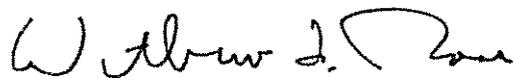
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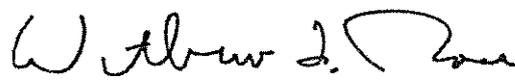
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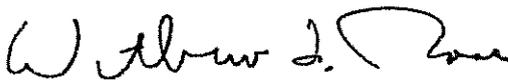
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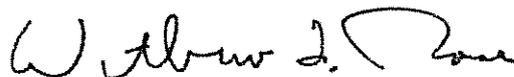
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February 26, 2018

The Honorable Ruben Kihuen  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Maxine Waters  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Eliot L. Engel  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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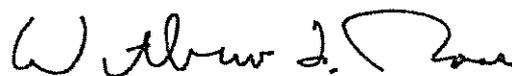
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The Honorable Doris Matsui  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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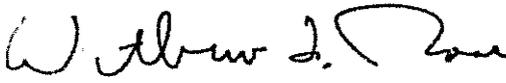
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The Honorable Linda T. Sanchez  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Alma S. Adams, Ph.D.  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Bobby Rush  
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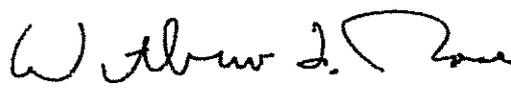
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February 26, 2018

The Honorable Lucille Roybal-Allard  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Betty McCollum  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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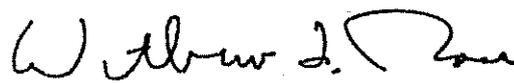
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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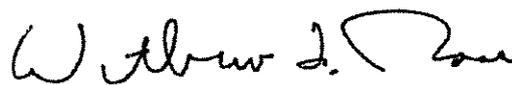
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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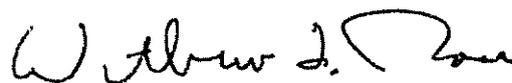
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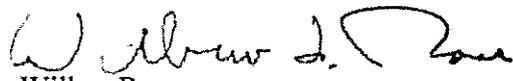
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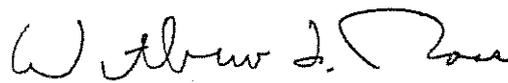
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Washington, D.C. 20230

February 26, 2018

The Honorable Janice D. Schakowsky  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Andre Carson  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Mike Quigley  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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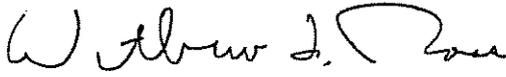
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February 26, 2018

The Honorable Debbie Wasserman Schultz  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Earl Blumenauer  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Val Demings  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Louise M. Slaughter  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Slaughter:

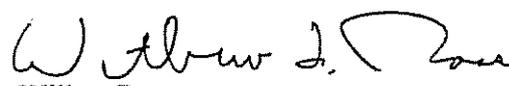
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January 19, 2018

The Honorable Wilbur L. Ross, Jr.  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

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Dear Secretary Ross:

We are writing to respectfully urge that a citizenship question not be included on the 2020 Census form and to oppose any proposals that could negatively impact an accurate count of Los Angeles County residents in the 2020 Census.

On December 12, 2017, the U.S. Department of Justice wrote to the U.S. Census Bureau proposing the inclusion of a citizenship question on the 2020 Census form. A question on citizenship status in the 2020 Census will likely suppress census response rates by deterring individuals afraid to disclose their immigration status from filling out the census form.

The State of California, and particularly Los Angeles County, already faces significant challenges in counting minorities, immigrants, and other Hard-to-Survey (HTS) populations. In the 2010 Census, for example, more than 113,000 Latino children in California and an estimated 47,000 Latino children in Los Angeles County were not counted, according to a study conducted by the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials Educational Fund and Child Trends' Hispanic Institute. Adding a question regarding citizenship on the 2020 Census will make counting Latinos, other migrant communities, and all other HTS populations in the County an even more difficult task.

The decennial census is used to determine political representation and allocate hundreds of billions of dollars in Federal funding to states and localities. A complete and accurate census count is critical to the County's political representation and ability to maintain funding for Federal assistance programs that are distributed based on decennial census-derived statistics.

The Honorable Wilbur L. Ross, Jr.  
January 19, 2018  
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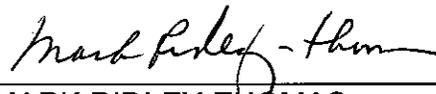
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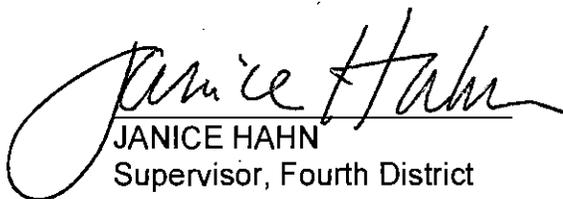
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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
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February 22, 2018

Ms. Sheila Kuehl  
Chair of the Board, Supervisor, Third District  
County of Los Angeles  
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Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
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County of Los Angeles  
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Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Supervisor, Second District  
County of Los Angeles  
Board of Supervisors  
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**Subject: Letter re. DOJ citizenship question from Population Association of America and Association of Population Centers**

Dear Secretary Ross,

On behalf of the presidents of the Population Association of America and Association of Population Centers, Dr. Wendy Manning and Dr. Steve Ruggles, I am pleased to provide you with the attached letter expressing our concerns regarding a recent request that the Department of Commerce received to add a citizenship question on the 2020 Census. We appreciate you taking our organizations' views into consideration during the ongoing deliberations.

Sincerely

Mary Jo Hoeksema  
Director, Government Affairs  
Population Association of America/  
Association of Population Centers  
Deputy Director, The Census Project

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# Population Association of America Association of Population Centers

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January 23, 2018

The Honorable Wilbur Ross  
Secretary  
Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Ross,

On behalf of the over 3,000 scientists who are members of the Population Association of America (PAA) ([www.populationassociation.org](http://www.populationassociation.org)) and the over 40 federally supported population research centers at U.S. based research institutions comprising the Association of Population Centers (APC), we are writing to express our concerns regarding a request you recently received from the Department of Justice (DoJ) to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census.

Population scientists include demographers, economists, and sociologists who conduct research on population trends and the individual, societal, and environmental implications of population change. They rely on the accurate and timely data from the federal statistical agencies to produce research findings and conduct research training activities. Decennial census data are the primary source of information population scientists rely on to monitor and analyze changes in the U.S. population. As a result, we share a profound commitment with other census stakeholders to ensuring full public participation in the decennial census. Our organizations recognize that based on your public comments, you are also committed to spearheading a full, fair, and accurate 2020 Census.

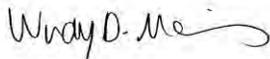
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As you know, and as noted in the January 10 letter, questionnaire design and testing began nearly eight years ago. With less than two years before Census 2020, there is simply not enough time to responsibly craft and

evaluate how a citizenship question would affect census participation. Further, we are concerned that adding a question, particularly one that could influence enhanced nonresponse follow up activity, will significantly increase the costs of the 2020 Census at a time when Congress is already considering a request from the Administration to spend an estimated additional \$3 billion on the 2020 Census.

We trust the Administration is weighing the harmful effects, including increased costs, suppressed response rates, and unreliable data, that the citizenship question could have this late in the decennial planning process—a process that is already facing tremendous challenges in its ramp up to Census 2020. Our organizations urge you to reject this request from the Department of Justice, and we thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,



Wendy Manning, Ph.D., President  
Population Association of America



Steve Ruggles, Ph.D., President  
Association of Population Centers

cc: Ron Jarmin, Acting Director, U.S. Census Bureau  
Nancy Potok, Chief Statistician of the United States



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If you have any additional questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please have a member of your staff contact Michael Platt, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at [mplatt@doc.gov](mailto:mplatt@doc.gov) or (202) 482-3663. Thank you again for your letter. We appreciate your thoughtful input.

Sincerely,

Wilbur Ross



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

February 23, 2018

Mr. Steve Ruggles, Ph.D.  
President  
Association of Population Centers  
8630 Fenton Street, Suite 722  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Dear Dr. Ruggles:

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Wilbur Ross

January 26, 2018

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The Honorable Wilbur L. Ross  
Secretary of Commerce  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
14<sup>th</sup> St. and Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20230

O S EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT

Dear Secretary Ross:

As former directors of the U.S. Census Bureau, serving under both Republican and Democratic administrations, we want to thank you for the care for the future of the Census Bureau you have displayed. We were, however, troubled to learn that the Department of Justice has recently asked the Bureau to add a new question on citizenship to the 2020 census. We are deeply concerned about the consequences of this possible action and hope that our objective observations provide a useful perspective before a final decision is made on this issue.

We were encouraged by your testimony before the Census Bureau's House and Senate authorizing committees last October. Your frank assessment of the status of 2020 Census preparations and your acknowledgment that the Bureau will need more resources to conduct an acceptably accurate enumeration were correct. Undoubtedly, your substantial private sector experience has informed your approach to the Bureau's mission. Similarly, your experience as a census enumerator many years ago may have helped to shape your appreciation for the importance of the fair and accurate census our Constitution envisions, free from partisan influence and guided by sound, well documented, scientifically driven decisions.<sup>1</sup>

There is a well-proven multi-year process to suggest and test new questions. We strongly believe that adding an untested question on citizenship status at this late point in the decennial planning process would put the accuracy of the enumeration and success of the census in all communities at grave risk. Your observation at the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee hearing on October 12, 2017 — that adding untested questions could reduce response rates — suggests that you have carefully considered respondent burden and other factors that contribute to public acceptance of censuses and surveys, as the window of opportunity to lock down census methods, operations, content, and infrastructure closes quickly.

As you fully appreciate, planning a decennial census is an enormous challenge. Preparations for a census are complex, with each component related to and built upon previous research and tests. The critical

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<sup>1</sup> We think you will enjoy recalling that Kenneth Prewitt, a signer of this letter, was your crew leader in 1960. You were in the Harvard Business School, and he in the Harvard Divinity School; like you, he wanted to make some extra money over spring break. Ken was appointed a crew leader and recruited enumerators *only* from the HBS, knowing that they would carry out their duties efficiently. Indeed, they (you) did — your crew finished first in Boston, with the highest accuracy score in the city.

'dress rehearsal' for the 2020 Census (the 2018 End-to-End Census Test) is starting in Providence County, RI. Adding a citizenship question without a testing opportunity in a contemporary, census-like environment will invalidate the results and lessons learned from the End-to-End test. Key assumptions underlying estimates of self-response, staffing needs, local office sites, and communication strategies will no longer be sound, calling into question cost projections that we know you have worked hard to validate and update. In addition, the Census Bureau would need to modify data capture and processing systems, language assistance and enumerator training materials, and web-based instructions for completing the census in the time remaining before the 2020 Census starts – all without the benefit of field testing.

There are sound reasons that the Census Act requires the Bureau to submit to Congress the topics and actual questions it will include, three and two years, respectively, before Census Day. It is highly risky to ask untested questions in the context of the complete 2020 Census design. There is a great deal of evidence that even small changes in survey question order, wording, and instructions can have significant, and often unexpected, consequences for the rate, quality, and truthfulness of response. The effect of adding a citizenship question to the 2020 Census on data quality and census accuracy, therefore, is completely unknown. Also of import, overcoming unexpected obstacles that arise as 2020 Census operations unfold would add to the cost, without assurances that such efforts would yield a more accurate outcome.

In summary, we believe that adding a citizenship question to the 2020 Census will considerably increase the risks to the 2020 enumeration. Because we share your goal of a "full, fair, and accurate census," as the Constitution requires, we urge you to consider a prudent course of action in response to the Justice Department's untimely and potentially disruptive request.

Please let us know if we can answer any questions or be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Vincent P. Barabba (1973-1976; 1979-1981)

Martha Farnsworth Riche (1994-1998)

Kenneth Prewitt (1998-2001)

Steven H. Murdock (2008-2009)

Robert M. Groves (2009-2012)

John Thompson (2013-2017)

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# Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning

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January 26, 2018

The Hon. Mick Mulvaney, Director  
The Office of Management and Budget  
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Washington, D.C. 20503

The Hon. Wilbur Ross, Secretary  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

The Hon. Dr. Ron Jarmin, Acting Director  
U.S. Census Bureau  
4500 Silver Hill Road  
Washington, D.C. 20233

Dear Director Mulvaney, Secretary Ross, Acting Director Jarmin:

On behalf of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) and its Board, I am writing to express support for initiatives that ensure the U.S. Census Bureau can complete a full and accurate count in the 2020 Census. As the metropolitan planning organization for the Chicago region, census data are invaluable to completing our mission of comprehensive planning in support of transportation, land use, economic development, and environmental protection in northeastern Illinois, which is home to over 8.5 million people and 4.4 million jobs.

Funding levels proposed for Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 for the 2020 Census are inadequate, including those that have been part of continuing resolutions. To date, the Census Bureau has been unable to complete numerous preliminary activities that would bolster the integrity of the Census. We commend efforts to modernize the Census because they could yield benefits such as cost reduction and improved data quality. However, underfunding thus far has diminished the Bureau's ability to sufficiently pilot the questionnaire, safeguard data infrastructure, and conduct rigorous testing of elements such as new and modified information technology systems.

According to the U.S. Government Accountability office, the return of census questionnaires by mail has declined substantially from 78 percent in 1970, to 63 percent in 2010. Insufficient investment in marketing and community partnerships to inform the public about the upcoming

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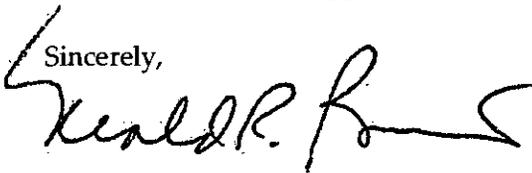
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census could result in increased costs and the potential underrepresentation of non-responding households.

Since its inception, CMAP has worked to ensure prudent and data-driven decision-making, particularly concerning the investment of public resources. An inadequate 2020 Census would impair the ability of state and local governments in northeastern Illinois to meet their responsibilities per federal law. For example, CMAP's federally required transportation plan uses census data on employment, housing, demographics to inform selection of the region's future large-scale roadway and transit projects. Unreliable census data would undermine countless public decision-making processes in transportation, education, and development. Not only would CMAP's long-range planning be affected, it would also compromise public and private entities' ability to provide a variety of critical services for residents and businesses and could therefore have lasting, detrimental effects on our economy.

I urge you to advocate for sufficient funding in FY 2018 and to include sufficient funding in the President's budget for FY 2019 to support an accurate and full count in the 2020 Census. On behalf of the CMAP Board, I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Gerald R. Bennett, Chair-Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning  
Mayor-City of Palos Hills

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cc: Northeastern Illinois Congressional Delegation

18-059449

ROBERT P. BESCHEL ◊

January 29, 2018

THE HONORABLE WILBUR L. ROSS, SECRETARY  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
1401 CONSTITUTIONAL AVE. NW  
WASHINGTON D.C. 20230

RE: U.S. CITIZEN CENSUS COUNTS  
ANCHOR BIRTHS

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have enclosed for your information a copy of a letter I have sent President Trump today regarding the above matters.

Very truly yours,



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January 29, 2018

Honorable Donald J. Trump, President  
United States of America  
The White House  
Washington D.C.

RE: U.S. CITIZENS CENSUS COUNTS  
& ANCHOR BIRTHS

Dear Mr. President:

Immigration law was a significant area of my 50 year legal practice and I support your efforts to take control of our borders. I also value my good fortune to have obtained my U.S. citizenship by birth and oppose the efforts of those of our citizens who would, for political reasons, extend that status to anyone who, with the capacity of criminal intent, violates our laws of entry or by act or omission intends to avoid or weaken our ability to apply those laws in the conduct of our internal affairs.

A prime example of the latter aspect is that prior censuses have not given the highlighted provision of Section 2 of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution below the attention it deserves:

Representatives shall be apportioned among the several states according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each state, excluding Indians not taxed. But when the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors for President and Vice President of the United States, Representatives in Congress, the executive and judicial officers of a state, or the members of the legislature thereof, is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such state, being twenty-one years of age, and *citizens* of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion, or other crime, **the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male *citizens* shall bear to the whole number of male *citizens* twenty-one years of age in such state. (*Emphasis supplied*)**

The Amendment, ratified in 1868, was necessary to negate the Supreme Court's 1859 infamous Dred Scott decision that held slaves were not citizens. In so doing it both affirmed each State's total population as the basis of apportionment of representatives among the states *and* separately established their respective *citizen populations* as the basis to assure their right to elect those representatives.

Obviously, those voting rights cannot be enforced unless there is reliable data establishing the numbers of each state's citizen population. In 2010 the basic 10 question census form mailed to, or left for completion at, approximately 130,000,000 housing units did not ask any question re citizenship. The source of that data was provided by approximately 250,000 separate monthly surveys conducted by the "American Community Survey" division of the Department of Commerce's Census Bureau. Some prior censuses did obtain that citizenship data by mailing a separate "Long", instead of the basic "Short", census form, to a portion of the total population.

The process utilized to arrive at the respective total citizen populations is referred to as “statistical sampling” (“imputation”) as opposed to an actual numerical count, (“enumeration”). Use of this sampling - imputation procedure for apportionment purposes is specifically prohibited by Section 195 of Title 13, of the U.S. Code.

In *Department of Commerce v. United States House of Representatives*, 525 U.S. 316 (1999) the Court held that utilizing small statistical samples to impute total U.S. population was prohibited by the statute. In the subsequent case *Utah v Evans*, 536 U.S. 452 (2002) the Court held that the status of occupied properties within an individual census tract could be used to impute the occupied status of similar *vacant* nearby properties within the same census tract.

The national return rate of the 2010 - ten question census forms was approximately 108,879,000. Considering that none these forms asked any question about citizenship it is certainly questionable whether reliance upon the American Community Survey’s separate imputation method to determine the number of our citizens satisfies the Constitutional requirement. This issue can be put to rest by simply requiring every census form to ask every occupant of a housing unit on the Census’s Master Address Mailing List two simple questions: 1) Was a designated occupant born in the U.S.? And, 2) if the answer is “No” is the occupant a naturalized U.S. Citizen?

#### **ANCHOR BIRTHS**

Another significant immigration issue I believe needs to be addressed is the contention that any child born in the U.S. automatically becomes a U.S. Citizen. The foundation for this result is the first sentence of Section (1) of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that provides:

“All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and the State wherein they reside.”

The significance of the word “*reside*” in this provision was recognized in the bell weather case *United States vs Wong Kim Ark*, 169 U.S. 649 (1898), in which it was stipulated by both parties that before and following the birth of the child involved his parents were domiciled in San Francisco. In holding that the child was a U.S. citizen by birth the Supreme Court relied upon the stipulated fact of his U.S. domicile. While the case is often cited as the authority for the claim that any child born in the U.S, *automatically* becomes a U.S. citizen the fact that the child was domiciled in the U.S. at the time of his birth is typically omitted.

Of note for entry in the realm of inconsistency is that a child of a U.S. citizen born outside of the U.S. does not *automatically* become a U.S. citizen unless - he or she is under the age of 18, has been admitted to the U.S. pursuant to a request for permanent residence, and is in the legal and physical custody of a citizen parent.

It is respectfully submitted that in resolving the DACA issues inclusion of a statutory provision affirming both domicile and birth as conditions of birth citizenship would be appropriate.

Sincerely,



cc: Honorable Wilbur L. Ross, Secretary  
United States Department of Commerce

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January 29, 2018

The Honorable Wilbur Ross  
Secretary of Commerce  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Ross,

It is hard to exaggerate the importance of a successful decennial census for municipalities across our nation. Census results determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives, are used to draw political districts at federal, state and local levels, and affect the distribution of billions of dollars of federal funding annually to local communities for infrastructure and vital services like hospitals and schools. An inaccurate census leads to underrepresentation and fewer dollars for many of our most vulnerable communities.

We share the goal you have set for a full, fair and accurate 2020 Census. As such, we want to raise three areas of concern with you: adequate funding; qualified Census Bureau leadership; and rejecting untested questions that threaten to undermine census preparations and accuracy.

First, ensuring that the 2020 Census has the necessary resources to meet the challenges of enumerating a geographically, economically, culturally, and linguistically diverse population is foundational to its success. The Census Bureau must be able to implement effectively the range of data collection methods the 2020 Census will include, including new Internet and telephone response options and a traditional paper questionnaire. We were pleased that you requested an additional \$187 million for the Census Bureau in Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, for a total of \$1.684 billion, in order to fund IT systems development (e.g. scalability; cyber-security systems) and system integration and readiness for the 2018 End-to-End Census Test.

However, this proposed increase does not include any additional funding for the Integrated Partnership and Communications program, which is essential to keeping long term census costs in check, given the growing barriers to a successful census. We are facing unprecedented challenges to a fair, accurate, and cost-effective census. Factors that could depress self-response rates considerably include the perception of cyber-security risks; real cyber-security threats; the digital divide affecting rural, low income, minority, and older households; a growing climate of fear among immigrants, regardless of their legal status; and growing anti- government sentiment in some communities.

To address these challenges, we urge additional resources to increase the number of Partnership Specialists in FY 2018 from the current 43 to 200, to help educate and guide state and local governments and vital “trusted voices” at the local level as they prepare to support the work of the Census Bureau during final preparations and early promotion in 2019 and execution of the count in 2020. Given the lower projected self-response rate embodied in your revised lifecycle cost estimate, we also urge a concurrent increase in the number of Area Census Offices, from the planned 248 to 300, to open in FY 2019. Finally, we believe new Census Bureau research documenting the growing reluctance of immigrants to participate (fully, if at all) in surveys and census tests will require expanded research and testing of effective messages and communications avenues to overcome this significant barrier to an inclusive enumeration.

**We urge to you to work closely with Congress in the coming weeks to ensure that the final FY 2018 omnibus appropriations bill includes not only the additional \$1.684 billion adjusted allocation the administration requested for the Census Bureau, but additional funds to expand the number of Partnership Specialists in 2018, expand messaging research and testing *before* the early communications campaign begins at the start of 2019, and a larger field footprint to enhance a projected higher number of households that require personal visits in the Nonresponse Follow-up operation.**

Secondly, the Census Bureau has long benefited from exceptional leadership, helping the agency carry out its mission of serving as the leading source of quality data about the nation's people and economy. The American people must have confidence that the Bureau's leaders will uphold its core principles of protecting confidentiality, sharing expertise, and conducting its work openly and fairly, without regard to partisan interests, and be guided by a commitment to scientific objectivity and excellence and research-based innovation.

Now, more than ever, the Census Bureau needs strong, permanent leadership to steer the agency through crucial preparations and implementation of the 2020 decennial count. To that end, we urge the president to nominate a highly qualified, nonpartisan candidate who is respected on both sides of the political aisle to be Census Director. At the same time, we are troubled by the administration's reported intent to appoint a candidate for Census Bureau deputy director whose body of professional work largely centers around achieving partisan advantage in the use of census data, and who lacks the traditional and requisite experience in managing a large organization like the Census Bureau and the complex operations of the decennial census.

**We urge the administration to put forward candidates for Census Director and Census Bureau Deputy Director who will continue the tradition of strong, nonpartisan, experienced, and strong leadership. Any nomination or appointment that would undermine the credibility of the Bureau's role as a fundamentally nonpartisan statistical agency will further erode already fragile public trust and confidence in the integrity of the 2020 Census and, indeed, the objectivity of all Census Bureau statistics.**

Thirdly, the recent U.S. Department of Justice request to add a question about citizenship to the 2020 Census threatens the Census Bureau's ability to conduct an inclusive enumeration that accurately reflects the diverse fabric of America. The Constitution requires a count of all persons living in the United States on Census Day, *regardless of citizenship or legal status*. Since 1790, the decennial census has been the vehicle for this count and, to this day, Congress has rejected efforts to change the interpretation of this important tenet of the Constitution by basing apportionment on a subset of the population.

The Census Bureau spends years testing alternative questionnaire formats and designs. Changes to the census form at this late stage of 2020 Census planning jeopardize the validity of the operational tests that already have been conducted, put into question the outreach and partnership strategies that have been

designed around different content, and would require changes in training and execution of operations. Robust, iterative testing of census methods and content is crucial to an accurate enumeration, with even the smallest changes to question order and wording potentially having adverse and unintended consequences for the success of operations and the accuracy of the data.

There are logistical and cost implications associated with adding a new question at this late point in the 2020 Census cycle. For example, the 2020 Census Operational Plan bases staffing levels on projected self-response rates that, in turn, the Bureau derived after carefully designed, iterative tests that did not include a question on citizenship. Adding a new question will nullify those prior projections and assumptions. Moreover, experts, elected officials, and community leaders all agree that adding a question on citizenship in particular will lower initial response, leading to an expanded Nonresponse Follow-up operation and increases in the field staff required to conduct door-to-door visits, thereby increasing the cost of the census considerably without improving accuracy.

Adding a citizenship question to the decennial census would not promote the constitutional mandate of the census, but in fact, may compromise it. Such a question would increase the burden on respondents, likely heighten privacy concerns around the census, and lower participation by immigrants who fear the government will use this information to harm them and their families. Furthermore, the Justice Department has not set forth new legal or programmatic reasons for the Census Bureau to collect this information from every household in the country since its initial cataloguing of data requirements for the census and American Community Survey prior to the Census Bureau's submission of 2020 Census and ACS topics to Congress last spring.

**We urge you to reject the Justice Department's request to add a citizenship question to the decennial census and to ensure that the Census Bureau can focus its time and resources on finalizing and executing the current 2020 Census plan.**

Thank you for your attention to our concerns. We look forward to working closely with you to ensure the fair and accurate census our communities expect and deserve.

Sincerely,



Tom Cochran  
CEO and Executive Director

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# MONTEREY COUNTY



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January 30, 2018

The Honorable Wilbur Ross  
Secretary of Commerce  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20230

**Re: OPPOSE – DOJ Request to Add a Question on Citizenship to the 2020 Census**

Dear Secretary Ross:

On behalf of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors, I write to express our opposition to the Department of Justice’s (DOJ) request to add a question on citizenship to the 2020 Census. DOJ’s stated rationale for its request – that it needs better citizenship data to better enforce the Voting Rights Act (VRA) “and its important protections against racial discrimination in voting” – belies the Department’s hostile policies toward immigrants and will likely depress responses in immigrant communities.

DOJ’s claims that the citizenship question is needed to enforce Section 2 of the VRA and to prevent racial discrimination in voting are unfounded. The Census Bureau already collects information on citizenship through the American Community Survey (ACS). This ongoing yearly survey provides more detailed information than the decennial Census, which enables the Census to focus more on population counts. The ACS’ reliable citizenship data was used in 2010 by both DOJ and civil rights groups to monitor compliance with the VRA and will once again be utilized for the same purpose in 2020.

The Trump administration’s aggressive immigration policies have already instilled fear among immigrant communities. Immigrant communities are less likely to report crimes, or even enroll their eligible U.S. citizen children in government health and nutrition programs. Early surveys have documented that some immigrants are afraid to provide information, or have given false information, to Census employees because they are fearful of how the information may be used. This is a concerning trend and would no doubt be worsened if a citizenship question was included in the 2020 Census.

Given the critical importance of the decennial census to distributing the number of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and drawing congressional and state legislative district lines, as well as allocating billions of dollars in federal funding to states and local governments, we urge you to oppose the DOJ's request for a citizenship question in the 2020 Census. As you work to ensure a fair and accurate census that encourages full participation, we believe that including a citizenship question would only serve to suppress participation and result in inaccurate data that does not truly reflect the makeup of our nation.

Sincerely,

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Luis Alejo  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

Cc: The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
The Honorable Kamala Harris  
The Honorable Jimmy Panetta



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

March 1, 2018

Mr. Luis Alejo  
Chair, Board of Supervisors  
Monterey County  
168 West Alisal Street  
Salinas, CA 93901

Dear Mr. Alejo:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Department of Justice's request to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census questionnaire. I appreciate your taking the time to make me aware of your position on this important matter.

The Department of Commerce is conducting an orderly review of the Department of Justice's request. The Department is required by law to submit the proposed final list of questions to Congress by March 31, 2018, which is two years prior to Census Day, April 1, 2020.

