

To: Senator Tom Harkin
c/o Dan Goldberg

I am writing you to express my concern that the FY 2013 budget for the Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS) be fully funded. It is important to Iowa since hundreds of millions of dollars are directed to Iowa's state and local governments using ACS data for things like education, veterans benefits, agriculture, economic development, highways and housing. The ACS is also vital as a planning device for Iowa's businesses seeking to pinpoint customers and to locate new local stores and plants.