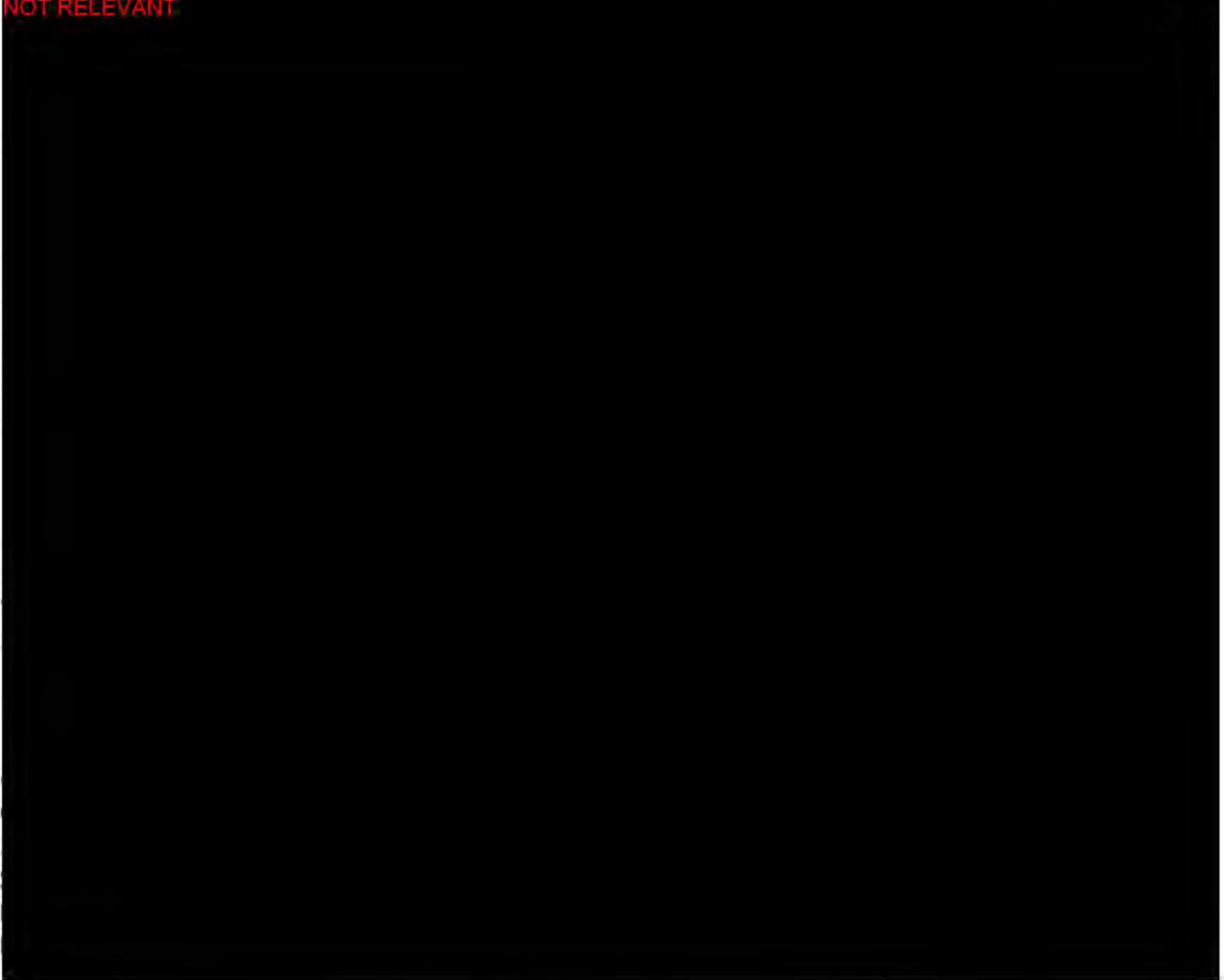
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If you have any additional questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please have a member of your staff contact Michael Platt, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at [mplatt@doc.gov](mailto:mplatt@doc.gov) or (202) 482-3663.

Sincerely,

  
Wilbur Ross

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**From:** Bailey, Amanda Gray  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 06, 2018 5:38 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Congressional Inquiry - Climino-Johnso - VA10

Good afternoon Mr. Edwards,

Could you please review the attached correspondence on behalf of Mr. Climino-Johnson?  
Any guidance would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Amanda Gray

**Amanda Gray Bailey**  
Congresswoman Barbara Comstock (VA-10<sup>th</sup>)

21430 Cedar Drive, Suite 218  
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Dear Representative Comstock, I write today to express deep concern about a request the Department of Commerce recently received from the Department of Justice to include a citizenship question on the 2020 Census. I have written to Secretary Ross to express my strong hope that he will reject this proposal. I am writing to you as well to request that you do everything in your power to ensure that a citizenship question is not added to the census. Should such a proposal be favorably received, the integrity of the 2020 Census data will be fundamentally compromised. Including a citizenship question is likely to keep some people from responding to the questionnaire and others from responding truthfully, thereby undermining the accuracy of the data. The import of an accurate census cannot be understated. An accurate census allows policy-makers in public, private, and non-profit sectors to make evidence-based decisions. The Census Bureau is required to submit the questions for the 2020 Census to Congress by April 1, 2018. Please urge Commerce Secretary Ross to exclude a citizenship question. If the Census Bureau submits a citizenship question to Congress, I urge you to support legislation that would strike it from the final questionnaire. Please ensure that the 2020 Census is undertaken with integrity. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter.

Regards, Todd Cimino-Johnso



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February 6, 2018

The Honorable Wilbur Ross  
 Secretary of Commerce  
 U.S. Department of Commerce  
 1401 Constitution Avenue NW  
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Dear Secretary Ross,

It is hard to exaggerate the importance of a successful decennial census for municipalities across our nation. Census results determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives, are used to draw political districts at federal, state and local levels, and affect the distribution of billions of dollars of federal funding annually to local communities for infrastructure and vital services like hospitals and schools. An inaccurate census leads to underrepresentation and fewer dollars for many of our most vulnerable communities.

We share the goal you have set for a full, fair and accurate 2020 Census. As such, we want to raise three areas of concern with you: adequate funding; qualified Census Bureau leadership; and rejecting untested questions that threaten to undermine census preparations and accuracy.

First, ensuring that the 2020 Census has the necessary resources to meet the challenges of enumerating a geographically, economically, culturally, and linguistically diverse population is foundational to its success. The Census Bureau must be able to implement effectively the range of data collection methods the 2020 Census will include, including new Internet and telephone response options and a traditional paper questionnaire. We were pleased that you requested an additional \$187 million for the Census Bureau in Fiscal Year (FY) 2018, for a total of \$1.684 billion, in order to fund IT systems development (e.g. scalability; cyber-security systems) and system integration and readiness for the 2018 End-to-End Census Test.

However, this proposed increase does not include any additional funding for the Integrated Partnership and Communications program, which is essential to keeping long term census costs in check, given the growing barriers to a successful census. We are facing unprecedented challenges to a fair, accurate, and cost-effective census. Factors that could depress self-response rates considerably include the perception of cyber-security risks; real cyber-security threats; the

digital divide affecting rural, low income, minority, and older households; growing climate of fear among immigrants, regardless of their legal status; and growing anti- government sentiment in some communities.

To address these challenges, we urge additional resources to increase the number of Partnership Specialists in FY 2018 from the current 43 to 200, to help educate and guide state and local governments and vital “trusted voices” at the local level as they prepare to support the work of the Census Bureau during final preparations and early promotion in 2019 and execution of the count in 2020. Given the lower projected self-response rate embodied in your revised lifecycle cost estimate, we also urge a concurrent increase in the number of Area Census Offices, from the planned 248 to 300, to open in FY 2019. Finally, we believe new Census Bureau research documenting the growing reluctance of immigrants to participate (fully, if at all) in surveys and census tests will require expanded research and testing of effective messages and communications avenues to overcome this significant barrier to an inclusive enumeration.

**We urge to you to work closely with Congress in the coming weeks to ensure that the final FY 2018 omnibus appropriations bill includes not only the additional \$1.684 billion adjusted allocation the administration requested for the Census Bureau, but additional funds to expand the number of Partnership Specialists in 2018, expand messaging research and testing *before* the early communications campaign begins at the start of 2019, and a larger field footprint to enhance a projected higher number of households that require personal visits in the Nonresponse Follow-up operation.**

Secondly, the Census Bureau has long benefited from exceptional leadership, helping the agency carry out its mission of serving as the leading source of quality data about the nation’s people and economy. The American people must have confidence that the Bureau’s leaders will uphold its core principles of protecting confidentiality, sharing expertise, and conducting its work openly and fairly, without regard to partisan interests, and be guided by a commitment to scientific objectivity and excellence and research-based innovation.

Now, more than ever, the Census Bureau needs strong, permanent leadership to steer the agency through crucial preparations and implementation of the 2020 decennial count. To that end, we urge the president to nominate a highly qualified, nonpartisan candidate who is respected on both sides of the political aisle to be Census Director. At the same time, we are troubled by the administration’s reported intent to appoint a candidate for Census Bureau deputy director whose body of professional work largely centers around achieving partisan advantage in the use of census data, and who lacks the traditional and requisite experience in managing a large organization like the Census Bureau and the complex operations of the decennial census.

**We urge the administration to put forward candidates for Census Director and Census Bureau Deputy Director who will continue the tradition of nonpartisan, experienced, and strong leadership. Any nomination or appointment that would undermine the credibility of the Bureau’s role as a fundamentally nonpartisan statistical agency will further erode already fragile public trust and confidence in the integrity of the 2020 Census and, indeed, the objectivity of all Census Bureau statistics.**

Thirdly, the recent U.S. Department of Justice request to add a question about citizenship to the 2020 Census threatens the Census Bureau's ability to conduct an inclusive enumeration that accurately reflects the diverse fabric of America. The Constitution requires a count of all persons living in the United States on Census Day, *regardless of citizenship or legal status*. Since 1790, the decennial census has been the vehicle for this count and, to this day, Congress has rejected efforts to change the interpretation of this important tenet of the Constitution by basing apportionment on a subset of the population.

The Census Bureau spends years testing alternative questionnaire formats and designs. Changes to the census form at this late stage of 2020 Census planning jeopardize the validity of the operational tests that already have been conducted, put into question the outreach and partnership strategies that have been designed around different content, and would require changes in training and execution of operations. Robust, iterative testing of census methods and content is crucial to an accurate enumeration, with even the smallest changes to question order and wording potentially having adverse and unintended consequences for the success of operations and the accuracy of the data.

There are logistical and cost implications associated with adding a new question at this late point in the 2020 Census cycle. For example, the 2020 Census Operational Plan bases staffing levels on projected self-response rates that, in turn, the Bureau derived after carefully designed, iterative tests that did not include a question on citizenship. Adding a new question will nullify those prior projections and assumptions. Moreover, experts, elected officials, and community leaders all agree that adding a question on citizenship in particular will lower initial response, leading to an expanded Nonresponse Follow-up operation and increases in the field staff required to conduct door-to-door visits, thereby increasing the cost of the census considerably without improving accuracy.

Adding a citizenship question to the decennial census would not promote the constitutional mandate of the census, but in fact, may compromise it. Such a question would increase the burden on respondents, likely heighten privacy concerns around the census, and lower participation by immigrants who fear the government will use this information to harm them and their families. Furthermore, the Justice Department has not set forth new legal or programmatic reasons for the Census Bureau to collect this information from every household in the country since its initial cataloging of data requirements for the census and American Community Survey prior to the Census Bureau's submission of 2020 Census and ACS topics to Congress last spring.

**We urge you to reject the Justice Department's request to add a citizenship question to the decennial census and to ensure that the Census Bureau can focus its time and resources on finalizing and executing the current 2020 Census plan.**

Thank you for your attention to our concerns. We look forward to working closely with you to ensure the fair and accurate census our communities expect and deserve.

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February 8, 2018

The Honorable Wilbur Ross  
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Re: Request to Reinstate Citizenship Question on 2020 Census Questionnaire

Dear Secretary Ross:

As the Chief Legal Officer of the State of Louisiana, I write concerning a matter that is very important to the People of Louisiana. The use of the decennial Census to capture accurate data concerning citizenship, legal immigration, illegal immigration, and the distribution of the population is crucial to the functions of State government. It is also crucial in terms of insuring fair and equitable districting of the people's representatives at the State and local level. This issue touches the heart of our democracy and the constitutional rights of every Louisiana citizen.

As you are aware, from 1970 to 2000, the Census Bureau included a citizenship question on the "long form" questionnaire sent to nearly one in every six households during each decennial census. After the 2000 Census, the Census Bureau ceased using the "long form" questionnaire. Instead, it replaced this form with the American Community Survey (ACS). The ACS is currently the Census Bureau's only survey that collects information regarding citizenship and estimates citizen voting-age population. The ACS is sent to far fewer people - approximately *one in every thirty-eight* households each year, significantly changing the statistical integrity of the data. The ACS, while insufficient for a number of reasons, most importantly provides only estimates with a high margin of error.

Because it is standard practice for States to apportion their legislative districts on the basis of the numbers provided by the Census Bureau's decennial census, this issue is of critical importance. See Nat'l Conf. of State Legislatures Redistricting Law 2010 at 11 (2009). States frequently even find themselves mired in federal litigation lasting from one Census to the next. Currently, the decennial Census counts everyone regardless of the individual's legal status and no longer provides any reliable citizenship data. Ultimately, this process dilutes the votes of all legally-eligible voters by improperly counting those ineligible to vote when determining the population for representative districts. Not only does this result in bolstering the representation of illegal immigrants and non-voting legal immigrants at the expense of the voting age citizenry, but also skews the data nationally and can result in some states losing representatives in Congress to other States.

Furthermore, the Supreme Court has held that Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act prohibits “vote dilution” by state and local jurisdictions engaged in redistricting, which can occur when a racial group is improperly deprived of a single-member district in which it could form a majority. *See Thornburg v. Gingles*, 478 U.S. 30, 50 (1986). Multiple federal courts of appeals have held that, where citizenship rates are at issue in a vote-dilution case, citizen voting-age population is the proper metric for determining whether a racial group could constitute a majority in a single-member district. *See, e.g., Reyes v. City of Farmers Branch*, 586 F.3d 1019, 1023–24 (5th Cir. 2009); *Barnett v. City of Chicago*, 141 F.3d 699, 704 (7th Cir. 1998); *Negron v. City of Miami Beach*, 113 F.3d 1563, 1567–69 (11th Cir. 1997); *Romero v. Pomona*, 883 F.2d 1418, 1426 (9th Cir. 1989), *overruled in part on other grounds by Townsend v. Holman Consulting Corp.*, 914 F.2d 1136 (9th Cir. 1990). A more accurate decennial census, which should collect this data, would prevent the inevitable dilution of votes and further exposure of the states to endless litigation. The current use of ACS data puts States into a no-win situation where they cannot apportion representative districts in a manner that is consistent with the Constitution, the Voting Rights Act, or their own state redistricting laws.

It is clear that the intent of Section 2’s prohibition “is to facilitate participation...in our political process” by preventing unlawful vote dilution on account of race. *Campos v. City of Houston*, 113 F.3d 544, 548 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1997). Courts have reasoned that “[t]he right to vote is one of the badges of citizenship” and that “[t]he dignity and very concept of citizenship are diluted if noncitizens are allowed to vote.” *Barnett*, 141 F.3d at 704. Thus, it would be the wrong result for a legislature or a court to draw a single-member district in which a numerical racial minority group in a jurisdiction was a majority of the total voting-age population in that district but “continued to be defeated at the polls” because it was not a majority of the citizen voting-age population. *Campos*, 113 F.3d at 548. As these cases show, for the U.S. Department of Justice to avert racial discrimination in voting and ensure adherence to the spirit of Section 2, it is vital that the “long form” citizenship question in the decennial Census provide the necessary citizen voting-age population data.

When the right of all citizens to cast a properly weighted vote is not protected, there is a resulting dilution of the voting power of citizens residing in districts that are home to a smaller number of nonvoting residents. Moreover, it incentivizes sanctuary cities by granting an electoral advantage at the expense of non-sanctuary cities. Voting is one of the most precious rights of citizenship. And yet, it is clear that representative districts with larger populations of illegal and non-voting legal immigrants have gained representation over those without.

Accordingly, I am imploring the Census Bureau to reinstate the citizenship question in the decennial 2020 Census to assist Louisiana and all other states in making a good faith effort to equalize districts in a method that ensures, as far as practicable, equality in the weight of votes.

Sincerely



Jeff Landry

Louisiana Attorney General



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

March 19, 2018

The Honorable Jeff Landry  
Attorney General of Louisiana  
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Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4095

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Department of Justice's request to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census questionnaire. I appreciate your taking the time to make me aware of your position on this important matter.

The Department of Commerce is conducting an orderly review of the Department of Justice's request. The Department is required by law to submit the proposed final list of questions to Congress by March 31, 2018, which is two years prior to Census Day, April 1, 2020.

Let me underscore my commitment to conduct a complete and accurate 2020 Census. A high-quality 2020 Census that counts each person, in the place where he or she lives, is my highest priority. As you know, I have conducted a rigorous review and produced a new 2020 Census lifecycle cost estimate, and I have put into place the people, processes, and programs necessary to ensure strong governance and oversight of the 2020 Census.

If you have any additional questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please have a member of your staff contact Michael Platt, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at [mplatt@doc.gov](mailto:mplatt@doc.gov) or (202) 482-3663.

Sincerely,

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February 8, 2018

**The Honorable Wilbur Ross**  
Secretary of Commerce  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
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Dear Secretary Ross,

On behalf of the National League of Cities (NLC) and the more than 19,000 municipal governments we represent, we urge you to reject the Department of Justice's (DOJ) request to add a new and untested citizenship question to the 2020 Census. The addition of such an untested question this late in the process would have a negative effect on participation and would drastically reduce the likelihood of an accurate count in many cities, towns and villages in every state.

America's local leaders share your commitment to facilitating and executing a full, fair and accurate census in 2020. Since the first count in 1790, the census has tallied the total population of both non-citizens and citizens alike. Cities depend on the completion of a successful census for research, strategic planning, grant funding, economic development and congressional districting; a successful census depends on cooperation and participation by all residents of the United States.

The addition of a question that has not been tested in a contemporary census environment or as part of a radically redesigned census would not only be reckless and disruptive, but would also jeopardize the eight years of diligent preparations that have already gone into the 2020 census. Design of the upcoming census began in 2010, and since then all aspects of the census have undergone intense scrutiny and analysis to determine and prevent attrition in participation. The Census Bureau must submit the proposed questions for congressional review by March 31 of this year; the one and only end-to-end census test begins in Providence County, Rhode Island, next month, and will not include such a question. Given this timeframe, there is no conceivable way in which this addition could be vetted with the thoroughness demanded of such an

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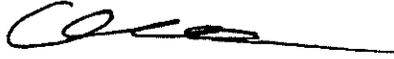
important consideration. Furthermore, the DOJ request would decrease the rate of self-response in many communities, thus raising the cost of nonresponse follow-up (NRFU) operations at a time when the Census Bureau is already under intense pressure to cut costs.

Experts from both sides of the aisle argue that the addition of a citizenship question would exacerbate privacy concerns, reduce participation and result in inaccurate responses. Four former Census Bureau directors who served under both Republican and Democratic administrations have backed these claims and concluded that such an addition would only lead to worse data. The issue would be compounded for more vulnerable minority populations who were undercounted at disproportionately high rates in 2010. Counts for citizens and non-citizens alike would be adversely impacted, particularly in mixed-status households. The DOJ's request would add an unnecessarily intrusive question onto a census and spike fears about data confidentiality. This, coupled with a growing climate of fear, would undoubtedly suppress participation and threaten the accuracy of the decennial census in 2020 and the credibility of the Bureau for years to come.

Finally, the DOJ's claim that the addition of a citizenship question is necessary to enforce the Voting Rights Act of 1965 is questionable and not borne out by the historical record. The Voting Rights Act has relied exclusively on citizenship data collected through robust but much smaller surveys, most recently the American Community Survey (ACS). For the past 53 years, the DOJ has reliably used data from other Census Bureau surveys to fully enforce the Voting Rights Act, leading us to seriously question the necessity for drastic changes made to the only constitutionally-mandated count of the nation's population.

For the reasons outlined above, we urge you to join us and countless other civic leaders, businesses and academic institutions in rejecting the DOJ's request to add a citizenship question to the 2020 census. If you have any additional questions, please contact Brian Egan, principal associate, federal advocacy at (202)-626-3107 or at [egan@nlc.org](mailto:egan@nlc.org).

Sincerely,



**Clarence E. Anthony**  
CEO and Executive Director  
National League of Cities

CC:

- **Ron Jarmin**, Acting Director of the U.S. Census Bureau
- **Senator Ron Johnson**, Chairman of the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

March 6, 2018

Mr. Clarence E. Anthony  
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Dear Mr. Anthony:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Department of Justice's request to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census questionnaire. I appreciate your taking the time to make me aware of your position on this important matter.

The Department of Commerce is conducting an orderly review of the Department of Justice's request. The Department is required by law to submit the proposed final list of questions to Congress by March 31, 2018, which is two years prior to Census Day, April 1, 2020.

Let me underscore my commitment to conduct a full, fair, and accurate 2020 Census. A high-quality 2020 Census that counts each person, in the place where he or she lives, is my highest priority. As you know, I reported back to Congress last October after I conducted a rigorous deep dive to produce a new 2020 Census life cycle cost estimate as well as a thorough review of Census Bureau programming and financial management. I have assembled a multidisciplinary team to address and remedy concerns expressed by the Government Accountability Office, the Department of Commerce's Office of Inspector General, the Office of Management and Budget, and Congressional members. In addition, I have put into place the people, processes, and programs to ensure strong governance and oversight of the 2020 Census.

If you have any additional questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please have a member of your staff contact Michael Platt, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at [mplatt@doc.gov](mailto:mplatt@doc.gov) or (202) 482-3663.

Sincerely,

  
Wilbur Ross

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# United States Senate

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February 9, 2018

Mr. Alan Lang  
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U.S. Census Bureau  
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Dear Mr. Lang:

I write on behalf of several of my constituents regarding a proposed question pertaining to U.S. citizenship status that the Census Bureau is considering adding to the 2020 Census. I have enclosed these letters for your review.

As these letters indicate, my constituents have specific concerns about how a question regarding U.S. citizenship status would affect the response rate and accuracy of the data collected by the Census. Like my constituents, I believe that such a question could lead to fewer respondents and less precision. This would harm the critical mission of the Census Bureau to get a full and accurate count of everyone present in the United States.

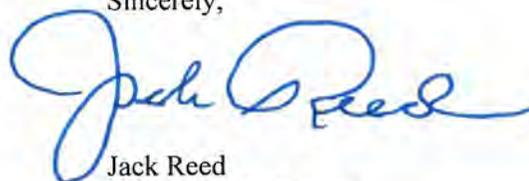
So much relies on a clear and accurate accounting of those present in our nation. From the correct apportionment of Congressional seats to the proper allocation of federal funding, the nation relies on the data collected during each decennial census. Businesses of all sizes also rely on this data to help inform decisions as to where to invest their resources. The accuracy of this critical information could be undermined if response rates are depressed through the addition of a question pertaining to citizenship.

Additionally, a Census question on citizenship is unnecessary as this information is already gathered through the American Community Survey (ACS). While it is important to have as much information as possible when making decisions impacting government policy, adding a question regarding citizenship status to the 2020 Census could well have the opposite effect.

I urge you to reject the request to include a question regarding citizenship status to the 2020 Census and instead to continue to gather this data as the Census Bureau has for more than a decade, through the ACS.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,



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I write today to express deep concern about a request the Department of Commerce recently received from the Department of Justice to include a citizenship question on the 2020 Census. I have written to Secretary Ross to express my strong hope that he will reject this proposal. I am writing to you as well to request that you do everything in your power to ensure that a citizenship question is not added to the census.

Should such a proposal be favorably received, the integrity of the 2020 Census data will be fundamentally compromised. Including a citizenship question is likely to keep some people from responding to the questionnaire and others from responding truthfully, thereby undermining the accuracy of the data.

The import of an accurate census cannot be understated. An accurate census allows policy-makers in public, private, and non-profit sectors to make evidence-based decisions. The Census Bureau is required to submit the questions for the 2020 Census to Congress by April 1, 2018. Please urge Commerce Secretary Ross to exclude a citizenship question. If the Census Bureau submits a citizenship question to Congress, I urge you to support legislation that would strike it from the final questionnaire. Please ensure that the 2020 Census is undertaken with integrity.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this matter.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
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February 28, 2018

The Honorable Jack Reed  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510-3903

Dear Senator Reed:

Thank you for your recent inquiry regarding the Department of Justice's request to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census questionnaire. We appreciate your taking the time to make me aware of your position on this important matter.

The U.S. Department of Commerce is conducting an orderly review of the Department of Justice's request. The Department is required by law to submit the proposed final list of questions to Congress by March 31, 2018, which is two years prior to Census Day, April 1, 2020.

Let me underscore my commitment to conduct a complete and accurate 2020 Census. A high-quality 2020 Census that counts each person, in the place where he or she lives, is my highest priority.

We will keep you apprised of any developments regarding the citizenship question. If you have any additional questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please contact our Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs at 301-763-6100.

Sincerely,

Ron S. Jarmin  
Performing the Non-Exclusive Functions  
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The Honorable Mike Thompson  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Representative Thompson:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Department of Justice's request to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census questionnaire. We appreciate your taking the time to make me aware of your position on this important matter.

The U.S. Department of Commerce is conducting an orderly review of the Department of Justice's request. The Department is required by law to submit the proposed final list of questions to Congress by March 31, 2018, which is two years prior to Census Day, April 1, 2020.

Let me underscore my commitment to conduct a full, fair, and accurate 2020 Census. A high-quality 2020 Census that counts each person, in the place where he or she lives, is my highest priority.

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February 12, 2018

The Honorable Wilbur Ross  
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Dear Secretary Ross,

We, the undersigned Attorneys General of New York, Massachusetts, California, Connecticut, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington, as well as the Governor of Colorado, write to oppose the recent request by the Department of Justice to add a question on citizenship to the questionnaire for the 2020 decennial Census.<sup>1</sup> Adding a citizenship question – especially at such a late date in the 2020 Census planning process – would significantly depress participation, causing a population undercount that would disproportionately harm states and cities with large immigrant communities. This undercount would frustrate the Census Bureau’s obligation under the Constitution to determine “the whole number of persons in each state,”<sup>2</sup> threaten our states’ fair representation in Congress, dilute our states’ role in the Electoral College, and deprive our states of their fair share of hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funds that are allocated in part on decennial Census data. Indeed, as the Census Bureau has itself previously explained, “any effort to ascertain citizenship” in the decennial Census “will inevitably jeopardize the overall accuracy of the population count.”<sup>3</sup>

These tremendous harms are not justified by the Justice Department’s purported interest in strengthening enforcement of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. To the contrary, requesting citizenship data would undermine the purposes of the Voting Rights Act and weaken voting rights enforcement across the board.

For these reasons, we have serious concerns that adding a citizenship question to the 2020 Census at this late date would violate the Census Bureau’s obligations under the Constitution, the Administrative Procedure Act, and other federal statutes.

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<sup>1</sup> See Letter from Arthur E. Gary, General Counsel, Justice Management Division, U.S. Dep’t of Justice, to Ron Jarmin, Performing the Non-Exclusive Functions and Duties of the Director, U.S. Bureau of the Census, U.S. Dep’t of Commerce (Dec. 12, 2017), <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/4340651-Text-of-Dec-2017-DOJ-letter-to-Census.html> [hereinafter DOJ Letter]. The Justice Department’s request that the Bureau “reinstate” a citizenship question on the Census, *see id.* at 1, is misleading, as no citizenship question has been included on the decennial census since 1950. From 1970 to 2000, a citizenship question was included only on the “long form” questionnaire, which was distributed to a sample of about one in six households in lieu of the decennial census questionnaire. Following the 2000 Census, the Census Bureau discontinued the “long form” questionnaire and replaced it with the American Community Survey, which is now sent to about one in every 38 households each year.

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Const. amend. XIV, § 2; *see also id.* art. I, § 2, cl. 3.

<sup>3</sup> *Fed’n for Am. Immigration Reform v. Klutznick*, 486 F. Supp. 564, 568 (D.D.C. 1980).

Furthermore, the underfunding of the Census Bureau raises concerns that technology and implementation strategies will not be adequately developed before the start of the full 2020 Census. The lack of testing in rural areas is particularly disconcerting. We request your assurances that the Bureau will be able to cope with this funding crisis and provide a full and accurate enumeration of the population of each state.

**I. Adding a citizenship question at this late date would fatally undermine the accuracy of the 2020 Census, harming the states and our residents.** The Justice Department’s request should be rejected because adding a citizenship question to the 2020 Census would reduce participation and response rates, threatening the Census Bureau’s ability to comply with its obligations under the Constitution and harming the states’ interests.

1. *Questions about citizenship would deter participation in the 2020 Census, undermining the constitutional mandate to conduct an “actual Enumeration.”* The Constitution provides that Representatives “shall be apportioned among the several States . . . according to their respective Numbers,”<sup>4</sup> which requires “counting the whole number of persons in each State.”<sup>5</sup> This count is to be determined by an “actual Enumeration” conducted every ten years.<sup>6</sup> It is well-settled that this “actual Enumeration” includes *all* residents, both citizens and noncitizens.<sup>7</sup> A citizenship question would hinder the Census Bureau’s ability to complete this “actual Enumeration” by chilling participation in the 2020 Census by noncitizens and naturalized citizens alike.

The Census Bureau has long recognized the difficulty of counting immigrant and noncitizen communities. In preparing for the 2010 Census, the Bureau identified immigrants as one of several hard-to-count populations, and designed a significant public education campaign to increase participation from that group.<sup>8</sup> Similarly, in the lead up to the current decennial Census, the Bureau organized a working group to recommend strategies to minimize undercounts of undocumented immigrants, as well as immigrant Latinos and Asians.<sup>9</sup>

Notwithstanding these efforts, the difficulty of counting such groups has only increased in the current climate. Recent pretests by the Census Bureau have revealed that immigrant respondents increasingly expressed concerns about confidentiality and data sharing, especially

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<sup>4</sup> *Id.* art. I, § 2, cl. 3.

<sup>5</sup> *Id.* amend. XIV, § 2.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.* art. I, § 2, cl. 3; *see also* 13 U.S.C. § 4 (delegating to the Secretary of Commerce authority to conduct the decennial census).

<sup>7</sup> *Klutznick*, 486 F. Supp. at 575-77.

<sup>8</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, *2010 Census Integrated Communications Plan*, 21, 75, 191, 223, 278 (Aug. 2008), [https://www.census.gov/2010census/partners/pdf/2010\\_ICC\\_Plan\\_Final\\_Edited.pdf](https://www.census.gov/2010census/partners/pdf/2010_ICC_Plan_Final_Edited.pdf); U.S. Gov’t Accountability Office, GAO-09-525T, *Communications Campaign Has Potential to Boost Participation*, 6 (Mar. 6, 2009), <https://www.gao.gov/assets/130/122012.pdf>.

<sup>9</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, Nat’l Advisory Comm. on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations, *Final Report of the Administrative Records, Internet, and Hard to Count Population Working Group*, 2, 8 (July 2016), [https://www2.census.gov/cac/nac/reports/2016-07-admin\\_internet-wg-report.pdf](https://www2.census.gov/cac/nac/reports/2016-07-admin_internet-wg-report.pdf).

when asked questions about citizenship.<sup>10</sup> Citing fears related to the current discourse on immigration policy, respondents have also refused to respond to questions and have ended interactions with surveyors.<sup>11</sup> The Census Bureau has recognized that these anxieties might present a barrier to participation in the 2020 Census, and may diminish overall data quality.<sup>12</sup> Even before the Department of Justice made its request, Census Bureau officials reported that early test surveys showed “an unprecedented groundswell in confidentiality and data-sharing concerns among immigrants or those who live with immigrants” related to the 2020 count.<sup>13</sup> The Bureau already acknowledges that questions about citizenship in *any* federal statistical survey are sensitive and must be treated with care<sup>14</sup>; adding a citizenship inquiry to the mandatory decennial Census would undoubtedly exacerbate these problems, leading to larger undercounts and less reliable data.

Indeed, in a brief filed with the Supreme Court less than three years ago, four former Directors of the Census Bureau – appointed by Presidents of both political parties – explained based on their experience that “a one-by-one citizenship inquiry would invariably lead to a lower response rate to the Census in general,” and would “seriously frustrate the Census Bureau’s ability to conduct the only count the Constitution expressly requires: determining the whole number of persons in each state in order to apportion House seats among the states.”<sup>15</sup> The former Directors explained that “[r]ecent experience demonstrates lowered participation in the Census and increased suspicion of government collection of information in general. Particular anxiety exists among non-citizens. There would be little incentive for non-citizens to offer to the government their actual status; the result [of inquiring about citizenship status] would be a reduced rate of response overall and an increase in inaccurate responses.”<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> Memorandum from the U.S. Census Bureau, Ctr. for Survey Measurement, to Assoc. Directorate for Research and Methodology, 1, 5-7 (Sept. 20, 2017), <https://www2.census.gov/cac/nac/meetings/2017-11/Memo-Regarding-Respondent-Confidentiality-Concerns.pdf>.

<sup>11</sup> *Id.* at 2.

<sup>12</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, Nat’l Advisory Comm. on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations, *Respondent Confidentiality Concerns and Possible Effects on Response Rates and Data Quality for 2020 Census*, 2, 12-13, 15 (Nov. 2, 2017), <https://www2.census.gov/cac/nac/meetings/2017-11/Meyers-NAC-Confidentiality-Presentation.pdf>.

<sup>13</sup> Mica Rosenberg, *U.S. Officials Worry Immigrant Fears Could Make Census Inaccurate*, Reuters (Nov. 30, 2017, 3:10 PM), <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-immigration-census/u-s-officials-worry-immigrant-fears-could-make-census-inaccurate-idUSKBN1DU2U7>. These concerns from some federal officials are shared by state-level experts with experience coordinating the administration of the decennial Census in their states. Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth, William Galvin, for example, recently testified before a state legislative committee that a citizenship inquiry would be a clear deterrent to participating in the 2020 Census. See Christina Prignano, *Mass. secretary of state warns Trump could “sabotage” 2020 Census*, Boston Globe (Feb. 6, 2018), <https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2018/02/06/mass-secretary-state-warns-trump-could-sabotage-census/HH2b73v0o2dkddzrjYDyUK/story.html>.

<sup>14</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, Data Stewardship Exec. Policy Comm., *DS-16: Policy on Respondent Identification and Sensitive Topics in Dependent Interviewing*, 1-2 (Dec. 9, 2014), [https://www2.census.gov/foia/ds\\_policies/ds016.pdf](https://www2.census.gov/foia/ds_policies/ds016.pdf).

<sup>15</sup> Brief of Former Directors of the U.S. Census Bureau as Amici Curiae Supporting Appellees at 25, *Evenwel v. Abbott*, 136 S. Ct. 1120 (2016) (No. 14-940).

<sup>16</sup> *Id.* at 5.

The Census Bureau in fact declined to add a citizenship question to the 2010 Census questionnaire,<sup>17</sup> and has repeatedly warned against adding such a question to the decennial Census because of the risk of lower response rates and reduced accuracy.<sup>18</sup> As the Census Bureau has explained, questions about “citizenship are particularly sensitive” for individuals who “perceive[] any possibility of the information being used against them,” and thus “any effort to ascertain citizenship will inevitably jeopardize the overall accuracy of the population count” required by the Constitution.<sup>19</sup>

2. *This threat to the accuracy of the 2020 Census is magnified by the extreme lateness of the Justice Department’s proposal.* Even assuming it were possible to devise a citizenship inquiry that would not risk an unconstitutional undercount, it is far too late in the planning process for the Census Bureau to test and validate any such approach. The Bureau must meet a statutory deadline of March 31, 2018 – less than two months away – to submit its final questionnaire for the 2020 Census to Congress.<sup>20</sup> Two months is insufficient time to design and test a question as sensitive as this one consistent with the guidelines that apply to federal statistical agencies.

By statute, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has responsibility for coordinating the federal statistical system, including to ensure “the integrity, objectivity, impartiality, utility, and confidentiality of information collected for statistical purposes.”<sup>21</sup> OMB is also required to establish government-wide guidelines and policies regarding statistical collection methods.<sup>22</sup> Consistent with these statutory obligations, OMB has published a number of Statistical Policy Directives that govern the data collection efforts of federal statistical agencies, including the Census Bureau.<sup>23</sup> These guidelines require, among other obligations, that agencies “ensure that all components of a survey function as intended . . . by conducting a pretest

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<sup>17</sup> See U.S. Census Bureau, *2010 Census Memorandum Planning Series No. 239, 2010 Census Content and Forms Design Program Assessment Report*, 14 (Sept. 25, 2012).

<sup>18</sup> See *Census Equity Act: Hearings Before the Subcomm. on Census & Population of the Comm. on Post Off. & Civ. Serv.* 43-45 (1989) (statement of C. Louis Kincannon, Deputy Director, U.S. Bureau of the Census); *Exclude Undocumented Residents from Census Counts Used for Apportionment: Hearing Before the Subcomm. on Post Office & Civil Serv.*, 100th Cong. 50-51 (1988) (testimony of John Keane, Director, U.S. Bureau of the Census) [hereinafter *Census Counts*].

<sup>19</sup> *Klutznick*, 486 F. Supp. at 568.

<sup>20</sup> 13 U.S.C. § 141(f)(2) (providing, with respect to each decennial census, “the Secretary [of Commerce] shall submit to the committees of Congress having legislative jurisdiction over the census . . . not later than 2 years before the appropriate census date, a report containing the Secretary’s determination of the questions proposed to be included in such a census”); 13 U.S.C. § 141(a) (establishing April 1, 2020 as the decennial census date).

<sup>21</sup> 44 U.S.C. § 3504(e)(1); see also 44 U.S.C. § 3501(9); 44 U.S.C. §§ 3504(a)(1)(B)(iii), (e); Office of Mgmt. & Budget, *Statistical Programs of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2017*, 3-4, 11 (2017).

<sup>22</sup> 44 U.S.C. § 3504(e)(3).

<sup>23</sup> Office of Mgmt. & Budget, *Statistical Policy Directive No. 1: Fundamental Responsibilities of Federal Statistical Agencies and Recognized Statistical Units*, 79 Fed. Reg. 71,610 (Dec. 2, 2014); Office of Mgmt. & Budget, *Statistical Policy Directive No. 2: Standards & Guidelines for Statistical Surveys* (Sept. 2006); Office of Mgmt. & Budget, *Statistical Policy Directive No. 4: Release and Dissemination of Statistical Products Produced by Federal Statistical Agencies*, 73 Fed. Reg. 12,621 (Mar. 7, 2008).

of the survey components or by having successfully fielded the survey components on a previous occasion.”<sup>24</sup> OMB specifically recommends pretesting new components of a survey prior to a field test, and incorporating results into the final design.

In addition, the Census Bureau has further clarified the statistical standards it must utilize to address the agency’s unique methodological and operational challenges.<sup>25</sup> These standards require that all data collection instruments be tested “in a manner that balances data quality and respondent burden,” and specifically require pretesting to ensure questions are not “unduly sensitive” and “do not cause undue burden.”<sup>26</sup>

These requirements cannot reliably be met in the limited time available before the Census Bureau’s March 31 deadline. The Census Bureau already developed and approved its National Content Test in 2015, which it characterized as its “primary mid-decade opportunity to compare different versions of questions prior to making final decisions for the 2020 Census.”<sup>27</sup> And the 2018 End-to-End Census Test – which the Census Bureau describes as the “culmination” of its years-long process of testing and validating all aspects of the decennial Census design – is already underway, having begun in August 2017.<sup>28</sup> In short, there is insufficient time for the Census Bureau to conduct the extensive development and testing that would be required to comply with OMB guidelines for adding new questions to the 2020 Census while assuring its validity and accuracy. And as the Census Bureau has explained, conducting the Census with “untested and unproven procedures” would further undermine the Bureau’s ability to conduct “a timely, accurate” enumeration.<sup>29</sup>

These concerns are heightened even further by the Census Bureau’s already-precarious fiscal position as it prepares for the 2020 Census. The Bureau is dramatically underfunded, and the addition of a citizenship question would add significantly to the overall price of completing the Census. The Bureau’s appropriated budget for Fiscal Year 2017 was roughly ten percent below its request, and was finalized seven months late.<sup>30</sup> And the administration’s initial budget request for Fiscal Year 2018 proposed only a two percent increase for the Census Bureau over the previous year – well short of the resources needed for the Bureau to prepare adequately for

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<sup>24</sup> Office of Mgmt. & Budget, *Statistical Policy Directive No. 2*, § 1.4 at 9 (2006).

<sup>25</sup> See U.S. Census Bureau, *Statistical Quality Standards*, ii (Jul. 2013), [https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/about/about-the-bureau/policies\\_and\\_notices/quality/statistical-quality-standards/Quality\\_Standards.pdf](https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/about/about-the-bureau/policies_and_notices/quality/statistical-quality-standards/Quality_Standards.pdf).

<sup>26</sup> *Id.* at 7-8 reqs. A2-3 & A2-3.3.

<sup>27</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, *Information Collection Request: 2015 National Content Test*, 80 Fed. Reg. 29,609, 29,610 (May 22, 2015).

<sup>28</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, *Frequently Asked Questions for the 2018 End-to-End Census Test* (Dec. 20, 2017), <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/2018-census-test/faqs.html>.

<sup>29</sup> *Census Counts*, at 49-50.

<sup>30</sup> Robert Shapiro, *The 2020 Census May Be Wildly Inaccurate – And It Matters More Than You Think*, BROOKINGS (Aug. 31, 2017), <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/fixgov/2017/08/31/the-2020-census-may-be-wildly-inaccurate-and-it-matters-more-than-you-think/>.

the decennial Census.<sup>31</sup> Further exacerbating these budget constraints, the reduced response rates that a citizenship question would cause will result in vastly increased costs overall. Reduced response rates trigger an expensive in-person follow-up process, which could result in an estimated increase of hundreds of millions of dollars to the price tag for the 2020 Census.

Because of inadequate financial resources, unreliable cost estimates, information technology challenges, and other concerns, GAO has already placed the 2020 Census on its “High Risk List” of government programs at greatest risk of fraud, waste, abuse, and mismanagement.<sup>32</sup> Adding the challenge of testing and validating a question on citizenship to the tremendous operational and planning challenges that the Census Bureau already faces would increase the risk of error and heighten the chance of an undercount in our states.

3. *The states would be irreparably harmed by an inaccurate 2020 Census.* By deterring participation in the Census, the proposed citizenship question would harm everyone, citizens and non-citizens alike.

First, an inaccurate 2020 Census could result in widespread malapportionment of the states’ representation in Congress. As noted, the Constitution requires that Representatives “shall be apportioned among the several States . . . according to their respective Numbers.”<sup>33</sup> As provided by the Census Act, the Secretary of Commerce is required to use the decennial Census results to tabulate the total population by state and report those results to the President,<sup>34</sup> who must then “transmit to the Congress a statement showing the whole number of persons in each State . . . and the number of Representatives to which each State would be entitled.”<sup>35</sup> An undercount that fails accurately to report the “whole number of persons” in each state would result in an incorrect calculation of the number of Representatives to which each state is entitled, in violation of the Census Clause of the Constitution.<sup>36</sup> Inaccurate data would also jeopardize the ability of the states – and all of our local jurisdictions – to comply with the Fourteenth Amendment’s one-person one-vote requirement when drawing district lines for everything from the state legislature to local city councils.<sup>37</sup> Moreover, there would be no possibility of correcting this harm for at least a decade, when the next decennial Census takes place – and no

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<sup>31</sup> See *id.* (noting that the Census Bureau’s funding increased 60 percent between 2007 and 2008 in advance of the 2010 Census).

<sup>32</sup> U.S. Gov’t Accountability Office, GAO-17-317, *High-Risk Series: Progress on Many High-Risk Areas, While Substantial Efforts Needed on Others*, 220-31 (Feb. 2017), <https://www.gao.gov/assets/690/682765.pdf>.

<sup>33</sup> U.S. Const. art. I, § 2, cl. 3.

<sup>34</sup> 13 U.S.C. § 141(a).

<sup>35</sup> 2 U.S.C. § 2a(a).

<sup>36</sup> See, e.g., *Utah v. Evans*, 536 U.S. 452, 459 (2002) (challenge by the State of Utah and its Congressional delegation to a Census Bureau methodology that resulted in Utah receiving one less Representative in Congress); *Franklin v. Massachusetts*, 505 U.S. 788, 790-91 (1992) (challenge by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the Census Bureau’s change in the method of counting overseas federal employees, which caused Massachusetts to receive one less seat in the House of Representatives).

<sup>37</sup> See *Reynolds v. Sims*, 377 U.S. 533, 568 (1964); *Baker v. Carr*, 369 U.S. 186, 208-09, 237 (1962).

way to undo the harm the states would suffer from a ten-year deprivation of their constitutional allotment of Representatives.

In addition, a Census undercount could affect state representation in the Electoral College. The Constitution assigns each state a number of electors equal to “the whole number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in the Congress.”<sup>38</sup> An undercount that affected the apportionment of Representatives would also misrepresent the number of electors each state should receive, thereby miscalculating each state’s proper role in selecting the President and Vice President.

This extraordinary harm to the fabric of our federal system would come with equally significant financial harm. Data derived from the decennial Census guide the geographic distribution of hundreds of billions of dollars in federal grant funds to states and local areas. According to one estimate, there are about 300 Census-guided federal grant programs, with total appropriations in Fiscal Year 2015 of approximately \$700 billion.<sup>39</sup> These programs include Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), Title I grants to local educational agencies under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, formula grants for highway planning and construction, Section 8 housing choice vouchers, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, and more.<sup>40</sup> In other words, a Census undercount would jeopardize critical federal funding the states need to provide health insurance, public education funding, food assistance, housing opportunities, energy assistance, and other services and support for millions of residents, regardless of citizenship status. Such widespread underfunding harms everyone, starting with the most vulnerable, including low-income communities and children.

The Census Bureau has both constitutional and statutory obligations to conduct an “actual enumeration.” Including a question on the 2020 Census that would manipulate the count by scaring people away from being counted – causing grave harm to the states and our residents – is inconsistent with those obligations.<sup>41</sup>

**II. Adding a citizenship question to the 2020 Census would hamper the goals of the Voting Rights Act.** The Justice Department’s request for citizenship data asserts that this information is necessary to ensure compliance with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. In fact, voting rights compliance will be undermined – not enhanced – by the addition of a citizenship question to the 2020 Census. Because the Justice Department’s request is unsupported by its

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<sup>38</sup> U.S. Const. art. II, § 2, cl. 2; *see also id.* amend. XII, amend. XXIII (allocating electors to the District of Columbia).

<sup>39</sup> *See* Andrew Reamer, *Counting for Dollars 2020: The Role of the Decennial Census in the Geographic Distribution of Federal Funds*, G.W. Inst. Pub. Pol’y (Aug. 22, 2017), <https://gwipp.gwu.edu/counting-dollars-role-decennial-census-geographic-distribution-federal-funds>.

<sup>40</sup> *See id.*

<sup>41</sup> *Cf. Dep’t of Commerce v. U.S. House of Representatives*, 525 U.S. 316, 348 (1999) (Scalia, J., concurring) (noting that the purpose of a “genuine enumeration” is to accomplish “the most accurate way of determining population with minimal possibility of partisan manipulation”).

stated reason, adding a citizenship question would be arbitrary and capricious under the Administrative Procedure Act.<sup>42</sup>

1. *Collecting citizenship data would undermine the goal of fair and effective representation for all communities, which the Voting Rights Act was enacted to protect.* The purpose of the Voting Rights Act is to accomplish “nondiscriminatory treatment by government – both in the imposition of voting qualifications and the provision or administration of governmental services, such as public schools, public housing and law enforcement.”<sup>43</sup> Any method of enumeration that predictably undercounts some communities – as the Justice Department’s proposal would do – will mean that those communities are not fairly represented when legislative seats are apportioned and district lines are drawn.

The Supreme Court has long made clear that legislators represent all constituents in the districts they serve, regardless of whether any particular individual is a citizen: “[T]he fundamental principle of representative government in this country” is “one of equal representation for equal numbers of people.”<sup>44</sup> The Justice Department’s request should be rejected because it would undermine this fundamental principle.

2. *Citizenship data from the decennial Census is unnecessary to enforce the vote-dilution prohibition in Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.* The Justice Department’s request should also be rejected because it is unsupported. The Justice Department contends that it needs a “reliable calculation of citizen voting-age population” (or “CVAP”) in order to enforce the vote-dilution prohibition of Section 2.<sup>45</sup> But the Supreme Court has never held that *citizen* voting-age population is the proper measure for examining whether a minority group can constitute a majority in a single-member district (the first element of proving a vote-dilution claim).<sup>46</sup> The Justice Department notes that in *LULAC v. Perry*, the Supreme Court “analyz[ed] a vote-dilution claim by reference to citizen voting-age population,”<sup>47</sup> but fails to note that in a subsequent Section 2 case – *Bartlett v. Strickland* – the Court assessed the vote-dilution inquiry in terms of

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<sup>42</sup> See *Motor Vehicle Mfrs. Ass’n v. State Farm Mut. Auto. Ins. Co.*, 463 U.S. 29, 43 (1983) (noting that an agency acts arbitrarily and capriciously when it “entirely fail[s] to consider an important aspect of the problem” or “offer[s] an explanation for its decision that runs counter to the evidence before the agency”).

<sup>43</sup> *Katzenbach v. Morgan*, 384 U.S. 641, 652 (1966).

<sup>44</sup> *Reynolds*, 377 U.S. at 560-61; see also *Evenwel v. Abbott*, 136 S. Ct. 1120, 1131-32 (2016); *Davis v. Bandemer*, 478 U.S. 109, 132 (1986) (plurality opinion); *Daly v. Hunt*, 93 F.3d 1212, 1226 (4th Cir. 1996) (explaining that “people can affect what their representatives do in another way” besides voting: “through their right to petition their representatives to voice their concerns and interests on particular issues. This right is available to everyone, even those who are ineligible to vote.”).

<sup>45</sup> DOJ Letter at 1.

<sup>46</sup> *Thornburg v. Gingles*, 478 U.S. 30, 50-51 (1986)

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“voting-age population.”<sup>48</sup> The question of the appropriate population measure in Section 2 vote-dilution cases is, at best, unsettled.<sup>49</sup>

In addition, even if citizen voting-age population were required in all cases, adding a citizenship question to the Census would not give the Justice Department the “reliable calculation” of citizenship information it claims to need. The Census is of course only administered every ten years,<sup>50</sup> so any CVAP figures from the decennial Census would quickly become outdated and less reliable over the course of the subsequent decade as a result of population shifts. And a citizenship question would not provide information sufficient to ascertain the precise number of eligible voters in a district because district residents might be ineligible to vote for other reasons, such as prior felony convictions.

In any event, the Census Bureau’s American Community Survey already collects citizenship data, and these estimates are available for the federal government to use as needed.

Indeed, Congress could not possibly have intended for effective Section 2 enforcement to depend on the availability of person-by-person citizenship data, because such data has never been available at any point since Section 2 has existed: not in 1965 when the Voting Rights Act was first enacted; not in 1982 when the Act was amended to clarify the vote-dilution standard; not in 1986 when the Supreme Court articulated the vote-dilution test in *Thornburg v. Gingles*. Because the Justice Department’s request seeks data that has never before been required in Section 2 litigation – and that cannot reliably be collected in any event – it cannot credibly serve as the basis for major changes to the 2020 Census design that will undercut the accuracy of the constitutionally mandated enumeration.

**III. The addition of a question regarding citizenship to the 2020 Census is inconsistent with the Census Bureau’s Information Quality Guidelines.** The Information Quality Act (“IQA”) requires agencies to ensure that the information they disseminate to the public is accurate, reliable, and objective.<sup>51</sup> Consistent with this directive, the IQA requires OMB and other federal agencies to issue guidelines “ensuring and maximizing the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information, including statistical information, disseminated by the agency.”<sup>52</sup> Recognizing the critical importance of the information it disseminates, the

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<sup>48</sup> *Bartlett v. Strickland*, 556 U.S. 1, 12 (2009) (“This case turns on whether the first *Gingles* requirement can be satisfied when the minority group makes up less than 50 percent of the voting-age population in the potential election district.”); *see also id.* at 18 (“Unlike any of the standards proposed to allow crossover-district claims, the majority-minority rule relies on an objective, numerical test: Do minorities make up more than 50 percent of the voting-age population in the relevant geographic area? That rule provides straightforward guidance to courts and to those officials charged with drawing district lines to comply with § 2.”).

<sup>49</sup> *See, e.g., Sanchez v. State of Colo.*, 97 F.3d 1303, 1311 (10th Cir. 1996) (“Because *Gingles* advances a functional evaluation of whether the minority population is large enough to form a district in the first instance, the Circuits have been flexible in assessing the showing made for this precondition.”).

<sup>50</sup> U.S. Const. art. I, § 2, cl. 3; 13 U.S.C. § 141(a).

<sup>51</sup> Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001, Pub. L. No. 106-554, § 515, 114 Stat. 2763 (Dec. 21, 2000).

<sup>52</sup> *Id.*; *see also* Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility and Integrity of Information Disseminated by Federal Agencies, 67 Fed. Reg. 8457 (Feb. 22, 2002).

Census Bureau has adopted particularly stringent agency-specific IQA guidelines. These guidelines provide detailed requirements that the Census Bureau must meet to ensure the “utility,” “objectivity,” “integrity,” and “transparency” of information from the decennial Census.<sup>53</sup>

The Census Bureau’s IQA guidelines disfavor questions that diminish response rates. The Bureau’s guideline for ensuring “objectivity,” requires collection and dissemination of information that is “accurate, reliable and unbiased.”<sup>54</sup> To achieve this end, the guideline requires the Census Bureau to utilize collection methods that “minimiz[e] respondent burden.”<sup>55</sup> This concern recognizes that respondents may choose not to respond when confronted by a question that is unduly sensitive or burdensome.<sup>56</sup> Burdensome questions may diminish the accuracy and reliability of data collected in surveys by driving down response rates. Indeed, the Census Bureau has acknowledged this very concern by adopting statistical standards that test for and revise these types of questions.<sup>57</sup>

The addition of a question regarding citizenship will diminish overall response rates. As noted above, many immigrant and citizen groups are likely to be highly sensitive to the citizenship inquiry. Adding this question to the 2020 Census questionnaire would impose a high burden on these groups, dissuade many from responding, and impair the survey’s ultimate accuracy and reliability. As a result, by adding a citizenship inquiry to the questionnaire, the Census Bureau would hinder compliance with its own objectivity standard.

Moreover, the Census Bureau has not taken any steps to test the citizenship inquiry and its impact on potential respondents. The objectivity standard applies not only to the utilization of a particular data collection method, but also to the development of that method.<sup>58</sup> As noted above, both OMB and the Census Bureau have adopted statistical standards that require pre-testing in the development of data collection methods and survey questions.<sup>59</sup> To date, the Census Bureau has not engaged in any pretesting of the citizenship question. As a result, adoption of the citizenship question would conflict with the agency’s IQA guidelines, and the Census Bureau should reject requests to include that question on the 2020 Census questionnaire.

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<sup>53</sup> *Information Quality Guidelines*, U.S. Census Bureau (May 12, 2015), <https://www.census.gov/about/policies/quality/guidelines.html>.

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<sup>55</sup> *Id.*; Similarly, OMB’s statistical standards require the Census Bureau to design its data collection instruments and methods “in a manner that achieves the best balance between maximizing data quality . . . while minimizing respondent burden and cost.” Office of Mgmt. & Budget, *Statistical Policy Directive No. 2*, § 2.3 at 11.

<sup>56</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, *Statistical Quality Standards*, at A2-3.3.

<sup>57</sup> *Id.*

<sup>58</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, *Information Quality: Objectivity*.

<sup>59</sup> Office of Mgmt. & Budget, *Statistical Policy Directive No. 2*, § 1.4 at 9; U.S. Census Bureau, *Statistical Quality Standards*, ii.

**IV. Conclusion.** Fair, proportionate electoral representation in our democracy depends on valid Census data. The proposal to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census questionnaire would defeat that goal, violate the Constitution, and undermine the purposes of the Voting Rights Act that the Justice Department claims it wants to protect. Because inclusion of a citizenship question would threaten the Census Bureau’s ability to conduct its constitutionally-mandated role, and would be arbitrary and capricious under the Administrative Procedure Act – causing significant, direct harm to our states and residents – we urge you to reject the Justice Department’s request.

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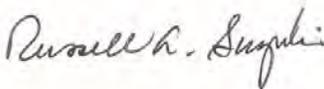
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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

March 13, 2018

The Honorable Gurbir Grewal  
Attorney General of the State of New Jersey  
Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex  
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**Cc:** Pesner, Rabbi Jonah; Weinstein, Barbara  
**Subject:** National Jewish Organizations Urge Secretary Ross to Reject the Department of Justice Request to Add a Citizenship Question to the 2020 Census  
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February 15, 2018

The Honorable Wilbur Ross  
Secretary of Commerce  
U.S. Commerce Department  
1401 Constitution Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Ross:

On behalf of the 10 undersigned Jewish organizations, we urge you to reject the Department of Justice's harmful request to add a new citizenship question to the 2020 Census. This additional question is unnecessary and would fundamentally threaten the integrity and accuracy of the decennial census, with wide-ranging implications for our nation.

If the Census Bureau were to grant the Department of Justice's request, it raises the likelihood of suppressing response rates from immigrant and other minority communities. From the ban on entry of immigrants from Muslim-majority countries to the termination of DACA, America's immigrant communities feel increasingly vulnerable. A new Census question about citizenship will raise fears about such information now or in the future being used against them or their loved ones. This will potentially lower Census response rates and undermine the Census's accuracy.

Depressed Census participation would have far reaching consequences, as the data gathered by the Census is relied upon to allocate federal funding and determine congressional representation. If communities with large immigrant populations are undercounted by the Census, the government's ability to meet the needs of the American people through the provision of essential services and aid dollars will be thwarted. Further, the interests of immigrant communities would not be accurately represented in Congress if the congressional apportionment process is based upon flawed data, undermining our representative democracy.

The Justice Department stated that the addition of the citizenship question will facilitate enforcement the Voting Rights Act. However, the federal government continues to conduct the American Community Survey to obtain estimates of the citizen population, the data from which has been deemed suitable for use in Voting Rights Act enforcement cases. Since the inception of the decennial Census in 1790, it has counted citizens and non-citizens alike. It has not included questions about citizenship since 1960. Moreover, all questions that are included on the Census are carefully designed and tested to ensure that the data collected is accurate. Adding

a question to the Census at this stage of the planning process would disrupt preparation and increase costs, in addition to threatening the accuracy of the data.

Throughout history, the Jewish community has valued broad participation in civic life. Even in biblical times, Jewish leaders understood the importance of a fair and accurate census. The Torah tells us that in the wilderness of Sinai, God commanded Moses to take a head count of the people (Numbers 1:2). Our modern-day responsibility to support the engagement of all people in the life and well-being of our communities is no less significant.

Historically, the Census has undercounted people of color and immigrants. We urge you not to compound this problem and, instead, protect the integrity of the 2020 Census by rejecting the Department of Justice's request to add a question about citizenship.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please contact Rabbi Jonah Pesner, Director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, at [jpesner@rac.org](mailto:jpesner@rac.org) or 202-387-2800.

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**From:** Philadelphia Regional Office (CENSUS/PH)  
**Sent:** Monday, February 12, 2018 5:38 PM  
**To:** PHRO Geography List; PHRO RSM List  
**Subject:** Fw: Census- Active Military

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**From:** Henry, Jason (Tester) [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Monday, February 12, 2018 5:36 PM  
**To:** Philadelphia Regional Office (CENSUS/PH)  
**Subject:** Census- Active Military

To whom it may concern,

Was hoping you could provide some background for our Staff on the recent citizenship questions (as instructed by DOJ) on the upcoming 2020 census. We got word that active military is going to be counted in the 2020 census. Is that true? I could not find any reference to military in the 2020 Census Operation Plan Exsum, other than the below excerpt from page 13:

Federally Affiliated Americans Count Overseas	Obtain counts by home state of U.S. military and federal civilian employees stationed or deployed overseas and their dependents living with them.
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Any background you could provide would be extremely helpful....thank you.

V/r  
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The Honorable Secretary Wilbur Ross  
 U.S. Department of Commerce  
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Dear Secretary Ross:

The Constitutionality Accountability Center is a law firm, think tank, and action center dedicated to the text, history, and values of the Constitution. We write to urge you to reject the Department of Justice's request that you add a mandatory question to the 2020 Census asking all persons to divulge their citizenship status. The Constitution requires the Census Bureau to count all persons, not merely citizens. Adding a question on citizenship—particularly at this late juncture—threatens to undermine your constitutional duty to ensure that the 2020 Census counts all of the nation's people.

More than two centuries ago, our Constitution's Founders established a democracy premised on the idea that all persons—no matter where they are from—deserve equal representation. To ensure a proper count of the nation's population, the Constitution explicitly requires an "actual Enumeration" of the people.<sup>1</sup> This itself was a revolutionary undertaking. "While other nations had attempted population counts, none had made the count itself an important method of maintaining democracy by mandating it through a founding document."<sup>2</sup>

The Constitution's Framers required a decennial Census directly in the Constitution to prevent partisan manipulation of our representative democracy. The Framers understood that "those who have power in their hands will not give it up while they can retain it. On the [c]ontrary we know they will always when they can rather increase it."<sup>3</sup> Wary that those in power might try to undermine the promise of equal representation for all, the Framers were careful to write into the Constitution a "permanent and precise standard" for the Census—counting all persons—"as essential to ye. fair representation."<sup>4</sup> As Hamilton insisted, "[a]n actual census or enumeration of the people must furnish the rule, a circumstance which

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Const., art. I, § 2, cl. 3.

<sup>2</sup> *Utah v. Evans*, 536 U.S. 452, 510 (2002) (Thomas, J., concurring in part and dissenting in part).

<sup>3</sup> 1 *Records of the Federal Convention* 578 (Max Farrand ed., 1911).

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effectively shuts the door to partiality and oppression.”<sup>5</sup> Thus, the Constitution imposes a clear duty: it requires a count of *all* people living in the United States.

The original Constitution’s promise of equal representation for all persons, however, was marred by the Three-Fifths Clause, which provided that for the purpose of determining representation in Congress, enslaved persons would be counted as three-fifths of a person. This guaranteed to slaveholding states additional representation based on the number of people held in bondage. But, nearly 80 years later, after a bloody civil war fought over slavery, the Fourteenth Amendment fixed this injustice and reaffirmed the need for an accurate count of all persons to apportion representatives among the states.

The Fourteenth Amendment requires apportioning representatives among the states “according to their respective numbers, counting the whole numbers of persons in each state,”<sup>6</sup> reflecting that representation should be based “on the largest basis of population, counting every man, woman, and child.”<sup>7</sup> “Numbers, not voters; numbers, not property, this is the theory of the Constitution.”<sup>8</sup> During the debates over the Fourteenth Amendment, many in Congress sought a drastic change in our constitutional principles of equal representation, arguing that only citizens or voters should be counted in determining representation. The Framers of the Fourteenth Amendment decisively rejected those arguments. They insisted that “the whole immigrant population should be numbered with the people and counted as part of them.”<sup>9</sup> As history shows, the purpose of the census required by the Constitution has never been to count citizens, but rather to count “the whole body of the people.”<sup>10</sup>

Adding a citizenship question to the 2020 Census would break faith with the Constitution’s mandate for a head count of the entire nation. It would also result in bad data, biasing congressional apportionment, redistricting, and funding decisions, for an entire decade. Former directors of the Census Bureau—appointed by Presidents of both parties—have recognized that “[d]irectly inquiring about citizenship status as part of the short form Census . . . would likely exacerbate privacy concerns and lead to inaccurate responses from non-citizens worried about a government record of their immigration status.”<sup>11</sup> These concerns are even more pronounced for the 2020 Census. The Census Bureau’s own data demonstrates “an unprecedented groundswell in confidentiality and data sharing concerns, particularly among immigrants or those who live with immigrants.”<sup>12</sup> To add a citizenship question runs directly counter to the constitutional duty on the Census Bureau to ensure a count that includes everyone.

The Department of Justice urges that a citizenship question is necessary to ensure compliance with the Voting Rights Act, but this is transparently false. Since the passage of the Voting Rights Act in 1965, the short form census or the census questionnaire has never asked the

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<sup>5</sup> *The Federalist No. 36*, at 188 (Clinton Rossiter rev. ed. 1999).

<sup>6</sup> U.S. Const., amend XIV, § 2.

<sup>7</sup> *Cong. Globe*, 39<sup>th</sup> Cong. 1<sup>st</sup> Sess. 1280 (1866).

<sup>8</sup> *Id.* at 2767.

<sup>9</sup> *Id.* at 432.

<sup>10</sup> *Id.* at 385.

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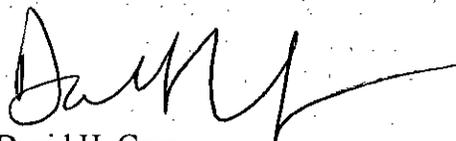
<sup>12</sup> Mikelyn Meyers, U.S. Census Bureau, *Respondent Confidentiality Concerns and Possible Effects on Response Rates and Data Quality for the 2020 Census*, at 15 (Nov. 2, 2017).

American people to report their citizenship. A mandatory question on citizenship has never been necessary to ensure robust protection for the right to vote. This is a specious justification for undercutting what the Constitution mandates: a count of all the people.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth B. Wydra  
*President*  
*Constitutional Accountability Center*



David H. Gans  
*Director of the Human Rights, Civil Rights*  
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cc: Donald F. McGahn, White House Counsel  
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March 12, 2018

Ms. Elizabeth B. Wydra  
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# Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

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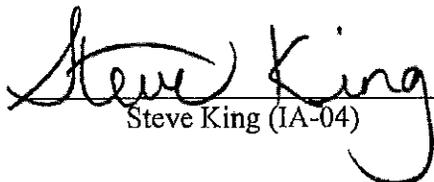
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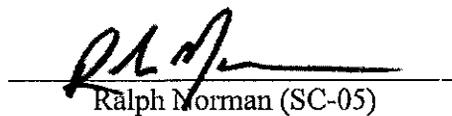
We write to demonstrate our strong support for requiring the decennial census to ask respondents about their citizenship status. Adding a citizenship question to the decennial census would result in American citizens being more accurately represented in Congress. In addition, such questions would finally provide for an accurate count of how many aliens, both legal and illegal, are residing in the United States.

For that purpose and in light of the vital role the decennial census plays in both representation and funding, I have introduced H.R. 3600, the Census Accuracy Act of 2017. Starting with the 2020 census, the bill would require a checkbox in any census questionnaire for respondents to indicate whether the respondent is: a citizen or national of the United States; lawfully admitted for permanent residence in the United States; an alien who otherwise has lawful status under the immigration laws; or none of these. This bill would also require that aliens be asked under which Federal program or provision of law they obtained legal status.

Members of Congress are not alone in their support for adding a citizenship question. It is our understanding that the Department of Justice recently requested that the Census Bureau add a citizenship question as a way to allow the department to better enforce the Voting Rights Act.

Again, we urge you to see that a citizenship question is added to the decennial census starting in 2020. Please let me know if you have any questions.

  
Steve King (IA-04)

  
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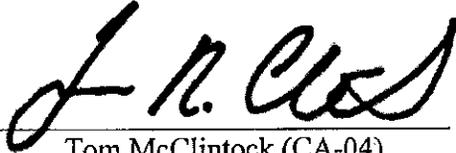
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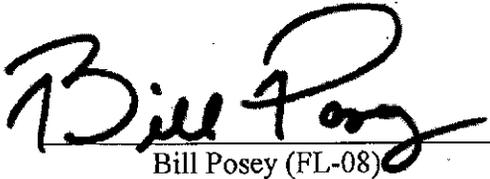
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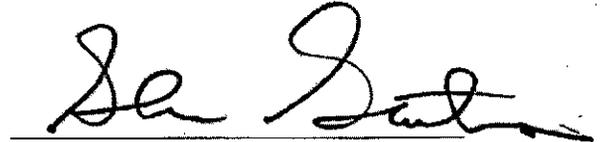
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Sincerely,

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

March 12, 2018

The Honorable Ralph Abraham  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Abraham:

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**The Secretary of Commerce**  
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March 12, 2018

The Honorable Mo Brooks  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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March 12, 2018

The Honorable Tom McClintock  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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March 12, 2018

The Honorable Andy Biggs  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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March 12, 2018

The Honorable Bill Posey  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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March 12, 2018

The Honorable Glenn Grothman  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Bob Gibbs  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
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March 12, 2018

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Johnson:

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**KRIS W. KOBACH**  
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**STATE OF KANSAS**

February 12, 2018

Secretary Wilbur Ross  
United States Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave., NW  
Washington, D.C. 20233

Dear Secretary Ross,

I am writing in support of the Department of Justice's request that "a question regarding citizenship" be added to the decennial census of 2020. As you know, secretaries of state are the chief election officials of their respective states. There are a number of election-related reasons why it is essential that a citizenship question be added to the census.

Adding that question would be extremely helpful in ensuring that state and local jurisdictions are in compliance with the Voting Rights Act and are not discriminating through race-based vote dilution. In order to assess whether such vote dilution exists, it is necessary that a precise count of the number of citizens of voting age occur.

Adding a citizenship question will also be extremely helpful to secretaries of state across the country in the administration of elections. We need to know the exact number of citizens in our states in order to administrate elections fairly and to collect accurate data within our states regarding the percentage of voting-age citizens who are registered to vote.

A version of the citizenship question already appears on the American Community Survey that is conducted by the Census Bureau (question #8). A slight variation of that question needs to be added to the census. It is important that the question be phrased as follows:

**Is this person a citizen of the United States?**

- Yes, born in the United States**
- Yes, born in Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, or Northern Marianas**
- Yes, born abroad of U.S. citizen parent or parents**
- Yes, U.S. citizen by naturalization – Print year of naturalization \_\_\_\_\_**
- No, not a U.S. citizen – this person is a lawful permanent resident (green card holder)**
- No, not a U.S. citizen – this person citizen of another country who is not a green card holder (for example holds a temporary visa or falls into another category of non-citizens)**

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This slight variation of ACS question #8 is absolutely essential if the new census question is to be maximally useful to federal state and local governments. The variation occurs in the final two categories, which serve to separate noncitizens into lawful permanent residents versus all other categories of noncitizens. It is important to know the number of lawful permanent residents because these individuals are part of population of continuous residents in a state, and are not temporarily present or illegally present. State governments (and the federal government) must have a reliable count of the number of citizens plus lawful permanent residents in order to fairly distribute public services and benefits.

An equally important reason to know the number of lawful permanent residents is because these individuals are the ones who are on the cusp of becoming U.S. citizens. If a jurisdiction is experiencing lower-than-average naturalizations of lawful permanent residents, that may indicate that discrimination against such noncitizens is occurring with the effect that they are discouraged from naturalizing. In addition, secretaries of state and county election officials need to know the number of lawful permanent residents in their jurisdictions in order to effectively plan for growth in the voting electorate (by purchasing election equipment, adding polling places, etc.).

For all of these reasons, I strongly support the Department of Justice request; and I specifically support the addition of the question as phrased above.

Yours sincerely,



Kris W. Kobach  
Kansas Secretary of State



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

March 23, 2018

The Honorable Kris W. Kobach  
Attorney General of Kansas  
120 SW 10th Avenue, No. 1  
Topeka, KS 66612

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February 20, 2018  
By USPS Express Mail

The Honorable Wilbur L. Ross, Jr.  
Secretary of Commerce  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
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Washington, D.C. 20230

John M. Mulvaney  
Director of the Office of Management and Budget  
725 17th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20503

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Dear Secretary Ross and Director Mulvaney:

On behalf of 106 undersigned organizations throughout New York State, we are requesting that you reject any effort by the Department of Justice to add a question regarding citizenship to the 2020 decennial Census. To do otherwise, would severely undermine the accuracy and non-partisan legitimacy of the Census, impair the delicate trust between the community and the role of the Census, and skyrocket the cost of the Census.

A non-partisan, reliable and responsive 2020 Census is needed to ensure the proper distribution of over \$600 billion in federal funding to communities across this country for needed schools, hospitals, housing, and transportation. For that reason, great effort has been expended by the Census to ensure questions will elicit both an accurate and high response rate, a process that has involved extensive screening, focus groups, and field tests. At this stage in the process, there is no time to add questions that have not been properly vetted, especially since citizenship is already included in the American Community Survey.

There is no doubt that adding a citizenship question to the decennial Census would pose a chilling effect and result in a significant undercount, particularly by already under-counted racial and ethnic minority groups, including immigrants and non-citizens. Such requests to bypass the process would only fuel distrust and concerns of the Census Bureau's obligation to keep the data confidential amid heightened anti-immigrant furor in the current, politically charged climate and the checkered history of the Bureau sharing data to aid the government in the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II and the post 9-11 targeting of Arabs, Muslims, and South Asians. Further, a high non-response rate to the Census, would result in exorbitant follow-up costs to do door-to-door canvassing to ensure an accurate count.

We are asking you to ensure the Census remains non-partisan and is not politicized, and to work with us to ensure an accurate decennial Census that involves maximum participation by the entire, diverse population that constitutes this great nation.

Sincerely,



Steven Choi, Esq.  
Executive Director  
New York Immigration Coalition

**New York Statewide:**

American Jewish Committee  
Asian American Federation  
CAIR-NY  
Common Cause/New York  
Greater New York Labor Religion Coalition  
Japanese American Citizens League-New York  
The Japanese American Association of New York Inc.  
LatinoJustice, PRLDEF  
NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc.  
National Action Network (NAN)  
New York Civil Liberties Union  
New York Immigration Coalition  
Omicron Chapter of Phi Iota Alpha  
Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union

**New York City:**

AJC NY  
African Communities Together  
Arab American Family Support Center  
Asian Americans for Equality  
Bangladeshi American Community Development and Youth Services  
Brooklyn Defender Services  
CAAAY-Organizing Asian Communities  
Cabrini Immigrant Services of NYC  
CHHAYA, CDC  
Chinese American Planning Counsel  
Chinese Progressive Association  
Coalition of Asian-American IPA  
Columbia Law School Latino/a Law Students Association  
Nightline Peer Listening at Columbia College

Community Voices Heard  
Damayan Migrant Workers Association  
DRUM - Desis Rising Up & Moving  
DSI International, Inc.  
El Centro del Inmigrante  
Emerald Isle Immigration Center  
GlobeMed  
Henry Street Settlement  
Hunter Dream Team  
Indo-Caribbean Alliance  
Japanese American Social Services, Inc.  
Korean American Youth Foundation  
Masa-MexEd, Inc.  
DuBois Bunche Center for Public Policy, Medgar Evers College, CUNY  
Mexican Coalition for the Empowerment of Youth and Families  
Mexican Student Association (MexSA)  
MinKwon Center for Community Action  
American Constitution Society at New York University School of Law  
A/P/A Institute at New York University  
New York University Asian Pacific American Coalition  
Bengali Students Association, New York University  
The Interfaith Students of Color Coalition, New York University  
Generation Citizen @ New York University  
Immigrant Justice Center, Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University, John Jay Legal Services  
Independent Drivers Guild  
Latino Commission on AIDS  
Latino Unidos Con Honor y Amistad @ New York University  
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ProColumbia-New York University Chapter  
NMIC  
OCA-NY  
OCA-APA Advocates-Long Island Chapter  
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People's Theatre Project  
Pilipino American Unity for Progress (UNIPRO)  
Asian/American Center at Queens College (CUNY)  
Queer Detainee Empowerment Project  
Russian-speaking Community Council of Manhattan and the Bronx, Inc.  
Safe Horizon Immigration Law Project  
Sakhi for South Asian Women  
SAPNA NYC  
Shetu Inc.  
South Asian Council for Social Services (SACSS)

Sunnyside Community Services  
The Door-A Center of Alternatives  
The Ghanaian Association of Staten Island, NY Inc.  
United Neighborhood Houses  
UNITEHERE Local 100  
University Settlement  
Viva Peru  
Volunteers of Legal Service  
Womankind

**Long Island:**

Dejus Center, Inc.  
Long Island Wins  
OCA-APA Advocates-Long Island Chapter

**Upper and Lower Hudson Valley/Westchester:**

Community Resource Center  
Community Voices Heard  
OCA-Westchester and Hudson Valley Chapter  
Worker Justice Center of New York, Inc.

**Northern New York:**

Plattsburgh Cares

**Central New York:**

American Constitution Society-Cornell Law School Chapter  
Tompkins County Immigrant Rights Coalition  
Volunteers Lawyers Project of Onondaga County  
Workers Center of Central New York

**Western New York State:**

ACCESS of WNY  
Catholic Family Center  
First Presbyterian Church of Buffalo  
Greater Rochester Coalition for Immigration Justice  
International Institute of Buffalo  
Justice for Migrant Families  
Kids for College  
Legal Aid Society of Rochester

PUSH Buffalo  
Sisters of St. Joseph of Rochester Office  
University at Buffalo, SUNY  
Wayne Action for Racial Equality  
Western New York Council on Occupational Safety and Health (WNYCOSH)  
Worker Justice Center of New York, Inc.

**Outside New York State:**

OCA-New Jersey Chapter  
OCA-San Mateo Chapter  
Wind of the Spirit, Immigrant Resource Center

cc:

New York Congressional Delegation  
New York State Senate  
New York State Assembly  
New York City Council  
New York Governor Cuomo  
Buffalo Mayor Brown  
Rochester Mayor Warren  
Syracuse Mayor Walsh  
New York City Mayor de Blasio  
Nassau County Executive Curran  
Suffolk County Executive Bellone  
Westchester County Executive Latimer



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

March 23, 2018

Mr. Steven Choi, Esq.  
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133 West 33rd Street  
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MinKwon Center, on behalf of APA VOICE  
136-19 41st Avenue 3rd Floor  
Flushing, NY 11355

February 14, 2018

Secretary of Commerce  
Atten: Honorable Wilbur L. Ross  
US Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

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Dear Secretary Ross:

On behalf of Asian Pacific Americans Voting & Organizing to Increase Civic Engagement (APA VOICE), a non-partisan civic engagement coalition consisting of 18 organizations in New York City which seeks to empower the Asian Pacific American community to build a just and inclusive society, we urge you to reject the Department of Justice's untimely and unnecessary request to include a citizenship question on the 2020 Census.

A fair and accurate census, and the collection of useful, objective data used to determine school districts, law enforcement precincts, hospitals, housing developments, community facilities, public services, federal funding, redistricting, and the equality of each vote, are among the most significant civil rights issues facing the country today.

Asian Pacific Americans are the fastest growing population of any major racial or ethnic group, growing 72% between 2000 and 2016 (from 11.9 million to 20.9 million), and are consistently one of the most challenging *hard to reach* populations to count. Approximately two-thirds of Asian Pacific Americans are foreign-born, with roots from more than 20 countries, leading to a wide variety of languages spoken. Furthermore, one-in-five live in linguistic isolation, with nobody the age of 14 or older in the household who speaks English very well, adding another substantial obstacle to participation and accurate census enumeration.

Adding a citizenship question at this time will negatively impact response rates and the accuracy among millions of United States residents, whether they are lawful permanent residents, asylees, refugees, Temporary Protected Status beneficiaries, visa holders, undocumented, or one of the 16.7 million people who have an undocumented family member living with them. Census Bureau representatives conducting field tests have already reported unprecedented fear among respondents. Out of fear, distrust, and concern for how the data collected will be used and shared, test respondents have been reported being visibly nervous, providing incomplete or incorrect

information about household members. Furthermore, as the 2020 Census topics were already submitted last March, introducing new topics this late in the process would add significant costs to an already constrained budget.

The goal of the census is to have an inclusive and accurate count of all United States residents, regardless of immigration status. Adding a citizenship question to the 2020 Census would disproportionately harm response rates from immigrant communities, and would shake public confidence in the statistical and political objectives of the Census Bureau's work, including the accuracy and legitimacy of the data. However, not including the citizenship question would signal the Census Bureau's autonomy and independence from other federal agencies, potentially boosting public confidence in the accuracy of the data, but more importantly, the integrity in how the data would be used. For such reasons, APA VOICE urges you to reject the Justice Department's request to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census.

APA VOICE consists of:

Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund

Asian Americans for Equality

Adhikaar

Bangladeshi American Community Development and Youth Services

Coalition for Asian American Children and Families

Chhaya Community Development Corporation

Chinese American Planning Council

Chinese Progressive Association

Charles B. Wang Community Health Center

Coalition for Asian American Children and Families

Indo-Caribbean Alliance

MinKwon Center for Community Action

Organization of Chinese Americans-NY

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South Asian Council for Social Services

Pilipino American Unity for Progress

United Chinese Association of Brooklyn

YWCA of Queens



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

March 23, 2018

Ms. Margaret Fung  
Executive Director, Asian American  
Legal Defense and Education Fund  
99 Hudson Street, 12th Floor  
New York, NY 10013

Dear Ms. Fung:

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February 23, 2018

Secretary Wilbur Ross  
United States Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave., NW  
Washington D.C. 20233

Dear Secretary Ross,

As Indiana's Secretary of State and Chief Elections Officer, I am contacting you in support of the Department of Justice's request that "a question regarding citizenship" be added to the decennial census of 2020. I believe that the addition of this question is essential to the election process in Indiana and across the country.

Adding this question to the decennial census in 2020 would be beneficial to secretaries across the country in conducting elections. It is imperative for secretaries to know the exact number of state citizens in order to properly and fairly administer elections and collect accurate data to calculate the percentage of voting-age citizens registered to vote. The addition of this citizenship question will enable secretaries to properly calculate the numbers of state citizens more efficiently and accurately.

Lastly, it is essential that secretaries and county officials know the correct number of residents qualified to vote in their jurisdictions in order to adequately prepare and plan elections. Purchasing and distributing election equipment and adding polling locations depends on increases and decreases in the voting electorate.

Therefore, I strongly support the Department of Justice's request of "a question regarding citizenship" on the decennial census in 2020.

Sincerely,

*Connie Lawson*

Connie Lawson  
Indiana Secretary of State



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

March 19, 2018

The Honorable Connie Lawson  
Secretary of State  
The State House  
200 West Washington Street, Room 201  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Dear Madam Secretary:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Department of Justice's request to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census questionnaire. I appreciate your taking the time to make me aware of your position on this important matter.

The Department of Commerce is conducting an orderly review of the Department of Justice's request. The Department is required by law to submit the proposed final list of questions to Congress by March 31, 2018, which is two years prior to Census Day, April 1, 2020.

Let me underscore my commitment to conduct a complete and accurate 2020 Census. A high-quality 2020 Census that counts each person, in the place where he or she lives, is my highest priority. As you know, I have conducted a rigorous review and produced a new 2020 Census lifecycle cost estimate, and I have put into place the people, processes, and programs necessary to ensure strong governance and oversight of the 2020 Census.

If you have any additional questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please have a member of your staff contact Michael Platt, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at [mplatt@doc.gov](mailto:mplatt@doc.gov) or (202) 482-3663.

Sincerely,

  
Wilbur Ross



**KEN PAXTON**  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS



February 23, 2018

Dr. Ron Jarmin  
Performing the Non-Exclusive Functions and Duties of the Director  
U.S. Census Bureau  
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Washington, D.C. 20233-0001

Dear Dr. Jarmin:

I write on behalf of the Office of the Attorney General of Texas to support the reinstatement of a question regarding citizenship on the 2020 Census questionnaire. State legislatures depend on the Census to reapportion legislative districts, and they depend on citizenship data to ensure that those legislative districts comply with the Voting Rights Act. As you know, a question concerning citizenship appeared on the decennial census questionnaire for thirty years—from 1970 to 2000—before it was removed in 2010. Returning that question to the 2020 Census will give state legislatures the best available source of citizenship data to ensure that they carry out their constitutionally assigned reapportionment duties in accordance with federal law.

Among many other legal requirements, state legislative districts must comply with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, which forbids States to impose any voting practice “which results in a denial or abridgement of the right of any citizen of the United States to vote on account of race or color.” 52 U.S.C. § 10301(a). Section 2 has been interpreted to prohibit legislative districts that result in dilution of minority voting strength. To prove that a legislative districting plan results in vote dilution, a plaintiff must establish “the possibility of creating more than the existing number of reasonably compact districts with a sufficiently large minority population to elect candidates of [the minority group’s] choice.”<sup>1</sup> To meet that standard, a plaintiff must provide an alternative plan with additional districts in which a minority group constitutes a voting majority, *i.e.*, more than 50% of eligible voters.<sup>2</sup>

Citizen-voting-age population provides the best measure to determine whether a minority group crosses the 50% threshold. The Fifth Circuit, like many other circuits has expressly held citizen-voting-age population is the proper metric to determine potential minority voting strength.<sup>3</sup> Specifically, the court has held that citizen-voting-age population is the appropriate population for measuring Section 2 compliance because (1) the plain language of Section 2 “makes clear that its protections apply to United States citizens” and (2) the purpose of Section 2 is “to facilitate participation by minorities in our political process, by preventing dilution of their

<sup>1</sup> *LULAC v. Perry*, 548 U.S. 399, 430 (2006) (quoting *Johnson v. De Grandy*, 512 U.S. 997, 1008 (1994)).

<sup>2</sup> *Bartlett v. Strickland*, 556 U.S. 1, 19 (2009).

<sup>3</sup> *Campos v. City of Houston*, 113 F.3d 544 (5th Cir. 1997). *See also Reyes v. City of Farmers Branch*, 586 F.3d 1019, 1023–24 (5th Cir. 2009).

votes.”<sup>4</sup> Other measures, such as voting-age population, may substantially overestimate minority voting strength if the minority group in question includes a significant number of non-citizens.<sup>5</sup> The United States Supreme Court has therefore recognized that reliance on citizen-voting-age population “fits the language of § 2 because only eligible voters affect a group’s opportunity to elect candidates.”<sup>6</sup>

Much has been made about whether including a question regarding citizenship will reduce the number of responses to the census questionnaire. But facts are stubborn things, and past experience provides no reason to believe that a question about citizenship will discourage participation.<sup>7</sup> A question concerning citizenship appeared in each Census questionnaire from 1970–2000. Every census since 1970 has shown the total population in the United States has increased—at an average rate of almost 11.5%.<sup>8</sup> When the question concerning citizenship was removed from the 2010 Census, one might expect that the total *reporting* population might increase dramatically. Yet the 2010 Census revealed that percentage increase in the total population was actually the lowest percentage increase since at least 1960.<sup>9</sup> Plus, since the question concerning citizenship has been used in the American Community Surveys (“ACS”), the five-year rolling Demographic and Housing Estimates continue to show consistent annual percentage growth that can be projected to match the same rate of growth reported in the 2010 Census.<sup>10</sup> Taken together, these figures refute any argument that including a question concerning citizenship on the 2020 Census will undermine its effectiveness.<sup>11</sup>

It has also been suggested that it is too late to add a question concerning citizenship to the 2020 Census, mainly because the question has not been tested. On the contrary, such a question was tested for the thirty-year period between 1970–2000, and it continues to be tested in the ACS surveys.

It is unfortunate that a few misguided individuals are attempting to politicize an apolitical issue by creating a sense of fear and distrust without any supporting evidence.

It is my hope that the Bureau sees through the fog of misinformation and includes a question concerning citizenship on the 2020 Census. Obtaining this essential information from the best available source will significantly assist the States in their effort to carry out their constitutional duty to reapportion legislative districts while complying with the Voting Rights Act.

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<sup>4</sup> *Campos*, 113 F.3d, at 548.

<sup>5</sup> *See id.*

<sup>6</sup> *LULAC v. Perry*, 548 U.S. at 429.

<sup>7</sup> “Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passion, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence.” John Adams (1735–1826), *Argument in defense of the soldiers of the Boston Massacre Trials*, December 1770.

<sup>8</sup> Census Bureau, *Population Distribution and Change: 2000 to 2010*, Fig. 1 (Mar. 2011), available at <https://www.census.gov/prod/cen2010/briefs/c2010br-01.pdf>.

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

<sup>10</sup> *See, e.g.*, Census Bureau, *ACS Demographic and Housing Estimates*, [https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?pid=ACS\\_16\\_5YR\\_DP05&src=pt](https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?pid=ACS_16_5YR_DP05&src=pt) (last visited Feb. 22, 2018).

<sup>11</sup> In addition, information obtained by the Census Bureau is confidential and may not be shared, except in limited circumstances. *See* 13 U.S.C. § 9 (West 1997).

For these reasons, I request that the Census Bureau include a question regarding citizenship on the 2020 Census questionnaire.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Mateer', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeffrey C. Mateer  
First Assistant Attorney General



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
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March 15, 2018

Mr. Jeffrey C. Mateer  
First Assistant Attorney General  
Office of the Attorney General  
PO Box 12548  
Austin, TX 78711-2548

Dear Mr. Mateer:

Thank you for your recent inquiry regarding the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) request to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census questionnaire. We appreciate your taking the time to make me aware of your position on this important matter.

The U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) is conducting an orderly review of the DOJ's request. The DOC is required by law to submit the proposed final list of questions to Congress by March 31, 2018, which is two years prior to Census Day, April 1, 2020.

Let me underscore my commitment to conduct a complete and accurate 2020 Census. A high-quality 2020 Census that counts each person, in the place where he or she lives, is my highest priority.

We will keep you apprised of any developments regarding the citizenship question. If you have any additional questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please contact our Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs at 301-763-6100.

Sincerely,

Ron S. Jarmin  
Performing the Non-Exclusive Functions  
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February 23, 2018

Honorable Wilbur Ross  
Secretary of Commerce  
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1401 Constitution Ave. NW  
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Ross:

I am writing to express my strongest support for the Justice Department's request to add a citizenship question to the decennial census of 2020.

Accurate census information is critical in determining the designation of political district boundaries for House of Representative seats in each state. Having the ability to delineate this demographic from eligible voters is essential in forming this determination. The census data is the sole mechanism in making the assessment.

As you know, a citizenship component was part of the census data from 1970 through 2000. It was not until 2010 that this data was excluded from the "long form" questionnaire. The data was replaced by the American Community Survey which relies not upon actual responses to the survey, but is predicated on other data sets which do not conform temporally or statistically with actual responses from the voting-age citizen population.

I am strongly committed to working with your office to produce the most accurate representation of voting-age citizens in West Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,

Mac Warner  
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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
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March 23, 2018

The Honorable Mac Warner  
Secretary of State  
of the State of West Virginia  
State Capitol  
Charleston, WV 25305

Dear Mr. Warner:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your support of the Department of Justice's request to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census questionnaire. I appreciate your taking the time to make me aware of your position on this important matter.

The Department of Commerce is conducting an orderly review of the Department of Justice's request. The Department is required by law to submit the proposed final list of questions to Congress by March 31, 2018, which is two years prior to Census Day, April 1, 2020.

Let me underscore my commitment to conduct a complete and accurate 2020 Census. A high-quality 2020 Census that counts each person, in the place where he or she lives, is my highest priority. As you know, I have conducted a rigorous review and produced a new 2020 Census lifecycle cost estimate, and I have put into place the people, processes, and programs necessary to ensure strong governance and oversight of the 2020 Census.

If you have any additional questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please have a member of your staff contact Michael Platt, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at [mplatt@doc.gov](mailto:mplatt@doc.gov) or (202) 482-3663.

Sincerely,

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Wilbur Ross

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February 23, 2018

The Honorable Wilbur Ross  
Secretary of Commerce  
United States Department of Commerce  
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Dear Secretary Ross,

As the Chief Legal Officer of the State of Alabama, I respectfully request that the Department of Commerce collect full and accurate citizenship data during the 2020 census.

State and local governments use census data in redistricting after the decennial census. This data allows state and local governments to draw accurate district lines that equalize population, consolidate communities of interest, and comply with the Voting Rights Act and United States Constitution. Citizenship data is especially important in redistricting because, along with voting-age information, citizenship data allows state and local bodies to identify the total potential voting population in any given district.

As you know, the Census Bureau has historically included a citizenship question on the "long form" questionnaire sent to households during each decennial census. But, in 2000, the Bureau replaced the long form with the American Community Survey ("ACS"), which reaches far fewer people. The ACS is currently the only program that collects citizenship data for the Bureau.

The ACS does not provide citizenship data at the level of detail the States and localities need. The ACS is a rolling survey that does not necessarily correspond to the total population data provided by the decennial census. ACS data is not reported at the census block level which, along with voting precincts, are the basic building blocks of districts. And, perhaps most important for state and local governments, the ACS's margin of error increases as the geographic area decreases. Many State and local districts are quite small, especially at the municipal and county level. The ACS's sliding margin of error makes it an ineffective tool to understand the citizen population of small districts in less populated rural areas.

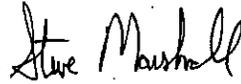
The Honorable Wilbur Ross

February 23, 2018

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For these reasons, I believe the Department should reinstate a question regarding citizenship into the 2020 census.

Sincerely,

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Steve Marshall  
Attorney General

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

March 23, 2018

The Honorable Steven T. Marshall  
Attorney General of the State of Alabama  
501 Washington Avenue  
Montgomery, AL 36130

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your support of the Department of Justice's request to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census questionnaire. I appreciate your taking the time to make me aware of your position on this important matter.

The Department of Commerce is conducting an orderly review of the Department of Justice's request. The Department is required by law to submit the proposed final list of questions to Congress by March 31, 2018, which is two years prior to Census Day, April 1, 2020.

Let me underscore my commitment to conduct a complete and accurate 2020 Census. A high-quality 2020 Census that counts each person, in the place where he or she lives, is my highest priority. As you know, I have conducted a rigorous review and produced a new 2020 Census lifecycle cost estimate, and I have put into place the people, processes, and programs necessary to ensure strong governance and oversight of the 2020 Census.

If you have any additional questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please have a member of your staff contact Michael Platt, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at [mplatt@doc.gov](mailto:mplatt@doc.gov) or (202) 482-3663.

Sincerely,

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Wilbur Ross

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February 27, 2018

The Honorable Wilbur L. Ross Jr.  
Secretary of Commerce  
United States Department of Commerce

Dear Secretary Ross,

Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act provides, among other things, that "No voting qualification or prerequisite to voting or standard, practice, or procedure shall be imposed or applied by any State or political subdivision in a manner which results in a denial or abridgement of the right of any citizen of the United States to vote on account of race or color."

In order to best enforce this prohibition, an accurate enumeration of the number of citizens in America should be conducted, and the most accurate such enumeration would be one in which a question regarding citizenship were reinstated starting with the 2020 Census.

I am writing to formally request that the Census Bureau reinstate a question regarding citizenship starting in the 2020 Census. Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,



Bob Goodlatte  
Chairman

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

March 23, 2018

The Honorable Bob Goodlatte  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Goodlatte:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Department of Justice's request to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census questionnaire. I appreciate your taking the time to make me aware of your position on this important matter.

The Department of Commerce is conducting an orderly review of the Department of Justice's request. The Department is required by law to submit the proposed final list of questions to Congress by March 31, 2018, which is two years prior to Census Day, April 1, 2020.

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We will keep you apprised of any developments regarding the citizenship question. If you have any additional questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please have a member of your staff contact Michael Platt, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at [mplatt@doc.gov](mailto:mplatt@doc.gov) or (202) 482-3663.

Sincerely,

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Wilbur Ross

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February 27, 2018

Dr. Ron Jarmin  
U.S. Census Bureau  
United States Department of Commerce  
Washington, DC 20233-001

Re: Planned Development and Submission of Questions Planned for the 2020 Census

Dear Dr. Jarmin:

We write on behalf of the County of Santa Clara (the "County") regarding whether and how the U.S. Census Bureau intends to consider public comment on proposed changes to the 2020 Census questionnaire.

The County has reviewed the Census Bureau's April 29, 2016 2020 Census Program Memorandum No. 2016.05 entitled "Planned Development and Submission of Subjects Planned for the 2020 Census Program and Questions Planned for the 2020 Census Program" (the "Development Memo"), which "officially documents the U.S. Census Bureau's plan to develop and transmit to Congress the Subjects Planned for the 2020 Census Program and Questions Planned for the 2020 Census Program." (We have attached the memorandum to this letter.)

The Development Memo sets out a timeline for development of subjects and questions to be included in the 2020 census, as well as planned public comment periods. In particular, the memorandum indicates that the Bureau intends to conduct two public comment periods on proposed changes to the questions included on the 2020 Census questionnaire. The Development Memo indicates that public comment would be sought between May 2018 – July 2018 and August 2018 – September 2018.

Given the importance of the 2020 Census and proposed changes to the 2020 Census questionnaire, the County wishes to confirm as soon as possible that it will have the opportunity

Letter to Dr. Ron Jarmin, U.S. Census Bureau  
Re: Planned Development and Submission of Questions Planned for the 2020 Census  
February 27, 2018  
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to comment on any proposed changes. Please indicate at your earliest opportunity whether the Bureau intends to consider public comment on 2020 Census questionnaire changes as set out in the Development Memo, or whether the Bureau intends to alter or abandon this plan.

Very truly yours,

JAMES R. WILLIAMS  
County Counsel



DANIELLE L. GOLDSTEIN  
Deputy County Counsel

Attachment: U.S. Census Bureau's April 29, 2016 2020 Census Program Memorandum No. 2016.05, entitled "Planned Development and Submission of Subjects Planned for the 2020 Census Program and Questions Planned for the 2020 Census Program"



**2020 CENSUS PROGRAM MEMORANDUM SERIES: 2016.05**

**Date:** April 29, 2016

**MEMORANDUM FOR:** The Record

**From:** Lisa M. Blumerman (**signed April 29, 2016**)  
Associate Director, Decennial Census Programs

**Subject:** Planned Development and Submission of *Subjects Planned for the 2020 Census Program* and *Questions Planned for the 2020 Census Program*

**Contact:** Marisa Hotchkiss  
Decennial Communications Coordination Office  
301-763-2891  
Marisa.Tegler.Hotchkiss@census.gov

This memorandum officially documents the U.S. Census Bureau's plan to develop and transmit to Congress the *Subjects Planned for the 2020 Census Program* and *Questions Planned for the 2020 Census Program*.

### **Overview**

Title 13, U.S. Code requires the Census Bureau to send Congress the subjects proposed to be included in the census not later than three years before the Census date. Congress will receive the *Subjects Planned for the 2020 Census Program*, describing the subjects proposed for the 2020 Census and the American Community Survey (ACS) before March 31, 2017.

Title 13 also requires that Congress receive the specific questions proposed to be included in the census not later than two years before the Census date. Congress will receive the *Questions Planned for the 2020 Census Program*, introducing the questions proposed for the 2020 Census and the ACS before March 31, 2018.

The Census Bureau will submit the topics included on the 2020 Census and ACS jointly, as ACS will incorporate 2020 Census content beginning in 2019, and the Census of Island Areas will incorporate a selection of these subjects and questions as well. As preparations begin for the 2020 Census, the content of both operations is jointly considered and finalized.

### **Scope**

Previous submissions of the documentation regarding subjects and questions included the following information, examples of which can be seen in Appendices A and B:

### Subjects Planned Documentation

- A brief summary of the data created by each question collected;
- An explanation of how the data are currently used to meet federal needs;
- A selection of non-federal community uses of the data; and
- Selected statutory uses by agency.

### Questions Planned Documentation

- An image of the paper (mailed) version of each question;
- A brief summary of the data created by each question collected;
- An explanation of how the data are currently used to meet federal needs; and
- A selection of non-federal community uses of the data:

The documentation submitted in 2017 and 2018 will include the same complement of information. Additionally, although the ACS and 2020 questions differ by response mode, the version highlighted in the question documentation will continue to be the version included on the paper questionnaire.

### Project Timeline

Many stakeholders share an interest in the 2020 Census and ACS content, including federal agencies, federal statistical agencies, state and local governments, those who will respond to the 2020 Census and ACS, academia, businesses, nonprofit organizations, media, data users, and oversight groups. The Census Bureau will develop this documentation through a process that is clear and transparent to all stakeholders, and offer opportunities for input to be provided and considered throughout the process.

The table below contains a timeline for this document development, as well as opportunities for stakeholders to comment on proposed content.<sup>1</sup>

Phase	Planned Activity	Planned Activity Timeline
1	Inform/Create General Awareness	March 2016—August 2016
2	Federal Agencies are Invited to Provide Updates to Federal Use Documentation	March 2016—June 2016
3	Incorporate Feedback	May 2016—September 2016
4	Develop Topic Submission	October 2016—December 2016
5	Provide Updates and Conduct Briefings	January 2017—March 2017
6	Final <i>Topics Planned</i> document available	No later than March 31, 2017
7	Follow-up with Federal Agencies about Federal Use Documentation <i>as needed</i>	March 2017—June 2017
8	<i>Federal Register</i> notice of Public Comment	July 2017—September 2017

<sup>1</sup> These dates are intended to show the planned phases in the development of this documentation, though actual dates may be subject to change.

Phase	Planned Activity	Planned Activity Timeline
	Period (proposed changes to ACS)	(60 days)
9	<i>Federal Register</i> notice of Public Comment Period II (ACS submission)	December 2017—January 2018 (30 days)
10	Submit Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act (proposed changes to ACS)	January 2018
11	<i>Federal Register</i> notice Public Comment Period (proposed content for 2020 Census)	May 2018—July 2018 (60 days)
12	<i>Federal Register</i> notice Public Comment Period II (2020 Census submission)	August 2018—September 2018 (30 days)
13	Submit Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act (proposed content for 2020 Census)	September 2018
14	Provide Updates and Conduct Briefings	January 2018—March 2018
15	Final <i>Questions Planned</i> document available	No later than March 31, 2018

### Federal Agency Input

The Census Bureau intends to begin developing draft descriptions of each topic and question based on recent information about the federal requirements and uses of Census estimates. The current uses received from federal agency contacts as part of the 2014 ACS Content Review, as well as informational materials (FAQs, current question versions<sup>2</sup>, etc.) are posted with this memorandum at <http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/2020-census/planning-management/memo-series.html>. Federal agencies with known uses of the 2020 Census or ACS content, and select other agencies, will receive a letter with instructions for how federal data users may provide updates to the documentation of data uses. Responses should be received before July 1, 2016. Census Bureau staff may follow-up with federal users directly if more clarification is required.

Members of the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Interagency Committee on the ACS and Interagency Committee on Statistical Policy Subcommittee on the ACS will be notified about this effort and encouraged to collaborate within their agencies on confirming existing uses, or submitting corrections and additions.

Though this initial effort will take place in 2016, additional follow-up may be needed in 2017 if changes to the content warrant another check-in with agencies.

Additionally, all interested stakeholders will be able to comment on the *Federal Register* notices related to proposed changes in the content.

<sup>2</sup> Federal agency contacts should be aware that the topics and questions provided reflect past topics and questions (i.e., the topics and questions may change between the information gathering process and the final submission of the content).

## Content Determination

This process assumes that there will be changes to the ACS content and that the 2020 Census content may also feature new or different questions. The development of this content, including proposals for new questions, will continue to follow the normal content development process (outside the scope of the development of the subjects and questions submission). However, it is important to note that these processes offer opportunities for all stakeholders to comment on the proposed subjects and questions.

In general, proposed changes to questions, proposed by federal agencies through OMB, must demonstrate a clear need for data at the geographic levels provided by the 2020 Census or ACS. OMB, the Census Bureau, and interagency committees (with federal agency representation) consider these proposals, conduct qualitative research and testing, and evaluate the resulting estimates. Final proposed questions are based on the results of extensive cognitive testing, field testing, other ongoing research, and input from advisory committees.

To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) and its implementing regulations, the Census Bureau must submit an Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB. This set of documents describes the information needed, why it is needed, how it will be collected, and how much collecting the information will cost the respondents and the government.

Before an ICR is submitted, the Census Bureau will publish a *Federal Register* notice informing the public of an intent to ask for clearance for the collection of information and soliciting comments for a 60 day period. Census Bureau staff then respond to comments received, and make necessary revisions.

When the final ICR is prepared, a second *Federal Register* notice is published. This second opportunity for public comment notifies the public that the clearance request has been submitted to OMB and they have an opportunity to comment. OMB reviews the ICR and public comments over a 60-day period, and determines whether or not to authorize the change.

ICRs for the 2020 Census and ACS are planned for 2018. The ACS submission will include a plan to incorporate questions developed for the 2020 Census along with changes recommended by the 2016 ACS Content Test. Stakeholders will have an opportunity to comment on these potential changes during the *Federal Register* notice comment periods.

If the ICRs are finalized before the March 31, 2018 submission to Congress, the *Questions Planned for the 2020 Census* will reflect only content that has been approved by OMB. Alternatively, content that has not been authorized by OMB will be noted as "proposed" in the submission.

## Final Product

The final *Subjects for the 2020 Census Program* and *Questions for the 2020 Census Program* documents will be printed and submitted to Congress. Additional .pdf versions of these documents and supporting materials will concurrently be made available on the census.gov website.

## **The 2020 Census Memorandum Series**

The 2020 Census Memorandum Series documents significant decisions, actions, and accomplishments of the 2020 Census Program for the purpose of informing stakeholders, coordinating interdivisional efforts, and documenting important historical changes.

A memorandum generally will be added to this series for any decision that meets the following criteria:

1. A major program-level decision that will affect the overall design or have a significant effect on the 2020 Census operations or systems.
2. A major policy decision or change that will affect the overall design or significantly impact the 2020 Census operations or systems.

Visit 2020 Census on [census.gov](https://www.census.gov) to access the Memorandum Series, the 2020 Operational Plan, and other information about preparations for the 2020 Census.

**Appendix A:** Subjects Planned for the 2010 Census and American Community Survey  
Federal Legislative and Program Uses (Age)

**AGE** *asked since 1800*

**MEETING FEDERAL NEEDS**

Age is central for any number of federal programs that target funds or services to children, working-age adults, women of childbearing age, or the older population. The Department of Education uses census age data in its formula for allotment to states. Under the Voting Rights Act, the data on population of voting age are required for legislative redistricting. The Department of Veterans Affairs uses age to develop its mandated state projections on the need for hospitals, nursing homes, cemeteries, domiciliary services, and other benefits for veterans.

**COMMUNITY BENEFITS**

**Education**

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Locations where new schools are needed, as well as the required grade levels (elementary, middle, or high school) are identified using data about age.

**Government**

Data presenting the voting-age population are used by states to meet legislative redistricting requirements.

Planners at all levels of government forecast the need for highways, hospitals, health services, and retirement homes by using age data.

**Employment**

Data about age are used to target veterans for job training programs.

Equal employment opportunities are enforced using data about age.

**Social Services**

Age data are used to forecast the number of people eligible for Social Security and Medicare benefits.

Under the Older Americans Act, age data are part of the formula used to allocate funds for services to seniors with low incomes.

**SELECTED STATUTORY USES**

<b>EDUCATION</b> .....	Individuals With Disabilities Education Act [20 U.S.C. 1411(e), Chapter 33, Subchapter II], Vocational and Technical Education Assistance to the States [20 U.S.C. 2321(a)(2)(A), (B), & (C) and 2372(a)], School-to-Work Opportunities Act [20 U.S.C. 6145 & 6177, Chapter 69, Subchapter II-Part B and Subchapter III]
<b>EEOC</b> .....	Age Discrimination and Employment Act [29 U.S.C. 623 & 633; 29 CFR 1625.7(c)]
<b>HHS</b> .....	Older Americans Act [42 U.S.C. 3002(28)-(30), 3025(a)(1)(E) & (2)(E), and 3026(a)(1)], Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. 254b(b)(3)(A) & (B), 254e(b) & (d) & 254f-1], Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) [42 U.S.C. 8629(a) & (b)(2), and 8622(11)]
<b>HUD</b> .....	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program [42 U.S.C. 5302(a)(6)(D)(iv)]
<b>JUSTICE</b> .....	Voting Rights Act-Bilingual Election Requirements [42 U.S.C. 1973aa-1a; 28 CFR Part 55], Civil Rights Act (Unlawful Employment Practices) [42 U.S.C. 2000e-2]
<b>LABOR</b> .....	Workforce Investment Act of 1998 [P.L. 105-220, Sec. 182(a)]
<b>VA</b> .....	State Projections of Veteran Population [38 U.S.C. 8131(1) & 8134(a)(2)], Veterans Benefits Improvement Act [38 U.S.C. 317 & 318, Chapter 3], Disabled Veterans Outreach Program [38 U.S.C. 4103A(a)(1), Chapter 41]

**Note:** These statutory uses were last confirmed in 2002. Work is underway with other Federal agencies to develop a comprehensive list of the most current statutory uses supporting each 2010 Census and American Community Survey question. An updated list will be included in the March 2008 submission of *Questions Planned for the 2010 Census and American Community Survey*.

**Appendix B: Questions Planned for the 2010 Census and American Community Survey**

**AGE** asked since 1800

7. What is Person 1's age and what is Person 1's date of birth?  
*Please report babies as age 0 when the child is less than 1 year old.*  
*Print numbers in boxes.*

Age on April 1, 2010	Month	Day	Year of birth
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Economics and Statistics Administration  
U.S. Census Bureau  
Office of the Director  
Washington, DC 20233-0001

FEB 27 2018

The Honorable Barbara Comstock  
Member, U.S. House of Representatives  
21430 Cedar Drive, Suite 218  
Sterling, VA 20164

Dear Representative Comstock:

Thank you for your staff's February 6, 2018 inquiry on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Todd Cimino-Johnson, regarding the Department of Justice's request to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census questionnaire. We contacted Mr. Cimino-Johnson and addressed his concerns.

The U.S. Department of Commerce is conducting an orderly review of the Department of Justice's request. The Department is required by law to submit the proposed final list of questions to Congress by March 31, 2018, which is two years prior to Census Day, April 1, 2020.

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Thank you for bring this matter to our attention. If you have any additional questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please contact our Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs at 301-763-6100.

Sincerely,

Ron S. Jarmin  
Performing the Non-Exclusive Functions  
and Duties of the Director



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
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U.S. Census Bureau  
Office of the Director  
Washington, DC 20233-0001

FEB 27 2018

Mr. Todd Cimino-Johnson  
775 Gateway Drive, SE  
Leesburg, VA 20175

Dear Mr. Cimino-Johnson:

Thank you for your recent inquiry to Representative Barbara Comstock regarding the Department of Justice's request to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census questionnaire. We appreciate your taking the time to make me aware of your position on this important matter.

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United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 27, 2018

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VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

The Honorable Wilbur Ross  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Secretary Ross:

We are writing to request that you instruct the Census Bureau to add a question regarding citizenship to the 2020 decennial census.<sup>1</sup> It's essential that we have an accurate assessment of our population in order to administer laws such as the Voting Rights Act, and the 10 year census provides the most precise assessment available.

As you know, the Census Bureau already collects citizenship information in the annual American Community Survey (ACS),<sup>2</sup> which is a rolling census introduced in 2005 to collect the same information previously gathered by the "long-form" census.<sup>3</sup> It goes out to 3.5 million households every year and according to your organization it is "the premier source for detailed population and housing information about our nation."<sup>4</sup>

Nonetheless, some are upset about the Department of Justice's request to add a citizenship question to the census. They claim that it will deter immigrants from answering honestly and will jeopardize the accuracy of the results.<sup>5</sup> We have never heard such criticism about the ACS questions on citizenship.

Your web site makes it clear that individual responses on the ACS can't be shared with anyone: "not the IRS, not the FBI, not the CIA, and not with any other government agency."<sup>6</sup> You also make it clear that the larger body of census data is protected, and that "[v]iolating the confidentiality of a [census] respondent is a federal crime with serious penalties, including a federal prison sentence of up to five years, a fine of up to \$250,000, or both."<sup>7</sup> To date, these

<sup>1</sup> See Ltr. From Arthur E. Gary to Dr. Ron Jarmin (Dec. 12, 2017)  
<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/4340651-Text-of-Dec-2017-DOJ-letter-to-Census.html>

<sup>2</sup> See, e.g., "Voting Age by Population and Race"  
[https://www.census.gov/rdo/data/voting\\_age\\_population\\_by\\_citizenship\\_and\\_race\\_cvap.html](https://www.census.gov/rdo/data/voting_age_population_by_citizenship_and_race_cvap.html).

<sup>3</sup> ACS, "Design and Methodology Report,"  
<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/methodology/design-and-methodology.html>.

<sup>4</sup> See "American Community Survey (ACS)" <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/>.

<sup>5</sup> See, e.g., Ltr from Congresspersons Serrana and Meng to Sec'y Ross (undated)  
<https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/4343863-FINAL-Census-Letter-to-Secretary-Wilbur-Ross.html>.

<sup>6</sup> ACS, "Why We Ask Questions About . . . Place of Birth, Citizenship, Year of Entry"  
<https://www.census.gov/acs/www/about/why-we-ask-each-question/citizenship/>.

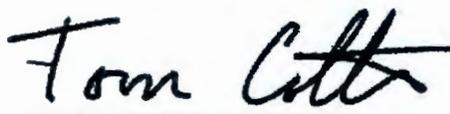
<sup>7</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, "Data Protection and Privacy,"  
[https://www.census.gov/about/policies/privacy/data\\_protection/our\\_privacy\\_principles.html](https://www.census.gov/about/policies/privacy/data_protection/our_privacy_principles.html).

assurances appear to have satisfied ACS respondents; there is no evidence that asking about citizenship reduces responses or otherwise limits the utility of that particular survey. We have yet to see any credible evidence that immigrants wouldn't be equally comforted by the stronger assurances regarding responses provided for the 10 year census.

The most important difference between the ACS and the decennial census is the size of the population studied. The decennial census is both larger (in that it counts *every* resident in the United States) and more precise (in that it calculates results down to the size of individual census blocks).<sup>8</sup> The much smaller ACS samples approximately one tenth of the U.S. population, it calculates results only down to the census block *group* level, and of course, any statistical model based solely on a sample of the overall population is subject to the inevitable "sampling error." In short, the decennial census provides the most true and accurate picture of our overall population, and its relevant characteristics.

The Department of Justice has indicated that it requires the more precise and granular data provided by the decennial census in order to best administer the Voting Rights Act. That enforcement is within their purview, and we see no reason not to defer to their analysis in this case. We hope that we will see a question regarding citizenship when you report your final census to Congress on March 31, 2018.

Sincerely,



Tom Cotton  
United States Senator



Ted Cruz  
United States Senator



James M. Inhofe  
United States Senator

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<sup>8</sup> See generally U.S. Census Bureau, "What We Do" <https://www.census.gov/about/what.html>.



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

March 19, 2018

The Honorable Tom Cotton  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cotton:

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We will keep you apprised of any developments regarding the citizenship question. If you have any additional questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please have a member of your staff contact Michael Platt, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at [mplatt@doc.gov](mailto:mplatt@doc.gov) or (202) 482-3663.

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Barbara A. Anderson, Ph.D.  
Chair, Census Scientific Advisory Committee  
Ronald A. Freedman Collegiate Professor  
of Sociology and Population Studies  
University of Michigan  
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Dear Dr. Anderson:

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Barbara Buttenfield, Ph.D.  
Professor of Geography  
University of Colorado  
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Dear Dr. Buttenfield:

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Peter W. Glynn, Ph.D.  
Thomas W. Ford Professor of Engineering  
Stanford University  
Huang Engineering Center 359A  
Stanford, CA 94305

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February 27, 2018

D. Sunshine Hillygus, Ph.D.  
Professor of Political Science  
Director, Duke Initiative on Survey Methodology  
Duke University  
203 Gross Hall – Box 90204  
Durham, NC 27708

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February 27, 2018

Juan Pablo Hourcade, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor of Computer Science  
University of Iowa  
14 MacLean Hall  
Iowa City, IA 52242

Dear Dr. Hourcade:

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February 27, 2018

Ms. Kathryn Pettit  
Senior Research Associate  
Metropolitan Housing and Communities Policy Center  
The Urban Institute  
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Washington, DC 20037

Dear Ms. Pettit:

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February 27, 2018

Allison Plyer, ScD  
Chief Demographer  
The Data Center at Nonprofit Knowledge Works  
1600 Constance Street  
New Orleans, LA 70130

Dear Dr. Plyer:

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Sincerely,

  
Wilbur Ross



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**The Secretary of Commerce**  
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February 27, 2018

Roberto Rigobon, Ph.D.  
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Mr. Kenneth D. Simonson  
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Dear Mr. Simonson:

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U.S. Census Bureau  
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February 28, 2018

The Honorable Jon Tester  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Tester:

Thank you for your staff's recent inquiry regarding the Department of Justice's request to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census questionnaire. We appreciate your taking the time to make me aware of your position on this important matter.

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We will keep you apprised of any developments regarding the citizenship question. If you have any additional questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please contact our Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs at 301-763-6100.

Sincerely,

Ron S. Jarmin  
Performing the Non-Exclusive Functions  
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Senator Brian Schatz (D. HI)

On February 28, 2018, Secretary Ross and members of his staff spoke to Senator Brian Schatz of Hawaii. Secretary Ross thanked Senator Schatz for helping confirm Assistant Secretary Jacobs and noted the importance of a continued positive relationship between NOAA and the State of Hawaii.

Senator Schatz stated that he was concerned about the potential addition of a citizenship question to the 2020 Decennial Census primarily on the ground that the question had never been asked before. Secretary Ross explained the process through which the potential addition of a new question was considered and reassured the Senator that process was underway. Secretary Ross also corrected the Senator’s misperception about the question’s novelty, noting that variations of the question were included on the Decennial Census from 1820 through 1950, and that citizenship questions were also included on the American Community Survey.

Secretary Ross asked the Senator whether he had any concerns that were unique to the State of Hawaii, and Senator Schatz responded that he did not. Senator Schatz thanked the Secretary for his time and careful consideration of the question, and the call concluded.

- The question has never been asked

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March 6, 2018  
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The Honorable Wilbur Ross  
Secretary of Commerce  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
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Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Ross:

I am chair of the New York City Voter Assistance Advisory Committee (VAAC), an arm of the New York City Campaign Finance Board, an independent agency of the City of New York. I write on behalf of the VAAC to oppose the recent request by the Department of Justice to add a question on citizenship to the questionnaire for the 2020 Census. The VAAC is mandated by the New York City Charter to encourage and facilitate voter registration and voting by all residents of New York City. Specifically, we are required by the Charter to identify groups who are underrepresented among those who are registered and voting, and to work to increase participation by these residents in the democratic process.

With planning for the 2020 Census nearly complete, no question regarding citizenship has been tested or made available for public review. We are concerned that asking respondents to report their citizenship status will significantly depress participation by these underrepresented groups in the Census, resulting in a population undercount. The undercount will disproportionately harm underrepresented groups, their neighborhoods, and our entire city. It will threaten the representation in Congress of communities that are already underrepresented and who we are mandated to serve. The Census Bureau is obligated under the Constitution to determine "the whole number of persons in each state." This predictable, preventable undercount will represent a failure to discharge the Bureau's Constitutional mandate.

In addition, the Justice Department's request for this data as necessary to ensure compliance with Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act is not accurate. The Voting Rights Act was enacted to protect fair and effective representation for all communities, and collecting citizenship information will actually undermine this goal. Communities that are undercounted will be deprived of their fair representation when legislative seats are apportioned and district lines drawn.

March 2, 2018

Fair, accurate electoral representation depends on valid Census data. Adding a citizenship question would defeat that goal, violate the Constitution, and undermine the purposes of the Voting Rights Act. We urge you to reject the Justice Department's request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Naomi B. Zauderer".

Naomi B. Zauderer  
Chair

Cc: Committee Members



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

March 23, 2018

Ms. Naomi B. Zauderer  
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New York, NY 1007

Dear Ms. Zauderer:

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Senator Tom Carper (D. DE)

On March 12, 2018, Secretary Ross and members of his staff spoke to Senator Carper and two members of his staff – Brian Papp and Richard Colley. The Senator thanked Secretary Ross for the opportunity to discuss DOJ’s request to reinstate a citizenship question on the Decennial Census.

The Senator noted that as a Senator from a single district state, he does not share concerns about redistricting that members of Congress from other states may have. Senator Carper noted that his concerns focused on Delaware’s economy and its ability to remain competitive in business. Senator Carper then noted that the position of Census Director was vacant, but that he believed that the Acting Director and Acting Deputy Director were both well regarded and that “everyone loves” them. He further noted that Secretary Ross knew them well and hoped he would consider them to be permanent candidates for the positions. Senator Carper offered to work with the Secretary to help Dr. Jarmin and Dr. Lamas through the confirmation process by promptly holding hearings (he sits on the Committee with jurisdiction over the confirmation process) and moving their nominations forward.

Senator Carper then referenced the joint letter he sent with Senator Feinstein on January 5, 2018, expressing concern about reinstating the citizenship question. His main concern, however, was with the negative effect on the Non-Response Follow-Up operation (NRFU), which historically has had a low response rate. Overall the Senator shared his support for an accurate census. He asked that the Secretary consider that adding a new question requires months of testing, cost overrun implications, and should seek a better return on response rates than having to enumerate. The call ended with the Senator stressing the importance of getting the census “done right.”

- Lower response rate/higher NRFU
- Acting leadership
- Testing
- Higher costs

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Senator Tom Cotton (R. AR)

On March 12, 2018, Secretary Ross and members of his staff spoke with Senator Cotton of Arkansas. Senator Cotton stated that he supports the reinstatement of a citizenship question on the 2020 Decennial Census. He said that such a question is necessary in order to ensure that DOJ has sufficiently accurate data to enforce Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act. Senator Cotton also stated that such a question was not unprecedented. He noted that the question appeared on the Decennial Census until 1950 and that a citizenship question is currently included in the ACS survey. Senator Cotton stated that he believed the data would be more precise and accurate if it was collected through the Decennial Census. Senator Cotton indicated that he believed the Census Bureau makes clear that any answers collected from respondents would not be shared with law enforcement. Senator Cotton noted that the reinstatement of the question was a common sense call. When asked about concerns unique to Arkansas, Senator Cotton stated that there are two communities that may be impacted by the reinstatement of a citizenship question: (1) Marshallese Islanders who live in Arkansas and (2) the poultry producers in Arkansas who rely on immigrant workers. Senator Cotton’s point about Marshallese Islanders focused more on their “hard-to-count” status than on the citizenship question itself.

Senator Cotton thanked Secretary Ross for taking the time to discuss the census with him, and the call concluded.

- Accurate data for enforcement of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act
- Question has been asked in the past
- Accurate data
- Question is already asked in other surveys

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Senator Ted Cruz (R. TX)

On March 12, 2018, Secretary Ross and members of his staff spoke to Senator Ted Cruz. The Senator thanked the Secretary for his time and noted that he sent a letter supporting DOJ’s request to reinstate the citizenship question to the Decennial Census. The Senator stated that it makes sense to ask a citizenship question and that granting DOJ’s request would be a good decision. Senator Cruz noted that the citizenship question was immensely important for many public policy questions including social services, welfare, education, voting, and others. He believes that accurate data enables policymakers to make better policy decisions. Senator Cruz also noted that there was a lot of variance in the estimates provided on citizen voting age population. Senator Cruz stated that he did not believe that interest groups opposing the question on the ground that it would discourage participation was based in fact. Senator Cruz noted that the American Community Survey (ACS) contains a citizenship question and that the Census Bureau has long collected citizenship information. Senator Cruz discounted the risk of litigation, stating that the attorneys general who provided their views on the reinstatement of a citizenship question would not necessarily litigate if the question is added. Senator Cruz next noted that sound public policy mandates the ability to determine who lives in a country, and that it is important to maintain accurate data about this. Senator Cruz noted that there have often been political differences over the census. For example, some believe that the Census Bureau should rely more on statistical sampling. Senator Cruz has significant concerns about statistical sampling since it can be manipulated. Senator Cruz referenced a prior conversation with the Secretary about the Census Bureau but he did not provide details. Senator Cruz noted that the Secretary was given the responsibility by the Constitution to collect accurate data, and the data is less than accurate now. Senator Cruz stated that if the Secretary reinstated the citizenship question on the Decennial Census, he would be on a firm foundation to do so.

- Accuracy
- Need for citizen voting age population
- Will not decrease response rate
- Improves public policy decisions

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Attorney General Jim Hood (D. MS)

On March 12, 2018, Secretary Ross and his staff spoke with Mississippi Attorney General Jim Hood. The Attorney General expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to provide input on the Department of Justice's request to add the citizenship question to the 2020 Decennial Census.

Attorney General Hood noted that he opposed the reinstatement of a citizenship question on the Decennial Census for the reasons set forth in the February 12, 2018 letter that he signed (but did not write). He stated that the intent of the census is to count everyone, and that reinstating the citizenship question may lower response rates. AG Hood expressed concern that a number of migrant workers on sweet potato farms in the hills near Tupelo (in Northeast Mississippi), the sweet potato capital of the world, may be afraid to answer a citizenship question on the 2020 Decennial Census. AG Hood noted that sweet potato farms were a large source of revenue for Mississippi farmers. AG Hood noted that migrants come and go, and in addition to those who may be afraid to answer, some may be merely hesitant. AG Hood noted that he believed that migrants generally hesitate to provide information to the federal government about their immigration status. AG Hood noted that the intent of the census is to count everyone in the state. AG Hood referenced the portion of the February 12 letter that threatened injunctive relief should the Secretary add a citizenship question to the 2020 Decennial Census and noted that he was not sure he would join such a request. He stated that the injunctive relief sentiment seemed to come from the larger states, and that an injunction if granted would tie the issue up in litigation, which would not be good for anyone. AG Hood restated his preference for a simple short form census, and noted that it would be a waste of resources.

AG Hood ended the call by thanking Secretary Ross for taking the time to call him on this issue, noting that during his 14 years as Attorney General, he has never known another Secretary who has dedicated as much time to the census. AG Hood noted that it was good for the Secretary to take the time to make calls to stakeholders and assess the risks associated with granting DOJ's request.

- Fear in immigrant community
- Government mistrust
- Litigation risk and costs

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Senator Ron Johnson (R. WI)

On March 12, 2018, Secretary Ross and members of his staff spoke with Senator Johnson of Wisconsin. Senator Johnson stated that he supports the reinstatement of a citizenship question to the 2020 Decennial Census. He noted that the question would be helpful in making determinations about federal welfare benefits and voting rights.

Senator Johnson noted that there would likely be political pushback if the citizenship question is reinstated, and he noted that he expected the Department and the Census Bureau to be able to answer questions about how the Census Bureau planned to conduct a full enumeration if the citizenship question is reinstated on the Decennial Census. Senator Johnson noted that he was considering holding a hearing to discuss and better understand the facts supporting reinstatement, should the Secretary exercise his discretion to reinstate the question. When asked about concerns unique to Wisconsin, Senator Johnson noted that the dairy industry in Wisconsin relies on immigrant workers.

Senator Johnson also raised the issue of steel tariffs and the potential impact of those tariffs in Wisconsin. Senator Johnson thanked Secretary Ross for taking the time to discuss the census with him, and the call concluded.

- Improves public policy decisions
- Complete enumeration

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Attorney General Jeff Landry (R. LA)

On March 12, 2018, Secretary Ross and members of his staff spoke to Attorney General Jeff Landry of Louisiana. The AG thanked the Secretary for taking the time to speak about DOJ’s request to add the citizenship question to the Decennial Census. The AG noted that his views supporting reinstatement of a citizenship question on the Decennial Census were set forth and best stated in the February 8, 2018 letter he sent to the Secretary. AG Landry noted that states have a lot of flexibility when it comes to redistricting, and having accurate data about citizen voting age population would better inform the state legislatures charged with carrying out the task of redistricting. AG Landry further noted his belief that the average resident on the streets of Louisiana believed that the census should ask about citizenship and that it was a no brainer. AG Landry stated that inclusion of the question would not be unprecedented. He noted that the following state attorneys general likely shared his view that the Secretary should reinstate a citizenship question on the 2020 Decennial Census: Steve Marshall (AL), Tim Fox (MT), Derek Schmidt (KS), and Doug Peterson (NE). AG Landry further noted that the Solicitor General of Texas also likely supported reinstatement of the question while Attorney General Rutledge of Arkansas seemed opposed to reinstating the citizenship question but had taken the matter under advisement.

- Question has been asked in the past
- Need for citizen voting age population
- Fairer redistricting

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Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (D. NY)

On March 12, 2018, Secretary Ross and members of his staff spoke to Representative Maloney. The Congresswoman thanked the Secretary for his time and noted that she looked forward to receiving responses to the questions she submitted after her October 2017 hearing. She stated that she appreciated the Secretary's commitment to a full and accurate census, but noted that she opposed any late changes to the questions on the 2020 Decennial Census questionnaire. Congresswoman Maloney further stated that she feared that undocumented immigrants would not answer the questions if asked for citizenship status. She noted that she understood that the Secretary would need to make his decision about which questions appeared on the Decennial Census questionnaire by March 31. Congresswoman Maloney noted that new questions are usually tested and expressed concern that the addition of any new presumably untested citizenship question would be counterproductive. Congresswoman Maloney described the perceived fear of deportation in the immigrant community. Congresswoman Maloney discussed the need to zero in on getting a permanent Director and a Deputy Director at the Census Bureau. She encouraged the Secretary and Under Secretary Kelley to put lots of effort into the search and to work with the acting Director and Deputy Director, both of whom have impressed the Congresswoman. Congresswoman Maloney suggested that maybe the two acting officials should be made permanent, but that there had been no recommendation to do so to date. Congresswoman Maloney next discussed the status of hiring partnership specialists, and the Secretary informed her that he had hired 1,000, which is 200 more than in 2010. Congresswoman Maloney then reiterated her concern that the census should not contain a citizenship question due to high levels of government mistrust. She further noted that she expected there would be lots of pushback if a citizenship question is reinstated on the Decennial Census. Congresswoman Maloney discussed the importance of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue subway in New York and plans for public-private partnerships to move the project forward. The Secretary recommended she speak with Secretary Chao because transportation projects are generally the purview of the Department of Transportation.

- Lower response rate
- Testing
- Government mistrust
- Acting leadership
- Partnership specialists

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Attorney General Tom Miller (D. IA)

On March 12, 2018, Secretary Ross and his staff spoke with Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller. The Attorney General stated his opposition to the addition of a citizenship question to the 2020 Decennial Census. He discussed the importance of the census and Iowa’s reliance on its results with total and absolute credibility. His objection to the addition of the question centers around “the human nature of immigrants,” and he noted that immigrants feel a significant amount of anxiety about answering this question. They fear giving information to the federal government.

The Attorney General also expressed concern about the lack of testing for a citizenship question. He noted the requirement that there be testing on new questions. And he also noted that there are other ways that DOJ may be able to get citizenship information and conjectured as to whether the information is actually critical.

During the call, Attorney General Miller noted his appreciation of the President’s support for DACA reform.

- Fear in immigrant community
- Government mistrust
- Testing

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Dr. Steven Camarota, Director of Research for the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS)

On March 13, 2018, Secretary Ross and members of his staff spoke with Dr. Steven Camarota, Director of Research for the Center for Immigration Studies (CIS). Dr. Camarota thanked the Secretary for the opportunity to share his thoughts on DOJ’s request to add the citizenship question to the Decennial Census.

Dr. Camarota noted that as a general matter, researchers like him want to work with the broadest data sets possible because broader data sets allow for higher quality analysis. Dr. Camarota noted that the ACS data does not provide local block level (CVAP) information, and that this information can only be obtained through the Decennial Census. He believes local level data can serve as a benchmark to compare the accuracy of the data obtained through the ACS. Dr. Camarota also noted that any decrease in response rate resulting from the addition of a citizenship question could be mitigated through surveys. Dr. Camarota stated that local level data is necessary because it can inform a wide range of public policy matters, including voter turnout rate, registration rate, and where to locate polling places. It can also help estimate migration and better understand migration patterns.

Dr. Camarota stated that concerns about decreased participation are unfounded and that citizenship questions are currently included on a number of surveys, including the ACS, the Population Survey, and Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP). Dr. Camarota noted that this data is used to research issues like unemployment, welfare, healthcare, and others. Dr. Camarota also noted that although he is aware of a general sentiment that the addition of a citizenship question to the Decennial Census would decrease response rates, he has not seen any evidence to that effect. If the Secretary chooses to add the citizenship question, Dr. Camarota suggested that the monthly current population survey could be used to determine whether it was the addition of that question that caused response rates to decrease or whether response rates had already decreased at the start of the current presidential administration.

Finally, Dr. Camarota added that the citizenship question can help localities better plan for the future, and suggested additional data points that could be collected through additional questions about foreign born respondents on future Decennial Censuses.

- More data leads to better analysis
- Current local level data is insufficient
- Question is already asked in other surveys
- Will lead to better benchmarking
- Will not decrease response rate
- Improves public policy decisions

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Vanita Gupta, President & CEO, Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights

On March 13, 2018, Secretary Ross and members of his staff spoke to Vanita Gupta, President and CEO of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. Ms. Gupta thanked the Secretary for the opportunity to share her thoughts and views on the Department of Justice’s request to add the citizenship question to the 2020 Decennial Census.

Ms. Gupta stated that she opposed adding the citizenship question to the Decennial Census. Ms. Gupta noted that as the former acting head of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice (which requested the addition of the question in December 2012), she knew personally that the ACS citizenship data on which DOJ has relied to enforce the Voting Rights Act (“VRA”) was sufficient to do so. Ms. Gupta further noted that in her current position, she kept a “close eye” on VRA enforcement litigation and her position is no different today than it was when she served at DOJ Civil Rights.

Ms. Gupta next underscored her concern that adding the citizenship question would have a chilling effect on the immigrant population, undermine the efforts of the Census Bureau to conduct a complete and accurate census, lead to expensive litigation, and cause a devastating impact on potential partnership opportunities. She stated her concern that all of these issues would drive up costs.

Ms. Gupta believes that conducting a Decennial Census is a non-partisan effort and that good work can be done. Ms. Gupta suggested that the Secretary speak to former Census Directors, and concluded by offering herself as a resource. Ms. Gupta wants to be “all-in” to help conduct a successful census.

- ACS data is sufficient
- Lower response rate
- Litigation risk and costs
- Confidentiality concerns

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Jerry Howard, CEO the National Association of Homebuilders (NAHB)

On March 13, 2018, Secretary Ross and members of his staff spoke Gerald “Jerry” Howard, CEO of the National Association of Home builders (NAHB). Mr. Howard indicated that even though his association does not have a position on DOJ’s request to add a citizenship question to the Decennial Census, his organization wants the census to be transparent and to succeed.

Mr. Howard then asked about ongoing lumber negotiations and stated that he would follow up with information from NAHB that will be sent separately to Commerce staff.

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Ditas Kitague, California Census Coordinator; Dan Torres, Director of Immigrant Integration

On March 13, 2018, Secretary Ross and members of his staff spoke to Ditas Kitague, the California Census Coordinator, and Dan Torres, the Director of Immigrant Integration. Keely Bosler, the Cabinet Secretary to Governor Jerry Brown, was scheduled to join the discussion but was unable to do so.

Ms. Kitague and Mr. Torres thanked the Secretary for the opportunity to share their views, and reiterated their commitment to helping the Census Bureau obtain a complete and accurate count of the population. Ms. Kitague noted that this is her third Decennial Census. She noted that California presents significant issues with online self-response because 31 percent of California's population is considered underconnected or not connected to the internet. Ms. Kitague noted that a telephone response option would be helpful for these groups. Ms. Kitague further noted that she is partnering with the Census Bureau to hire operational support specialists.

Regarding the citizenship question, Ms. Kitague was concerned it would have a chilling effect on participation and increasing the undercounted population. She also noted that certain portions of the population in California are generally distrustful of all government agencies. Ms. Kitague noted that certain victims of the California wildfires were reluctant to provide information to the government officials providing relief and aid. Ms. Kitague did not know whether the addition of a citizenship question would amplify this distrust and depress the response rate even further, but she was not aware of any evidence that it would. Ms. Kitague noted that the addition of a citizenship question to the Decennial Census could cause confusion among the 4.7 million Californians (12% of the state's total population) who live in households where the residents have mixed citizenship status. Ms. Kitague also noted that 10 million Californians (27% of the state's total population) are foreign born, and of those 10 million approximately 50 percent are naturalized citizens.

Mr. Torres noted that Californians were concerned that their response data would not be kept confidential and that concern over the citizenship question is likely exacerbated by Californian's increasing distrust in government. Mr. Torres then reiterated the example of the difficulties government officials had in obtaining information from victims of the wildfires who needed relief. Mr. Torres also noted that immigrants in particular seemed afraid to seek shelter or aid from government officials.

- Confidentiality concerns
- Lower response rate
- Government mistrust
- Confusion in mixed households



MIKE HUNTER  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

March 13, 2018

Secretary Wilbur Ross  
United States Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave. NW  
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**Re: Request to Reinstate Citizenship Question on 2020 Census Questionnaire**

Dear Secretary Ross,

As Attorneys General and Governors, we write requesting the Department of Commerce to reintroduce the question asking a person's citizenship in the long form questionnaire for the 2020 Census. Citizenship means something, and statistical information on the state of citizenship in our country is vital to the functioning of our democracy. The lack of reliable data on citizenship degrades each citizen's right to participate in free and fair elections. When legislators determine districts based on population and without access to accurate statistics on citizenship, the result is that legally eligible voters may have their voices diluted or distorted. Matters of such constitutional importance should not be unnecessarily imperiled when the solution is as simple as a question on a census form.

From 1970 until the 2010 Census, the Census Bureau provided this data by including a citizenship question on its "long form" questionnaire during each decennial census. Since this practice was discontinued in the 2010 Census, state officials have been denied access to equally reliable data. The decennial census is the best method to collect data about citizenship. It has significant advantages over the method currently used: the American Community Survey (ACS). The ACS, for example, draws data from a significantly smaller sample size: only 1 in every 38 households is selected to participate in the survey. This smaller sample size translates to larger margins of error. Moreover, the ACS data is not temporally consistent with decennial census data. Rather, ACS data is collected over time and only later aggregated into one-year and five-year estimates. These estimates do not align with the total and voting-age population data from the decennial census.

To comply with the Constitution's one-person, one-vote requirement, States use the total population data from the decennial census. *See Evenwel v. Abbott*, 136 S. Ct. 1120 (2016). In the absence of citizenship information derived from the decennial census, state officials must resort to using ACS citizenship estimates that do not match with the total population data provided by the Census. But the ACS data is inferior, because it lacks the scope and level of detail that the decennial census provides. And even if the data were equally accurate, the ACS data come from surveys conducted at different times than the decennial census data; thus, when legislators need to draw districts that incorporate different data from both surveys, the result contains internal inconsistencies because the data sets do not mesh. This unnecessarily complicates any constitutional analysis and deprives legislators, courts, and citizens of their confidence in the districting process.

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Adding a citizenship question would also alleviate courts of significant litigation. Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act has been interpreted to mandate that redistricting cannot result in racial "vote dilution," which occurs when a racial minority is improperly deprived of a single-member district in which it could form a majority with the ability to elect the candidate of their choice. *Thornburg v. Gingles*, 478 U.S. 30, 50 (1986). Courts have held that the proper metric for determining whether a racial group could constitute a majority in a single member district is the citizen voting-age population. *Reyes v. City of Farmers Branch*, 586 F.3d 1019, 1023-24 (5th Cir. 2009); *Barnett v. City of Chicago*, 141 F.3d 699, 704 (7th Cir. 1998); *Negron v. City of Miami Beach*, 113 F.3d 1563, 1567-69 (11th Cir. 1997); *Romero v. Pomona*, 883 F.2d 1418, 1426 (9th Cir. 1989), *overruled in part on other grounds by Townsend v. Holman Consulting Corp.*, 914 F.2d 1136 (9th Cir. 1990).

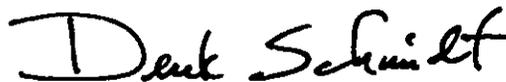
This is especially important for districts with minority groups that have a large non-citizen population, because in such districts good data is necessary to ensure that the *citizen* population is large enough to elect that minority group's candidate of choice. But without access to accurate data, the States cannot obtain certainty about whether they comply with the Voting Rights Act's requirements. The result is protracted litigation and the possibility that minority populations will be unable to elect the candidate of their choice. Finally, adding a citizenship question would improve the public policy of States and municipalities. Equitably distributing voting power will translate to more equitable policies that reflect the values of the local citizenry.

Citizenship still matters. It is a privilege that is important and meaningful, and not lightly ignored. Non-citizens can be valuable members of our community, but citizenship rightly confers benefits and responsibilities that must be taken seriously. Chief among them is the right to vote. Voting is the most precious right of every citizen—it provides the means to participate, to influence, and to articulate his concerns to the government. Including a simple question in the census will impose a minimal burden on the government and the residents surveyed, but this small step will have a significant and positive impact on the policies and constitution of our great republic. But failing to accurately account for our citizenry harms the rights of our citizens, perhaps especially our minority and immigrant citizens. In order to have accurate and usable data regarding voting-age citizens in the United States, we respectfully request that the 2020 Census include a question regarding citizenship.

Respectfully,



**Mike Hunter**  
*Attorney General of Oklahoma*



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*Attorney General of Kansas*

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*Attorney General of West Virginia*

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Arturo Vargas, NALEO

On March 13, 2018, Secretary Ross and members of his staff spoke to Arturo Vargas, the Executive Director of National Association of Latino Elected Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund. Mr. Vargas thanked the Secretary for the opportunity to share his views on DOJ’s request to add the citizenship question to the 2020 Decennial Census.

Mr. Vargas stated that he feels very strongly about encouraging participation in a census that is both safe and confidential. Mr. Vargas noted, however, that members of his community were skeptical that data provided in response to census questions would be kept confidential and that it would not be shared with other agencies. Mr. Vargas noted that it is not necessary to ask a question on citizenship because the data is collected in response to a citizenship question on the ACS, making any question on the decennial redundant. Mr. Vargas notes that ACS data is more reliable than decennial data would be because decennial data would quickly become obsolete. Mr. Vargas is concerned that the question will make it more difficult for organizations like his to encourage census participation, causing an increased need to hire enumerators. According to Mr. Vargas, adding a citizenship question will both drive up NRFU costs and simultaneously raise skepticism as to the timing of the question being added. Mr. Vargas noted that the fact that the citizenship question has not been tested would also decrease response rates (noting 18 percent of the population is Latino). To date, Mr. Vargas has heard from local trusted messengers that they are not comfortable encouraging participation in a census that contains the citizenship question given the current political environment.

Mr. Vargas emphasized how important it is to obtain a complete count of the U.S. population for reapportionment and critical federal funding allocation. He concluded by asking the Secretary to decline to add the citizenship question and explained that such an act would generate goodwill and help overcome setbacks the Census Bureau has experienced over the years, including cost overruns.

- Government mistrust
- ACS data is sufficient
- Inaccurate – ACS data is more accurate (ACS)
- Lower response rate/higher NRFU
- Higher costs
- Testing
- Confidentiality concerns

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Bruce Chapman, former Director of the Census Bureau

On March 15, 2018, Secretary Ross and his staff spoke with Bruce Chapman. Mr. Chapman stated that reinstating the citizenship question would make existing data on citizenship more accurate. Mr. Chapman noted that prior censuses included a question on citizenship and that when he was Director it would have been helpful to have the data on citizenship. Mr. Chapman also noted that as a general matter, it is a good idea for the Census Bureau to have data on citizenship. Mr. Chapman stated that the impact of any reduced response rate (should it exist) could be mitigated through the follow-up surveys and imputation through the use of administrative records. Mr. Chapman concluded by stating his belief that the way to obtain the most accurate data on citizenship would be to ask the question on the Decennial Census and then cross-reference responses against administrative records and other Census Bureau surveys.

- Need accurate citizenship data
- Ask the question and use administrative records

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Congressman Gerry Connolly (D. VA)

On March 15, 2018, Secretary Ross and members of his staff spoke with Congressman Gerry Connolly of Virginia. The Congressman thanked the Secretary for the opportunity to share his thoughts and views on the Department of Justice’s request to reinstate the citizenship question on the 2020 Decennial Census.

Congressman Connolly expressed his opposition to the addition of a citizenship question to the 2020 Decennial Census. Specifically, he expressed concern that his district would be impacted because it has a large number of foreign-born residents, and that immigrants generally distrust government surveys, regardless of citizenship status. Congressman Connolly noted that this concern would likely be exacerbated due to the current political climate even though the citizenship question seemed like an innocent one on its face. He cited to rumors within the immigrant community that census data would be used to increase high profile deportations by ICE. Congressman Connolly noted the example of a “beloved coach” who was detained and deported after living in the U.S. for 15 years. He also cited the example of a “dreamer” who only learned at age 16 that she had not been born in the United States. Congressman Connolly stated that the reinstatement of the question would likely discourage participation and “spook” members of the immigrant communities. Congressman Connolly also stated his concern that adding a citizenship question would make it harder for the Department and the Census Bureau to do their job of counting the entire population and that increased follow up efforts could lead to increased overall costs. Keeping the question off the Decennial Census, on the other hand, would minimize inaccuracies, streamline the process, and avoid unnecessary costs.

Congressman Connolly stated that there were other mechanisms to collect citizenship data from residents, but that including a question on the Decennial Census would be an impediment to enumerating the entire population. Congressman Connolly stated that he hoped that the Department would be able to conduct a successful census.

Finally, Congressman Connolly stated that the citizenship question need not be reinstated on the Decennial Census because it is already included in other surveys. Congressman Connolly did not state whether or not he had reason to believe the data collected in response to the survey questions was accurate. Regardless, he reiterated his position that the question need not be part of the Decennial Census. Congressman Connolly also noted that the Decennial Census is “special” because it is mandated by the Constitution.

- Government mistrust
- Confidentiality concerns
- Lower response rate/higher NRFU

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- Higher costs
- Question is already asked in other surveys



Dr. Ron Jarmin  
Performing the Non-Exclusive Functions and Duties of the Director  
U.S. Census Bureau  
United States Department of Commerce  
Washington, D.C. 20233-0001

March 15, 2018

Dear Dr. Jarmin:

I write as one member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, and not on behalf of the Commission as a whole, to urge that the 2020 Census include a citizenship question.

I am aware that the Department of Justice has already requested the inclusion of a citizenship question in the 2020 Census so that it can properly enforce Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.<sup>1</sup> I urge you to include a citizenship question for a similar, but not identical, reason. It is not only important that votes not be diluted on racial grounds. It is also important that all citizens in a state have their votes weighted equally, and that the votes of citizens of different states should also have roughly the same weight. When noncitizens, particularly illegal aliens, are counted as citizens for purposes of apportionment, this goal is undermined. It shifts votes away from states that have a lower percentage of non-citizens to states that have a higher percentage of non-citizens. Within states, it also shifts weight away from voters in districts with small number of non-citizens to districts with large numbers of non-citizens, and makes it easier for candidates to win in the latter districts.<sup>2</sup>

I realize that a citizenship question would not ask if an individual is in the country legally or illegally. However, it would be possible for Congress or a state to apply statistical analysis to determine what percentage of non-citizens within a state are in the country illegally and to use that information to draw legislative districts. Even if the information is imperfect, it is better than no information at all.

I realize that Congress is unlikely to act to exclude illegal aliens from apportionment, particularly because states that have large number of illegal aliens would fiercely fight such a change for fear

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<sup>1</sup> Letter from Arthur E. Gary to Dr. Ron Jarmin, Dec. 12, 2017, <https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/4340651-Text-of-Dec-2017-DOJ-letter-to-Census.html>.

<sup>2</sup> John J. Miller, "One Citizen, One Vote," National Review Online, December 6, 2005, <https://www.nationalreview.com/blog/corner/re-one-citizen-one-vote-john-j-miller/>.

Counting illegal aliens in congressional apportionment creates a set of modern-day rotten boroughs – political districts with representatives who are elected by a pitifully small number of voters. Those who believe illegal aliens should count in apportionment say that they deserve representation, too. The 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment does call for apportionment to be based on “the whole number of persons” in each state. But we don’t count tourists or business travelers who are here legally; why should we count illegal aliens?



they might lose a congressional seat. However, states are free to draw their districts based on the number of citizens present, not the number of individuals, and we should give them the data to do so.<sup>3</sup> As the Supreme Court has said:

Neither in *Reynolds v. Sims* nor in any other decision has this Court suggested that the States are required to include aliens, transients, short-term or temporary residents, or persons denied the vote for conviction of crime in the apportionment base by which their legislators are distributed and against which compliance with the Equal Protection Clause is to be measured. The decision to include or exclude any such group involves choices about the nature of representation with which we have been shown no constitutionally founded reason to interfere. Unless a choice is one the Constitution forbids, cf., e.g., *Carrington v. Rash*, 380 U.S. 89, 85 S.Ct. 775, 13 L.Ed.2d 675, the resulting apportionment base offends no constitutional bar, and compliance with the rule established in *Reynolds v. Sims* is to be measured thereby.<sup>4</sup>

For example, the Nebraska Constitution provides that “The basis of apportionment shall be the population excluding aliens, as shown by the next preceding federal census.”<sup>5</sup> A Nebraska state senator has introduced a bill that would follow this provision of the Nebraska Constitution when redistricting occurs after the next Census. With reliable citizenship information available from the 2020 Census, other states may wish to follow suit. Other states will likely prefer to dilute the votes of their citizens in favor of non-citizens. But states that want to ensure that the votes of eligible voters have roughly the same weight throughout the state should be able to do so.<sup>6</sup>

Vast amounts of money and time have been expended in Section 2 “one person, one vote” litigation over the years in an effort to ensure that the votes weigh roughly the same, regardless of the voter’s race. It is at least as important to ensure that the votes of citizens are not diluted by the presence of non-citizens, particularly non-citizens who are in the country illegally.

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<sup>3</sup> See generally Patrick J. Charles, *Representation Without Documentation?: Unlawfully Present Aliens, Apportionment, the Doctrine of Allegiance, and the Law*, 25 *BYU J. Pub. L.* 35 (2011) (arguing that when the Fourteenth Amendment was adopted, the understanding was “The whole number of persons in each State cannot mean everybody on the soil at the particular time, nor exclude everybody who may happen not to be on it at the same time, and of course should be authoritatively construed by the law-making power.”).

<sup>4</sup> *Burns v. Richardson*, 384 U.S. 73, 92 (1966).

<sup>5</sup> Chris Dunker, “Murante’s proposed redistricting plan would remove non-U.S. citizens from count,” *Lincoln Journal-Star*, Jan. 18, 2018, [http://journalstar.com/legislature/murante-s-proposed-redistricting-plan-would-remove-non-u-s/article\\_98fc3de3-b11c-5c70-b571-bc01a813eb8a.html](http://journalstar.com/legislature/murante-s-proposed-redistricting-plan-would-remove-non-u-s/article_98fc3de3-b11c-5c70-b571-bc01a813eb8a.html).

<sup>6</sup> Charles, *supra* note 3, at 42.

[O]nly through the elective franchise, the right to petition, and the legislative process can state legislatures and municipal governments be made to apportion according to citizenship. However, such encouragement starts with the citizens themselves, for only in response to their voice and opinion will state and municipal governments take action. In exercising this voice, it should be emphasized that not only does apportionment according to citizen interests ensure that every citizen’s voting power is equal, but it serves as a vehicle for petitioning Congress to remedy the Census Bureau’s counting of unlawful aliens for apportionment purposes.



Furthermore, this data would be useful for the citizens of the United States, especially given the now nearly two-decades-long national argument over immigration. How many non-citizens are in the country? How many are in the country compared to when the question was asked on the 2000 Census? What percentage are likely in the country illegally? Does it appear that non-citizens naturalize relatively quickly? All of this information is important for the American people to have. Perhaps it would alleviate concerns that there is such a large illegal immigrant problem that any amnesty is almost unthinkable. Perhaps it would reveal that naturalization is not proceeding as quickly as we would like, and that there might be something that can be done to speed the process. There would likely be interesting surprises in the data for everyone. But without the data, we cannot address any of this.

Lastly, if the citizenship data is collected, and if more states use it in redistricting, it would send a salutary message to our elected representatives: You are elected to represent American citizens. It appears some of our elected representatives forget this from time to time. It is also in the interests of certain organizations to blur the distinction between citizens and non-citizens. But it is a very important distinction, and one we should maintain, in part to encourage those who live among us but have not yet become part of our polity through naturalization to do so.  
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Kirsanow".

Peter Kirsanow  
Commissioner



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
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U.S. Census Bureau  
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March 20, 2018

The Honorable Peter Kirsanow  
Commissioner  
United State Commission on Civil Rights  
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Dear Commissioner Kirsanow:

Thank you for your recent inquiry regarding the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) request to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census questionnaire. We appreciate your taking the time to make me aware of your position on this important matter.

The U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) is conducting an orderly review of the DOJ's request. The DOC is required by law to submit the proposed final list of questions to Congress by March 31, 2018, which is two years prior to Census Day, April 1, 2020.

Let me underscore my commitment to conduct a complete and accurate 2020 Census. A high-quality 2020 Census that counts each person, in the place where he or she lives, is my highest priority.

We will keep you apprised of any developments regarding the citizenship question. If you have any additional questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please contact our Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs at 301-763-6100.

Sincerely,

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Ron S. Jarmin  
Performing the Non-Exclusive Functions  
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Dr. Steven Murdock (Former Census Bureau Director, 2008-2009)

On March 15, 2018, Secretary Ross and his staff spoke to Dr. Steve Murdock, a former Census Bureau Director from 2008-2009. Dr. Murdock stated that he opposed the reinstatement of a citizenship question on the 2020 Decennial Census, noting that he did not believe that asking the question would make the census more accurate. Dr. Murdock stated that based on anecdotal information he received in connection with his research in the state of Texas, a large group of unidentified residents would go underground if the Decennial Census includes a citizenship question. Dr. Murdock noted that the Decennial Census was “key” because it decides how representatives are apportioned. To do so, a completed and accurate count is required. Dr. Murdock then stated that samples, such as those collected through the American Community Survey, are generally accurate. Because the census is not just a sample and because all residents receive it, it is harder to obtain accurate data than it is to obtain accurate data through surveys. Dr. Murdock cited to an undercount in Houston that resulted from a lack of willingness to respond to the Decennial Census. Dr. Murdock repeated his belief that the fact that everyone is required to respond to the Decennial questionnaire necessarily decreases the accuracy of the responsive data. Dr. Murdock further stated that longer questionnaires generally elicited lower rates of response, but that he was not sure there was a “breaking point” at which response rates were certain to trail off. Dr. Murdock noted that length and content of questions and questionnaires all impact response rates – the longer they are, the lower the response rates. Dr. Murdock stated that a long Decennial Census questionnaire would increase the likelihood of an inaccurate count and a less representative congress. It could also negatively impact redistricting and the federal and state programs that use census data.

Dr. Murdock noted that the census was “not a secret” and that if there is a negative response to the reinstatement of a citizenship question, it would not take long for that sentiment to ripple through the community. Dr. Murdock noted that the Hispanic community in particular would be concerned. Dr. Murdock acknowledged that there was no clear data to support this sentiment, but that he was nevertheless concerned about the potential reinstatement of the citizenship question.

- Lower response rate
- Accurate data
- Government mistrust
- ACS and other surveys more accurate
- Fairer redistricting

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March 19, 2018

The Honorable Wilbur L. Ross  
Secretary of Commerce  
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Dear Secretary Ross:

On behalf of the Latino Community Foundation (LCF), we strongly urge you to reject the inclusion of a citizenship question to the 2020 Census. Ensuring a fair and accurate count for California's Latino community is of utmost importance to LCF, and this ill-timed, ill-advised addition will threaten that count for the state's largest ethnic group.

LCF is the premier statewide foundation focused on unleashing the power of Latinos in California. We fulfill our mission by building a movement of civically engaged philanthropic leaders, investing in Latino-led organizations, and increasing political participation of Latinos.

To accelerate impact for the Latino families we serve, it is imperative that we are also leveraging public dollars available to realize our mission. This is especially important as over five million Latinos in the state live in hard-to-count communities, due in part to immigration status. As the Latino population in California continues to grow, greater federal dollars are required to support this growth.

Including a citizenship question to the census will add to an extensive list of concerns that can and will suppress Latino participation. Increased immigration enforcement, anti-immigrant rhetoric in our political discourse, and privacy concerns have already meshed together to create a climate of fear and aversion of the federal government. In fact, a recent poll commissioned by LCF showed that over 50% of California's Latinos believe that their responses to the census might be shared with immigration authorities.

The U.S. Census is a cornerstone of our democracy. It is responsible for distributing \$76 billion in federal funds to California and the method in which we ensure our political representation. A fair and accurate count is necessary for California's Latino community to assert their rightful claim to resources and political voice. We ask that you not include the citizenship question and maintain the integrity of this important civic duty for all people, regardless of immigration status.

Should you have any further questions, please contact Christian Arana, LCF Policy Director, at [carana@latinocf.org](mailto:carana@latinocf.org).

Respectfully,

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Chief Executive Officer

Christian Arana  
Policy Director

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**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 20, 2018

The Honorable Wilbur L. Ross, Jr.  
Secretary  
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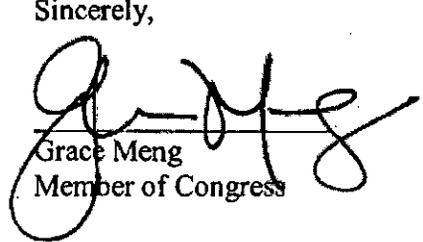
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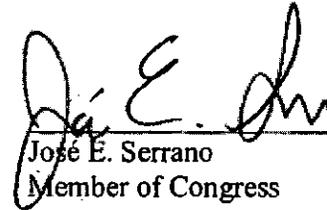
We urge you to reject any attempt to include a question regarding U.S. citizenship in the 2020 Decennial Census. Including such a question will lead to an increase in inaccurate responses and will depress response rates. As representatives of New York City, we rely on accurate census data, and an inaccurate decennial census count will have a devastating impact on our ability to serve our constituents and ensure that they receive the resources they need.

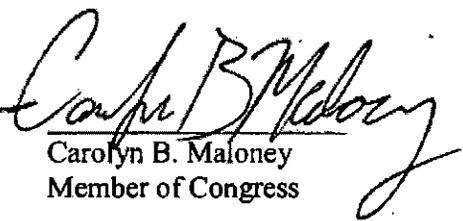
The City of New York estimates that approximately 2.6 percent of its residents, or 225,000 people, were not counted in the 2010 Decennial Census. Administering the decennial census is already a challenge in New York City, which has a high percentage of communities that are deemed "hard-to-count" by the Census Bureau: persons who do not speak English fluently, lower income persons, homeless persons, undocumented immigrants, young mobile persons, children, etc. Recent qualitative data released by the Census Bureau shows that survey respondents expressed "unprecedented" levels of concern with the confidentiality of their data and who has access to their responses regarding immigration. These concerns caused respondents to provide incorrect or incomplete information in an effort to protect themselves and their families. Adding a question about citizenship or immigration status to the 2020 Decennial Census will only exacerbate these existing challenges.

An undercount in the 2020 Decennial Census will have a devastating, decade-long impact on New York State and New York City. Data from the decennial census is used to allocate approximately \$700 billion dollars to states and municipalities each fiscal year, and inaccuracies and depressed response rates in survey responses could easily lead to the misallocation of billions of dollars each fiscal year. It is our sincere hope that you will reject any attempt to add a question on citizenship to the 2020 Decennial Census. Doing so will result in depressed and inaccurate response rates, which could have a real and direct impact on the resources that New York City residents receive from the federal government over the next decade. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

  
Grace Meng  
Member of Congress

  
José E. Serrano  
Member of Congress

  
Carolyn B. Maloney  
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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

March 23, 2018

The Honorable Grace Meng  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Meng:

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Wilbur Ross



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March 23, 2018

The Honorable Jose Serrano  
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The Honorable Carolyn Maloney  
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March 21, 2018

The Honorable Wilbur L. Ross  
Secretary of Commerce  
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Dear Mr. Secretary,

We are leaders of some of our nation's largest and oldest nonpartisan philanthropic institutions giving hundreds of millions of dollars each year to advance the common good and improve quality of life in the United States. We have different funding priorities, are ideologically diverse, and do not always agree with each other. However, we have come together to support the Census Bureau's efforts to achieve a fair and accurate census.

We share a commitment to reliable and accurate data as a necessary foundation for a well-functioning government, robust civil society, and thriving business sector in the United States. With these shared interests in mind, we write to raise our profound concerns about adding a new question regarding citizenship status to the 2020 Census questionnaire. Adding such a question would undermine the accuracy of 2020 Census data.

Despite the Census Bureau's best efforts, recent decennial censuses have resulted in net undercounts of many communities, with consequences for drawing political boundaries, disbursing roughly \$700 billion in federal funds annually, and facilitating business and economic development. Adding a citizenship question without sufficient testing further jeopardizes the quality of the upcoming census. What the Bureau learned when researching respondent confidentiality concerns is troubling enough to warrant substantial testing of such a question. A September 20, 2017 Census Bureau memo from the Center for Survey Management noted that "fears, particularly among immigrant respondents, have increased markedly this year." That memo further stated, "These findings are particularly troubling given that they impact hard-to-count populations disproportionately, and have implications for data quality and nonresponse." Similarly, previous Census Bureau directors have noted that adding a citizenship question without necessary testing endangers the quality of all census data, because it could discourage census participation among the tens of millions of households with non-citizen members as well as have unknown impacts on other populations.

The 2020 Census is so near that the once-a-decade end-to-end test arguably represents the last reasonable chance to have tested a substantial revision to the questionnaire. That test is well underway in Providence, Rhode Island without the citizenship question being asked. Other tests, including of non-traditional addresses and languages other than English, were previously canceled due to funding limitations and uncertainty. Long-time census experts and observers are unified in their belief that the decennial census has been and continues to be underfunded. As a result, it does not seem possible that the Census Bureau could conduct a high-quality test to learn how and to what extent a new citizenship question could undermine the quality of 2020 Census data.

Our institutions have appreciated a strong working relationship with Census Bureau staff, in some cases stretching back decades. We have previously supported and are again supporting research, education, outreach, and other efforts to help the Bureau fulfill its goal of counting

everyone once, only once, and in the right place. Adding a citizenship question at this late date seriously threatens any chance of achieving that goal.

As it is, the Census Bureau faces daunting challenges to fulfill its constitutional obligation to produce an accurate decennial census in 2020. Funding shortfalls, the need to develop new and unprecedented data and information infrastructure, and the lack of a Senate-confirmed director for this first high-tech census already raise worries about the Bureau's ability to produce a reliable and accurate count. Now is not the time to add a new, untested citizenship question.

We would be pleased to meet with you should you like more information about our philanthropic efforts to support an accurate census or discuss the citizenship question. We thank you for your consideration of these concerns, and for your leadership on the census.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Gary Bass <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 21, 2018 7:34 PM  
**To:** Walsh, Michael (Federal)  
**Subject:** Citizenship Question on the 2020 Census

Dear Mr. Walsh,

I chair a collaborative of foundations and other grantmakers that have been working with the Census Bureau to support a fair and accurate census. Our primary focus aligns with the Census Bureau's: to ensure that everyone is counted, only once, and in the right place. Doing so will reduce differential undercounts and produce a high quality and reliable census.

The attached letter to Secretary Ross from nearly 120 foundations from across the country urges the Secretary to oppose adding a question on citizenship to the 2020 census.

The letter represents local community foundations and large global foundations, that together contribute billions of dollars every year to support research, innovation, service delivery, advocacy and infrastructure in fields as diverse as education, the arts, technology, healthcare and human needs. But all agree that an accurate census is critical to the issues they care about, and that adding a citizenship question will undermine its accuracy.

We moved forward with this letter once we saw President Trump's reelection campaign send a fundraising email calling for adding a census question on citizenship. We believe the census should never become a partisan issue. That is why we are not releasing our letter to the press or otherwise promoting it in public.

Foundations rarely like to function in the spotlight. We are not political organizations. In fact, it is quite unusual for foundation leaders to sign a letter like this. That makes it even more compelling that nearly 120 foundations – all with different interests – signed on in such a short period of time. If we had more time, I can assure you that the list of signatories would be even longer.

We will be following the outcome of this issue most closely. Most certainly it will affect our funding decisions going forward.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these concerns with you and Secretary Ross, and we are happy to share with you how we are supporting a fair and accurate census.

Since I do not have Secretary Ross's email address, I would appreciate it if you would share the attached letter with him. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director  
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2040 S St., N.W.  
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The Honorable Wilbur Ross  
 Secretary, United States Department of Commerce  
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VIA EMAIL

Dear Secretary Ross:

As the leader of Minnesota's largest regional Chamber of Commerce, I am deeply concerned about the Department of Justice's request that the Census Bureau include an untested question about citizenship in the 2020 Census questionnaire.

As you know, businesses rely on accurate, complete census data to analyze demographic and economic trends required for business strategy. Businesses use census data to determine where to locate stores and facilities, find qualified workers, and market products and services.

Adding a new question this late in the decennial Census process could reduce the accuracy of the 2020 Census. In addition, adding a new question would incur more delays and costs, and waste taxpayer dollars that have already been spent on designing and planning the 2020 Census.

We respectfully request that the Census Bureau refrain from adding any untested questions -- on citizenship or otherwise -- that could undermine the integrity of this critical data collection tool. We appreciate your leadership on this matter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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**Re: Native American Concerns About Adding A Citizenship Question To The 2020 Census**

Dear Secretary Ross:

We recently testified before the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs at its Oversight Hearing held on February 14, 2018 on "Making Indian Country Count: Native Americans and the 2020 Census." We write to you today to share our concerns about the potential addition of a citizenship question to the 2020 decennial census form at this late date.

As we noted in our testimony, the failure to fully enumerate the American Indian and Alaska Native population could result in devastating consequences, including reductions in access to critical government services and resources. The Census Bureau's work impacts tribes in many ways. It promotes our fair and equal participation in American democracy through a count to meet one person, one vote requirements. It provides data essential for research and planning purposes, which facilitates enforcement of federal non-discrimination laws. Census data is used to determine funding levels for federal programs that are vital to Native communities, including housing, healthcare and education.

Unfortunately, Native communities have been undercounted for decades. The Census Bureau estimates that in the most recent census, nearly five percent of Native people on reservations were missed, more than double the undercount rate of the next closest population group. In the 1990 Census, the net undercount for American Indians on reservations was more than 12 percent.

Historical distrust of the federal government often deters responses. One third of all Native Americans, 1.7 million people live in hard-to-count census tracts, including geographically isolated rural areas. Native Americans had the lowest census mail response rate in the 2015 National Content Test. The low response rate was exacerbated by the lack of traditional mailing addresses, a highly mobile population on tribal lands, and homelessness. Additional factors that contribute to Native people being hard-to-count are similar to those of other groups that experience undercounts, such as a very young population, poverty, low educational attainment, lack of telephone access, unemployment and linguistic isolation. In 2015, 38 percent of Native individuals on reservations were living in poverty, compared to 13 percent of the U.S. population. Over one quarter of all Native Americans are under 18 years of age, with a third of those below the poverty line. Young children are also undercounted at high rates, which is concerning because Native people living on tribal lands have a median age nine years lower than the national average. Language barriers and illiteracy are pervasive, especially among thousands of tribal elders in Alaska, Arizona and New Mexico.

The credibility of the Census Bureau is critical for public trust in the integrity of the 2020 Census, particularly among American Indians and Alaska Natives. Research on barriers and attitudes about the Census shows that Native people had the lowest intent to respond in the 2010 Census. Native people also did not believe responding would lead to any positive result in their community. Finding trusted messengers to address concerns among American Indians and Alaska Natives about the use and purpose of the census is vital to a successful 2020 count.

Considering these existing difficulties, the addition of a citizenship question to the 2020 census form, especially this close to 2020 Census, would jeopardize the responses of hard-to-count communities, including those in Indian Country. We are informed that immigrants and minority groups are currently fearful for the security and safety of their families posed by the possibility of including a question on citizenship, which could have a very negative impact on the accuracy of the 2020 Census count (as highlighted by the Census Bureau at the Fall 2017 meeting of its National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic and Other Population).

We believe that a citizenship question would have a similar negative impact in Indian Country, resulting in an undercount of American Indians and Alaska Natives in 2020 that surpasses their high undercount in 2010. Because of the lengthy and complicated history of discrimination against indigenous peoples in this country, American Indians and Alaska Natives share a strong distrust of non-tribal governments. In a recent four-state study in Indian Country of attitudes towards non-tribal governments, the level of trust in the federal government ranged from a low of just five percent in South Dakota to a high of only 28 percent in Nevada. Native Americans continue to have much more trust in their own tribal governments than they do in any non-tribal governments. The inclusion of a citizenship question will add another layer to that distrust, making it more difficult to convince hard-to-count American Indians and Alaska Natives to participate in the census.

We all share the goal of ensuring a fair and accurate census. However, we fear the addition of a citizenship question would put the accuracy and fairness of the census in jeopardy. As you noted during the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform's October 12, 2017 hearing on the 2020 Census, requiring a new topic this late in the preparations for the census is irresponsible because robust testing for new questions in a contemporary, census-like environment is essential. Former Census Bureau Directors Robert Groves and Steven Murdock, directors who served under a Democratic and Republican Administration respectively, agree with your testimony, noting that "the scientific components of the census should not be undermined by the last-minute addition of untested questions (as is currently proposed by the U.S. Department of Justice)" in their recent joint editorial, "Science matters for the census" (<http://science.sciencemag.org/content/359/6378/847>). For all these reasons, we urge you to reject adding a citizenship question to the 2020 decennial form.

Sincerely,



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**From:** Guido, John (Federal)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 21, 2018 1:27 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: Letter Opposing Addition of Citizenship Question to 2020 Census  
**Attachments:** Citizenship Question Letter to Ross from Indian Affairs Witnesses-FINAL.PDF

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**From:** Tucker, James T.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 21, 2018 1:26:19 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)  
**To:** Ross, Wilbur (Federal)  
**Cc:** Kelley, Karen (Federal); Burgess, Michael (Federal); Guido, John (Federal); Walsh, Michael (Federal)  
**Subject:** Letter Opposing Addition of Citizenship Question to 2020 Census

Dear Secretary Ross:

Attached please find a letter from representatives of Alaska Native and American Indian organizations who recently testified before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs at its Oversight Hearing entitled "Making Indian Country Count: Native Americans and the 2020 Census." As explained in the letter, we respectfully urge you to reject the addition of a citizenship question to the 2020 Census form at this late date.

Please feel free to have your staff contact me if they have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

March 23, 2018

Ms. Carol Gore  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
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Dear Ms. Gore:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Department of Justice's request to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census questionnaire. I appreciate your taking the time to make me aware of your position on this important matter.

The Department of Commerce is conducting an orderly review of the Department of Justice's request. The Department is required by law to submit the proposed final list of questions to Congress by March 31, 2018, which is two years prior to Census Day, April 1, 2020.

Let me underscore my commitment to conduct a complete and accurate 2020 Census. A high-quality 2020 Census that counts each person, in the place where he or she lives, is my highest priority. As you know, I have conducted a rigorous review and produced a new 2020 Census lifecycle cost estimate, and I have put into place the people, processes, and programs necessary to ensure strong governance and oversight of the 2020 Census.

If you have any additional questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Michael Platt, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at [mplatt@doc.gov](mailto:mplatt@doc.gov) or (202) 482-3663.

Sincerely,

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
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March 23, 2018

Mr. James T. Tucker  
Pro Bono Voting Rights Counsel  
Native American Rights Fund  
1506 Broadway  
Boulder, CO 80302-6296

Dear Mr. Tucker:

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March 23, 2018

Mr. Jefferson Keel  
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National Congress of American Indians  
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Dear Mr. Keel:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Department of Justice's request to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census questionnaire. I appreciate your taking the time to make me aware of your position on this important matter.

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The Honorable Wilbur L. Ross, Jr.  
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Dear Secretary Ross:

I urge you to reject any attempt to include a question regarding U.S citizenship in the 2020 Decennial Census. Including such a question will lead to an increase in inaccurate responses and will depress response rates. As a state representative of New York City, I rely on accurate census data, and an inaccurate decennial census count will have a devastating impact on my ability to serve my constituents and ensure that they receive the resources they need.

The City of New York estimates that approximately 2.6 percent of its residents, or 225,000 people, were not counted in the 2010 Decennial Census. Administering the decennial census is already a challenge in New York City, which has a high percentage of communities that are deemed as "hard-to-count" by the Census Bureau: persons who do not speak English fluently, lower income persons, homeless persons, undocumented immigrants, young mobile people, children, etc. Recent qualitative data released by the Census Bureau shows that survey respondents have expressed "unprecedented" levels of concern with the confidentiality of their data and who has access to their responses regarding immigration. These concerns caused respondents to provide incorrect or incomplete information in an effort to protect themselves and their families. Adding a question about citizenship or immigration status to the 2020 Decennial Census will only exacerbate these existing challenges.

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Sincerely,

Dan Quart  
Member of the New York State Assembly

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Sincerely,

Helene E. Weinstein, Chair  
NYS Assembly Ways & Means Committee

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KIMBERLY JEAN-PIERRE  
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March 21, 2018

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Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Jean-Pierre  
Assemblywoman  
11<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

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March 22, 2018

The Honorable Secretary Wilbur Ross  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Ross:

We the undersigned legal organizations write to urge you to reject the Department of Justice's request that you add a mandatory question to the 2020 Census asking all persons to divulge their citizenship status. A new, untested citizenship question would be an end-run around the Constitution's text, history, and values. It cannot be squared with the federal government's constitutional obligation to ensure a national count of all persons—regardless of where they are from or their immigration status.

Our Constitution establishes a democracy premised on the idea that all persons deserve equal representation in our government. To ensure a proper count of the nation's population and a proper apportionment of representatives, the Constitution explicitly requires an "actual Enumeration" of the people, imposing on the federal government the duty to count the "whole number of persons in each State."<sup>1</sup> This critical constitutional language imposes a clear duty on the federal government: it must count *all* people living in the United States, whether they are citizens or non-citizens, whether they were born in the United States or in a distant part of the world. As the Constitution's text and history dictate, the Constitution requires the federal government to count "the whole body of the people" without exception.<sup>2</sup> It draws no distinction between citizens and non-citizens, but rather requires that the "whole immigrant population should be numbered with the people and counted as part of them."<sup>3</sup>

Adding the new citizenship question proposed by the Department of Justice would undermine the Census Bureau's constitutional commitment to count all persons. It would also result in inaccurate data, thereby biasing congressional apportionment, redistricting, and funding decisions, for an entire decade, and producing harmful inequalities which would last even longer. Overwhelming evidence shows that this new question, if it becomes a part of the 2020 Census, will deter participation by immigrants across the country, who do not want an official record of their immigration status and fear that their responses will be used by the government to harm them and their families. The Census Bureau's own data demonstrates "an unprecedented groundswell in confidentiality and data sharing concerns, particularly among immigrants or those who live with immigrants."<sup>4</sup> In the run up to the 2020 Census, "researchers heard respondents express new

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Const. art. I, § 2, cl. 3; amend. XIV, § 2.

<sup>2</sup> Cong. Globe, 39th Cong., 1st Sess. 385 (1866).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 432.

<sup>4</sup> Mikelyn Meyers, U.S. Census Bureau, *Respondent Confidentiality Concerns and Possible Effects on Response Rates and Data Quality for the 2020 Census* 15 (Nov. 2, 2017), <https://www2.census.gov/cac/nac/meetings/2017-11/Meyers-NAC-Confidentiality-Presentation.pdf>.

concerns about topics like the ‘Muslim Ban,’ discomfort ‘registering’ other household members by reporting their demographic characteristics, the dissolution of the ‘DACA’ . . . program, [and] repeated references to Immigration and Customs Enforcement.”<sup>5</sup> Adding a citizenship question to the 2020 Census—given the overwhelming evidence that it will chill participation and produce inaccurate responses—would break faith with the Constitution’s mandate for a head count of the entire nation.

Although the Department of Justice urges the addition of a citizenship question to the 2020 Census, it offers no reason to doubt what the latest Census Bureau data shows: asking all persons to divulge their citizenship status will chill participation by noncitizens and citizens alike and produce inaccurate data. Instead, the DOJ maintains that a new citizenship question will ensure better enforcement of the Voting Rights Act. This is false. Since the passage of the Voting Rights Act in 1965, the Census has never asked all persons to report their citizenship. In other words, a mandatory question on citizenship has never been necessary to ensure robust protection of the right to vote. That is just as true now as it was in 1965 when the Voting Rights Act was passed.

The Justice Department’s effort to game the Census and manipulate the national head count our Framers wrote into the Constitution should be rejected. Failing to count *all* persons in the United States, as the Constitution mandates, would deal a huge blow to our democracy. The stakes are high, and there are no do-overs permitted—we must get it right, and get it right now.

Sincerely,

Asian Americans Advancing Justice--AAJC  
Campaign Legal Center  
Constitutional Accountability Center  
Democracy Forward  
Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law  
NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc.  
United To Protect Democracy  
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cc: Donald F. McGahn, White House Counsel  
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Hon. Ron Johnson, Chairman, Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee  
Hon. Claire McCaskill Ranking Member, Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee  
Hon. Trey Gowdy Chairman, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform  
Hon. Elijah Cummings Ranking Member, House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

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<sup>5</sup> Memorandum from Ctr. for Survey Measurement to the Assoc. Directorate for Research & Methodology, Re: Respondent Confidentiality Concerns 1 (Sept. 20, 2017), <https://www2.census.gov/cac/nac/meetings/2017-11/Memo-Regarding-Respondent-Confidentiality-Concerns.pdf>.

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March 22, 2018

The Honorable Wilbur Ross  
Secretary of Commerce  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave  
NW Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Ross,

On behalf of the Ames City Council, we are asking you to reject the Department of Justice's (DOJ) request to add a new and untested citizenship question to the 2020 Census. As the home of Iowa State University, Ames hosts a large population of international students and their families. We know from previous census campaigns, that adding an untested question on citizenship would make our already difficult task of providing an accurate count far more challenging.

Our focus on including ALL students in the census is already a huge obstacle for Ames, and Iowa State University enrollment has undergone significant increases this past decade. Students from the Midwest often feel compelled to list their hometowns even though the Census Bureau has definitively stated each person must be counted in the city where he or she resides more than half the year. International students are extremely hesitant to fill out a census form despite the fact many of them will be living in our community for many years. Our bachelor's and graduate degree programs can keep an international student in Ames for five years or more. Most of our international students are not citizens, but they need to be counted as part of our population.

While our international students tend to be fluent English speakers, they may bring spouses and family who are not. Language barriers can be compounded when questions of citizenship are introduced on forms. In Ames, our second most common language is Chinese. We appreciate that the Census Bureau provides forms in many languages, but we don't have enough fluent speakers to help every international student understand that all people need to fill out a census form.

We believe the addition of an untested question on citizenship this late in the process would have a negative effect on participation and would drastically reduce the likelihood of an accurate count in our community. Ames is a city that has grown tremendously this past decade and our university enrollment increases is one of the driving factors. Please reject a census question on citizenship.

Sincerely,

John A. Haila, Mayor  
Ames, Iowa

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March 22, 2018

The Honorable Wilbur L. Ross Jr.  
Secretary  
United States Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Secretary Ross:

**Re: 2020 Decennial Census**

I write to urge you to reject inclusion of a question regarding United States citizenship in the 2020 Decennial Census. I believe including such a question would ultimately be harmful to the aim of gathering the most accurate, reliable information possible – as you know, crucial for the 2020 Census and crucial for the government agencies and institutions that rely on Census data to make decisions. The follow-on consequences of inaccurate Census data would be felt by the over 300,000 Brooklynites I represent and millions more across our nation.

We already face a significant challenge in successfully obtaining the most accurate census data possible in 2020. The City of New York estimates that approximately 2.6% of residents, approximately 225,000 people, were not counted in the 2010 Decennial Census. Significant numbers of New York City populations are deemed “hard-to-count” by the Census Bureau. Reasons for this designation include: not speaking English fluently, low-income households, homeless populations, undocumented immigrants, young mobile people, etc. Qualitative data released by the Census Bureau finds an “unprecedented” level of concern with the confidentiality of data. Such concerns can cause respondents to provide inaccurate or incomplete information.

I join my colleagues in government who voice grave concerns that adding a question about citizenship or immigration status to the 2020 Decennial Census exacerbates the existing challenges and is thus seriously ill-advised.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (718) 284-4700.

Sincerely,

Jesse E. Hamilton  
New York State Senator  
20<sup>th</sup> District

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March 22, 2018

The Honorable Wilbur Ross  
Secretary, United States Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Ross:

As American business leaders, we write to express our deep concern about the Department of Justice's request that the Census Bureau include an untested question about citizenship in the 2020 Census questionnaire.

The decennial Census provides critical data that informs decision-making in both the private and public sectors. As you know, businesses rely on accurate, complete census data to analyze demographic and economic trends required for business strategy. Businesses use census data to determine where to locate stores and facilities, find qualified workers, and market products and services.

Adding a new question this late in the decennial Census process could reduce the accuracy of the 2020 Census. We know from the science of survey design that adding questions to an established questionnaire essentially creates a new questionnaire that needs to be validated. Every question and the order of questions affect how respondents answer the other questions. When a change is made to a standardized questionnaire that has already been tested, the reliability and validity of the questionnaire are potentially affected, requiring the survey to be re-tested.

Adding a new question would incur additional delays and costs, and waste taxpayer dollars that have already been spent on designing and planning the 2020 Census. The Census Bureau has completed its multi-year, multi-million-dollar research and testing phase for the 2020 Census, and its end-to-end test in Rhode Island is underway. And the schedule is already tight. Instead of spending more money and time on altering the questionnaire, additional taxpayer dollars would be better directed to addressing ongoing challenges around deploying mobile technology that will yield a more accurate Census.

We appreciate your leadership and are pleased that the Census Bureau is utilizing your business acumen to execute the nation's most comprehensive population count. We respectfully request that the Census Bureau refrain from adding any untested questions -- on citizenship or otherwise -- that could undermine the integrity of this critical data collection tool.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**Karen Blanco**  
Co-Founder & Director  
*Ejecutiva Magazine*

**Roy Bostock**  
Vice-Chairman (retired),  
*Delta AirLines*; Chairman  
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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

March 23, 2018

Ms. Jill Boxler  
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Ready Nation, Council for a Strong America  
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Washington, DC 20005

Dear Ms. Boxler:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Department of Justice's request to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census questionnaire. I appreciate your taking the time to make me aware of your position on this important matter.

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If you have any additional questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please have a member of your staff contact Michael Platt, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at [mplatt@doc.gov](mailto:mplatt@doc.gov) or (202) 482-3663.

Sincerely,

Wilbur Ross

**As part of his decision-making process, Secretary Ross spoke to a number of different stakeholders about the Department of Justice’s request to reinstate the citizenship question on the 2020 Decennial. These notes attempt to memorialize those conversations. These are not verbatim transcripts and each summary reflects the recollections of attendees from the Department of Commerce. Every effort has been made to ensure these notes are an accurate reflection of Secretary Ross’s conversations with stakeholders.**

Congressman Elijah Cummings (D. MD)

On March 23, 2018, Secretary Ross and his staff spoke with Congressman Elijah Cummings. Congressman Cummings stated that he is vehemently against adding a citizenship question to the 2020 Decennial Census. He noted that in his district—the inner city of Baltimore—a number of people are already skeptical of the federal government and adding a citizenship question would chill response rates because of concerns about confidentiality. Congressman Cummings stated that this chilling effect would be significant because the census is asking something that it has never done before. He further stated that this (presumably using data from the Decennial Census to enforce the VRA) is not the way DOJ does it. Congressman Cummings noted that the inclusion of a citizenship question would cost the government more money because people would be hesitant to get involved because they will not want to give their information to the government. Congressman Cummings noted that even in his inner-city district in Baltimore, lots of people in his neighborhood do not want to get involved. He reiterated that it is hard for people to give the government their personal information at this time, and this exacerbates the problem. Congressman Cummings further noted that it’s getting late in the process and the Secretary probably has a lot on his plate. When asked about issues unique to his district, Congressman Cummings noted that 10% of his district was Hispanic or other immigrant populations and that they are concerned like they have never been before. Congressman Cummings noted that the president’s policies have scared people in his district and the government has become the enemy instead of lifting people up. Congressman Cummings stated that when he goes to church, he can’t leave without constituents expressing their concerns about how they are scared to death overall.

Congressman Cummings noted that the administration has the right to carry out its own policies but that doing so has ramifications. Finally, Congressman Cummings noted that African Americans are very skeptical of the Census Bureau generally and less inclined to respond. In response to a question, Congressman Cummings confirmed that this skepticism existed separate from and regardless of the question on citizenship.

- Government mistrust
- Confidentiality concerns
- Question has never been asked before
- Higher costs
- Bad political climate

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Professor Bob Groves, former Director of the Census (2009-2012)

On March 23, 2018, Secretary Ross and his staff spoke with Professor Bob Groves, director of the Census Bureau from 2009 to 2012. Dr. Groves noted that the Commerce Secretary in 2009 was in precisely the same situation that the Secretary is now – attempting to implement changes to the census questionnaire in a justifiable way. Professor Groves stated that there was a scholar from the University of Michigan who worked on VRA issues and who combined estimates from the Decennial Census and the ACS to evaluate the quality of data for enforcement of the VRA. Professor Groves noted that the VRA calls for data on language proficiency but there is not a question about language proficiency on the census. Professor Groves stated that the results were proven out of necessity to their satisfaction and that the Census Bureau developed a set of techniques to provide estimates on citizenship status without adding a citizenship question to the decennial questionnaire.

Professor Groves next discussed the protocol for the development of questions for the census. He stated that making last minute changes to the census without testing is risky, but he conceded that no one has estimates of that risk, so he cannot quantify it. He believes that the argument that making last minutes changes is risky is a valid one. Professor Groves also stated that the Secretary should consider how badly the Census Bureau would be damaged by the addition of a question. Professor Groves noted that adding questions to the decennial questionnaire creates a non-trivial risk, but that again there is no empirical evidence to support this proposition. Professor Groves stated that he believed the top priority when considering whether to add a question to the decennial census questionnaire is whether that question is required by law or necessary to guarantee that the census is properly done. Professor Groves stated that the questions that are legally required are the highest priority. In response to a question, Dr. Groves clarified the types of questions that are legally required. He referenced existing laws that require the dispersal of funds based on census data as well as laws that require certain census data to be implemented. Professor Groves noted that some laws specifically reference the use of census data while others merely imply as much.

Finally, Professor Groves discussed the issue of “speculation” about participation rates. Professor Groves stated that based on his past experience, in the year before the census interest groups will begin raising concerns about the intrusiveness of the Census Bureau into the lives of the public. He stated that interest groups will encourage people to refuse to participate in the census. Professor Groves noted that new immigrant groups are often susceptible to influence by these campaigns, which he claimed occurred regularly in years ending with the number 9. Professor Groves made clear that these campaigns would occur in 2019 regardless of whether or not the 2020 Decennial Census contains a citizenship question. Professor Groves noted that the

Secretary and the Census Bureau would have to find ways to counter such campaigns so that his census is not ruined. Professor Groves stated that he engaged in this exercise to support his Secretary in response to a campaign against participation from Michelle Bachman in 2009. Professor Groves then thanked the Secretary for the time and attention he was giving the issue and lamenting that there is no upside for the Secretary of Commerce during a Decennial Census year. Secretaries are not praised if the census goes well – only criticized when it goes poorly. Professor Groves cautioned that the Secretary could “only lose” with the census and wished him luck.

- ACS data is sufficient
- Testing
- No empirical evidence of risk exists
- Government mistrust
- Interest groups will attempt to decrease participation regardless of content

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Hermann Habermann, former Deputy Director and COO of the Census Bureau (2002-2006)

On March 23, 2018, Secretary Ross and his staff spoke with Hermann Habermann, former Deputy Director and COO of the Census Bureau, former Director of the U.N. Statistical Division, and former Chief Statistician at OMB. Mr. Habermann stated that he was not aware of a controlled study that could quantify the effect on participation rates of asking a citizenship question. Mr. Habermann stated that he believed that asking a citizenship question on the Decennial Census would diminish response rates and degrade the quality of responses, but there is no data to support these beliefs or to quantify the expected response diminution rate. Mr. Habermann stated that he believed the “burden of proof” for getting a question added to the Decennial Census is on the person who proposes it. Specifically, the proposing party should be required to demonstrate how the proposed question would not degrade the census. Mr. Habermann stated that the census is fragile, and that it is particularly fragile now because our country is divided and people are influenced by social media, which can be a powerfully disrupting force. Mr. Habermann continued that social media makes it much easier to galvanize mistrust about the census by questioning its very purpose. Mr. Habermann stated that lower response rates cause the costs of the census to go up and the quality of the data to go down.

Mr. Habermann shared an example from his time at Census Bureau. In 2004, DHS asked the Census Bureau to provide data on the number of Arab Americans by zip code in certain areas of the country. Mr. Habermann noted that this information was already available to the public but DHS could not figure out how to access it. When the Census Bureau provided DHS with the information it requested, there was a political firestorm and the Census Bureau was accused of providing DHS with sensitive information. (Mr. Habermann made clear that the Census Bureau does not give out personally identifiable information and did not do so here, but the result was the same.) Mr. Habermann noted that despite the outcry, the response rate to subsequent census surveys did not change in the communities most impacted by the dissemination of the supposedly sensitive information. Mr. Habermann confirmed that he ascertained this personally, but also cautioned that we are living in a different time now and the political climate is different.

Mr. Habermann stated that he believed that reinstating a citizenship question would cause divisiveness and that the party requesting the addition should have the burden of proof to establish the overriding policy reason for the addition. Mr. Habermann further stated that if the Secretary wants to add the question, the reason must be clear – there must be no public mistrust of the underlying reason, which is not the case here. Mr. Habermann noted that this proposed citizenship question would be particularly fraught because there has not been a clear explanation given as to why this data is necessary. Therefore, it is easy to misconstrue the motives behind the question. Finally, Mr. Habermann noted that if a proposed question would not decrease cost,

serve an important policy objective, or increase data quality, there is no reason to put it on the questionnaire.

- Lower response rate
- Degrade quality of responses
- Burden of proof on proposing party
- Country divided
- Higher costs

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Dr. Kay Cole James, President, Heritage Foundation

On March 23, 2018, Secretary Ross and his staff spoke with Dr. Kay Cole James, President of the Heritage Foundation. Dr. James complimented the Secretary on remarks he made at the Swedish embassy. Dr. James stated that it is vitally important to have accurate data on citizenship status of U.S. residents and that she supports adding a citizenship question to the Decennial Census. Dr. James stated that the Heritage Foundation, as a policy and research institution, uses census data in numerous ways, and Heritage counts on census data to be a reliable source of data. She stated that she considered census data to be the most reliable source of data that Heritage used. Dr. James stated that Heritage policy analysts used census data across the board and that the accuracy of census data is important because it determines the quality of Heritage's work product. Dr. James stated that a citizenship question would allow Heritage and other research organizations to know the full cohort of what researchers are dealing with in terms of citizenship. The data could allow analysts to better understand whether opinions are held by the general public, citizens specifically, or a mix of citizens and non-citizens. More data on citizenship would allow more in-depth research and better breakdowns of data cohorts. In response to a question, Dr. James stated that she had no insight into the commercial uses of census data. Dr. James next stated that citizenship data would be vitally important for research on issues of voting rights. She explained that it was hard to predict how having more accurate citizenship data would specifically impact VRA enforcement, but that Heritage analysts will eventually be able to review the new data, analyze it, and produce more accurate reports. Dr. James next noted that accurate citizenship data could improve research into important immigration issues. She noted that in this area in particular it is critical for researchers to have access to accurate data on citizenship status. In conclusion, Dr. James reiterated that she was extremely supportive of the reinstatement of the citizenship question on the Decennial Census.

- Need accurate citizenship data
- Improved research

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March 23, 2018

Honorable Wilbur L. Ross, Jr.  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
14021 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Secretary Ross:

I write to urge you to reject any attempt to include a question on citizenship status in the 2020 Decennial Census. As a representative of a diverse community in New York that is home to a large population of immigrants, I am deeply concerned that a citizenship question would deter many of my constituents from participating in the census and prevent them from receiving critically needed resources over the next decade.

In the district I represent, approximately 90% of residents currently live in neighborhoods considered "hard-to-count" by the Census Bureau, and only 68.4% of households returned their questionnaires in the 2010 Decennial Census. With heightened fears of immigration enforcement and anxieties over the confidentiality of census data, it will be even more challenging to collect and complete, accurate information. Adding a question about citizenship will exacerbate these issues and depress response rates even further, leading to detrimental consequences for our most vulnerable populations.

It is critical that the 2020 Decennial Census captures accurate data so our communities can be fairly represented and federal funding can be properly allocated. The inclusion of an immigration status question would undermine the validity of census data and hinder efforts to provide vital services to people in need. The long-term effects of an undercount would be devastating for families in my community and throughout New York, and I strongly urge you to reject requests to add a citizenship question that would cause depressed and inaccurate responses. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Aravella Simotas  
New York State Assemblymember  
36th District – Queens

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March 23, 2018

Hon. Wilbur L. Ross, Jr.  
Secretary  
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1401 Constitution Avenue, NW  
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Dear Secretary Ross:

I am asking you to reject any attempt to include any questioning regarding U.S. citizenship in the 2020 Decennial Census. The presence of such a question will lead to an increase in inaccurate responses and will suppress response rates. An inaccurate decennial census count will have a devastating impact on my ability as an elected official to serve my constituents and ensure they received the proper resources.

I represent a number of impacted minority communities that are deemed "hard-to-count" by the Census Bureau: persons who do not speak English fluently, lower income people, undocumented immigrants, children, etc. Recent qualitative data released by the Census Bureau shows that survey respondents expressed "unprecedented" levels of concern with the confidentiality of their data and who has access to their responses regarding immigration. These concerns caused respondents to provide incorrect or incomplete information in an effort to protect themselves and their families. Adding a question about citizenship or immigration status to the 2020 Decennial Census will only exacerbate these existing challenges.

An undercount in the 2020 Decennial Census will have a devastating, decade-long impact on New York State. Data from the decennial census is used to allocate approximately \$700 billion dollars to states and municipalities each fiscal year and inaccuracies and depressed responses could easily lead to a misallocation in the billions.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,  
  
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Dear Secretary Ross,

I urge you to reject any attempt to include any question regarding U.S. citizenship and immigration status in the 2020 Decennial Census. Asking for such information would have a chilling effect on the Census completion rate. The United States Census Bureau states that the goal of the Census is to serve "as the leading source of quality data about the nation's people and economy." Implementing questions about citizenship would undermine this goal.

Many New Yorkers, such as people who are homeless, lack of proficiency with the English language, or fear federal action due to their race, ethnicity, or immigration status are deemed "hard to count" populations for Census collection. These groups will be further deterred from participating in the Census if there are questions regarding citizenship and immigration status. The majority of the people who will be discouraged from participating in the Census, are also those who would benefit greatly from a precise and fair allocation of resources. Individuals and families alike are rightfully concerned with how their data will be used and with whom it will be shared. Low participation in the Census can lead to significantly underfunding from the Federal government for the next decade.

In order for elected officials to best serve our constituents, we need to ensure that we obtain the most accurate information possible while remaining aware of the delicacies that exist in our constituents' lives. Adding additional barriers or causes for lack of participation in the survey will only serve to further undermine funding for services for our most vulnerable populations.

I urge you to allow the Census to be as accessible as possible, and reject questions regarding citizenship or immigration status. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Wilbur L. Ross, Jr.  
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Dear Secretary Ross:

We urge you to reject any attempt to include a question regarding U.S. citizenship in the 2020 Decennial Census. Including such a question will lead to an increase in inaccurate responses and will depress response rates. As representative of New York City, we rely on accurate census data, and an inaccurate decennial census count will have a devastating impact on our ability to serve our constituents and ensure that they receive the resources they need.

The City of New York estimates that approximately 2.6 percent of its residents, or 225,000 people, were not counted in the 2010 Decennial Census. Administering the decennial census is already a challenge in New York City, which has a high percentage of communities that are deemed "hard to count" by the Census Bureau; persons who do not speak English fluently, lower income persons, homeless persons, undocumented immigrants, young mobile persons, children, etc. Recent qualitative data released by the Census Bureau shows that survey respondents expressed "unprecedented" levels of concern with the confidentiality of their data and who has access to their responses regarding immigration. These concerns caused respondents to provide incorrect or incomplete information in an effort to protect themselves and their families. Adding a question about citizenship or immigration status to the 2020 Decennial Census will only exacerbate these existing challenges.

An undercount in the 2020 Decennial Census will have a devastating, decade-long impact on New York State and New York City. Data from the decennial census is used to allocate approximately \$700 billion dollars to states and municipalities each fiscal year, and inaccuracies and depressed response rates in survey responses could easily lead to the misallocation of billions of dollars each fiscal year. It is our sincere hope that you will reject any attempt to add a question on citizenship to the 2020 Decennial Census. Doing so will result in depressed and inaccurate rates, which could have a real and direct impact on the resources that New York City residents receive from the federal government over the next decade. Thank you for the consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Wilbur L. Ross, Jr.  
Secretary  
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Dear Secretary Ross:

I urge you to reject any attempt to include a question regarding U.S. citizenship in the 2020 Decennial Census. Including such a question will discourage people worried about their citizenship status from responding to the census at all. As a member of the New York State Assembly, I am deeply concerned about an inaccurate count and the resulting inaccuracies in the distribution of state and federal resources based on that count.

Naturally, many people are concerned about the confidentiality of their personal information, and this is especially true amongst many of New York City's immigrant populations. These concerns cause respondents to provide incorrect or incomplete information in an effort to protect themselves and their families.

New York City is home to many different groups of people, some of which are inherently hard to count by the Census Bureau's own standards: non-fluent English speakers; people of low income, the homeless; undocumented immigrants; and young, transient professionals. One estimate of the 2010 Census shared with my office by MC Meng, MC Serrano and MC Maloney suggests that 225,000 New Yorkers were not counted that year. That is more people than live in most American cities, and that is a miscount that I want to avoid repeating.

Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,  
  
Joseph R. Lentol

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March 23, 2018

Honorable William Ross  
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Dear Secretary Ross:

I am writing to you regarding the upcoming 2020 Decennial Census and the proposal that would include a question of citizenship on the questionnaire. As an Assemblyman from Brooklyn, New York that represents a majority Asian-American district, it is crucial that we do all we can to ensure an accurate count. I urge you to reject any attempt to include a question regarding U.S. citizenship in the 2020 Decennial Census.

New York City has been chronically undercounted in the past censuses which have had a decade long impact. Since the five-boroughs has many obstacles for getting an accurate count, such as homeless, undocumented, non-English speakers as well as many other challenges that depress turnout. Ensuring that New York residents receive the accurate and appropriate amount of federal government funding should be a top priority.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter and I hope that you will join me and many of my colleagues in government to make sure that we receive the resources we need and an accurate count in the census.

Sincerely,  
  
Peter J. Abbate, Jr.  
Member of Assembly

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PAMELA J. HUNTER  
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March 23, 2018

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Dear Secretary Ross:

I write to urge you to reject any proposal to include questions regarding U.S. citizenship in the 2020 Decennial Census. Any inclusion of such a question will lead to depressed response rates and inaccurate data. As a representative in Central New York, I rely on accurate data to better serve my constituents and determine what resources they need.

As the representative of one of the most impoverished communities in the county, census data will already be challenging to collect in my district. Constituents are already concerned about keeping their data secure and questioning them about citizenship will sew an even greater distrust of the federal government in our country. Immigrants will conceal information to protect their families rendering the data inaccurate, incomplete, and ultimately less useful.

Additionally, if an undercount occurs, New York will suffer a major blow to its funding allocation. This is a disservice to my constituents and the State of New York as a whole. We should not tolerate a decade of misallocated resources because of ill advised questions in the 2020 Decennial Census.

I hope that you see the counterproductive nature of any citizenship question inclusion and reject such proposals. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

*Pamela J. Hunter*  
Assemblywoman Pamela J. Hunter  
128<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

March 23, 2018

The Honorable Wilbur Ross  
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Re: **Protect the Scientific Integrity of the Census**

Dear Secretary Ross,

Since its inception in 1787, the decennial U.S. Census has served as the scientific foundation for population-based representation in our democracy, in addition to providing a wealth of social and economic data that serves the entire country. As we approach the 2020 Census, changes in data collection are being proposed at this late stage that threaten to undermine the scientific integrity of this crucial enterprise.

Last December, the Department of Justice requested that the Census Bureau add a question regarding citizenship in an effort to identify undocumented immigrant populations. This request is ill-conceived for a number of reasons. We have more accurate methods for measuring and studying non-citizenship, for example through anonymous surveys. Imposing a citizenship question would lead to a lower participation rate and substantial undercount of certain geographic regions and demographic populations, undermining the scientific integrity of the entire project.

Preliminary focus groups and interviews with Census field representatives have already shown that greater fears of deportation, threats of a "Muslim ban," and the termination of the DACA program are exacerbating already high non-response rates among historically undercounted populations. The potential for an increased undercount would have far reaching consequences.

In addition to the possible loss of Congressional seats for states, accurate population counts are essential for commerce. Businesses that depend on sales to individual consumers rely on regional information about the age, income, education, family structure, occupations and commuting patterns of people that determine market segmentations. Additionally, behavioral data about the use of household accessories and technology provide the best picture that we have about how Americans live. Without a high participation rate and accurate interviews, the validity of important economic data is threatened.

The accuracy of the Census is also crucial for effective public policy. Not only do we rely on accurate Census data to provide public services like schools, health care centers and highways, demographic information from the Census has played a major role in the protection of our most fundamental freedoms. The accurate classification of specific racial and ethnic populations provides the core evidence that facilitates enforcement of both the Civil Rights Act and the Voting Rights Act.

Recent calls to remove or abruptly transform these questions similarly threaten the scientific integrity of the Census. Traditionally, the Census Bureau has led a continuous effort to refine and improve questions designed to measure evolving constructs such as race. For example, the 2000 Census was the first to provide the option of self-identification in multiple categories, to better reflect the growing

complexity of racial identity. Our hope is that demographers and other scientists at the Bureau will continue to adjust such questions in order to capture meaningful distinctions, but they should be free from political pressure in doing so.

The Census captures the story of who we have been, who we are, and who we are becoming. We urge the Department of Commerce uphold its responsibility to protect the scientific integrity and ensure the accuracy of the population data that results from the 2020 Census.

Sincerely,

Steven Aftergood  
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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Secretary of Commerce**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

March 23, 2018

Ms. Vivian Chang  
Outreach Specialist, Center for Science and Democracy  
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Dear Ms. Chang:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Department of Justice's request to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census questionnaire. I appreciate your taking the time to make me aware of your position on this important matter.

Please assure your colleagues that the Department of Commerce is conducting an orderly review of the Department of Justice's request. The Department is required by law to submit the proposed final list of questions to Congress by March 31, 2018, which is two years prior to Census Day, April 1, 2020.

Let me underscore my commitment to conduct a complete and accurate 2020 Census. A high-quality 2020 Census that counts each person, in the place where he or she lives, is my highest priority. As you know, I have conducted a rigorous review and produced a new 2020 Census lifecycle cost estimate, and I have put into place the people, processes, and programs necessary to ensure strong governance and oversight of the 2020 Census.

If you have any additional questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please have a member of your staff contact Michael Platt, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at [mplatt@doc.gov](mailto:mplatt@doc.gov) or (202) 482-3663.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wilbur Ross".

Wilbur Ross



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March 23, 2018

Mr. Marvin D. Nathan  
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Anti-Defamation League  
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Dear Mr. Nathan:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Department of Justice's request to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census questionnaire. I appreciate your taking the time to make me aware of your position on this important matter.

The Department of Commerce is conducting an orderly review of the Department of Justice's request. The Department is required by law to submit the proposed final list of questions to Congress by March 31, 2018, which is two years prior to Census Day, April 1, 2020.

Let me underscore my commitment to conduct a complete and accurate 2020 Census. A high-quality 2020 Census that counts each person, in the place where he or she lives, is my highest priority. As you know, I have conducted a rigorous review and produced a new 2020 Census lifecycle cost estimate, and I have put into place the people, processes, and programs necessary to ensure strong governance and oversight of the 2020 Census.

We will keep you apprised of any developments regarding the citizenship question. If you have any additional questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Michael Platt, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, at [mplatt@doc.gov](mailto:mplatt@doc.gov) or (202) 482-3663.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wilbur Ross".

Wilbur Ross

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Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D. CA)

On March 23, 2018, Secretary Ross and his staff spoke with House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi. The Secretary and Leader Pelosi briefly discussed trade and the recent 232 actions. Leader Pelosi then stated that she hoped that she and the Secretary could find “common ground” on census issues and the issue surrounding reinstatement of the citizenship question on the Decennial Census. Leader Pelosi stated that she thinks it would be wrong to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Decennial Census because it is not in the public interest and it does not honor the vision of the founders to meet the needs of the people. Leader Pelosi noted that the census was really about reapportionment and to measure needs and opportunities. According to Leader Pelosi, the census is about how many people live in the United States. Determining the citizenship of residents is not part of the intention of the founders. Leader Pelosi stated that the addition of a citizenship question would (1) have a chilling effect; (2) have an impact on federal government programs and benefits; and (3) impact the distribution of votes in Congress.

Leader Pelosi shared that some unease has arisen out of the Trump campaign’s fundraising email that was sent out earlier in the week regarding the citizenship question. She expressed her appreciation that when asked about this email before the House CJS Committee on Tuesday, the Secretary testified that the census is not about politics. Leader Pelosi noted that the citizenship question is about some borderline stuff at best and at worst, it undermines the basis of our democracy, which is to meet the needs of and be fair to the states. Leader Pelosi stated that she appreciated the fact that the Secretary must make a decision by March 31 and that he is reaching out to various sides.

Leader Pelosi noted that she was blessed to be from California, where the beauty is in the mix, and where there are a number of mixed households and a large population of non-citizens or non-U.S. born individuals. She stated her concern that residents of mixed households may be reluctant to even cooperate with the census if the short form decennial contains a citizenship question. Leader Pelosi noted that the mere flirtation with adding a question has a chilling effect on people who are citizens and people who are not citizens. Leader Pelosi noted that the census is used to make judgments about the formula for how opportunities are distributed relative to the population. Leader Pelosi stated that a diminished count (which was not yet established by evidence or facts) would lead to a decrease in resources and opportunity from the federal government.

Leader Pelosi then discussed her time as a student answering questions about the diplomatic policy of the United States in the nineteenth century, all of which were based on geography, particularly those about Lewis and Clark. Leader Pelosi stated that questions of history are often

answered by knowing “who are the people?” She spoke of how Ben Franklin feared that America would become a nation of Germans. Leader Pelosi stated that currently, our country consists of natives and others. Leader Pelosi then asked “Who is America? Who are America?” Regardless, Leader Pelosi explained, there is no constitutional basis to ask a question about citizenship. Leader Pelosi next referenced the fact that many states assessed poll taxes in the past as a matter of course. Leader Pelosi then reiterated her concerns about the citizenship question having a chilling effect and noted that the answers will have an impact on the federal government. According to Leader Pelosi, the will determine the distribution of votes in Congress in the United States and it will show where people live and move and the “rest of that.” Leader Pelosi explained that for a long time, the Sun Belt has drawn people, and states in the Sun Belt received additional congressional seats because the census accurately counted Sun Belt residents. Leader Pelosi noted that in her district, there are a large number of people who were foreign born, and that this is the case throughout California, and that the citizenship question would have a chilling effect on response rate. Leader Pelosi stated that anytime the government seeks to ascertain certain information, particularly at public schools in her district, kids don’t show up because there is a fear. Questions that may seem appropriate lead to questions that are not appropriate, which in turn leads to a chilling effect. Leader Pelosi noted that even in bright red states, governors would be at a disadvantage if they needed resources but did not get them due to an undercount. According to Leader Pelosi, it is wrong to inject a citizenship question even if all of the things she is worried about are not true – she does not think it is in the public interest of the country.

Leader Pelosi noted that she would document this conversation and commented that the Secretary should be happy because the Census Bureau received a lot of money in the recently passed budget bill.

- Does not honor the vision of the founders
- Confidentiality concerns
- Impact federal programs and benefits
- Impact the distribution of votes in Congress
- Lower response rate
- Government mistrust

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Christine Pierce, SVP of Data Science, Nielsen

On March 23, 2018, Secretary Ross and his staff spoke with Christine Pierce, Senior Vice President of Data Science for Nielsen. Ms. Pierce shared that Nielsen uses census data in a lot of important ways, specifically how they recruit and project samples. Ms. Pierce stated that Nielsen needed the census to be accurate and needed the census to be efficient and that the best census is one that produces the highest quality data at the lowest cost. Ms. Pierce stated that her biggest concerns was that the reinstatement of a citizenship question could lead to a lower response rate, and that the mailback rate (or initial response rate) is very important. Costs are lower when people respond the first time. Failure to respond increases costs because Census Bureau needs to deploy enumerators. Ms. Pierce stated that including a question on citizenship could make people less likely to respond, but that there is no data to predict how much lower the response rate might be.

In response to a question, Ms. Pierce stated that the longer a survey is, the less likely people are to respond. She further stated that the more sensitive the question, the more likely people are to be turned off by the question and decline to respond. Ms. Pierce explained that examples of sensitive questions included questions on religion and sexuality. Ms. Pierce stated that Nielsen sometimes chooses to ask sensitive questions even if they believe it will depress response rates. Ms. Pierce stated that Nielsen conducts a cost-benefit analysis to determine whether it is worth asking the question, even if it means having to do more extensive nonresponse follow-up. Ms. Pierce stated that sensitive questions often appeared on longer surveys and that longer surveys generally had lower response rates than shorter ones. Ms. Pierce stated that she was not aware of a short census survey that contained a sensitive question, but that Nielsen has tested some of the ACS questions perceived to be “sensitive” (birthplace and date of arrival in the US) on shorter surveys. Ms. Pierce noted that she and others at Nielsen were concerned about response rates declining due to the presence of the sensitive questions on the short questionnaire, but that Nielsen did not observe lower response rates to the survey. Ms. Pierce noted the importance of testing questions. She also noted that in the only specific situation she was aware of that sensitive questions were tested on a short questionnaire, there was no impact on response rates. Finally, in response to a question, Ms. Pierce stated that Nielsen incentivize participation with low dollar cash reward in the \$1-\$15 range. Ms. Pierce believed that for the survey referenced above, any incentive would have been at the lower end of the range.

- Lower response rate/higher NRFU
- Higher costs
- Testing