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The Honorable Jerry Moran
Chairman
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
Science, and Related Agencies
142 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen
Ranking Member
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
Science, and Related Agencies
125 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Moran and Ranking Member Shaheen:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your distinguished leadership. As you begin crafting the Subcommittee's Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Appropriations bill, I would appreciate your robust support to carry out the upcoming Census. This request is made in my capacity as Ranking Member of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

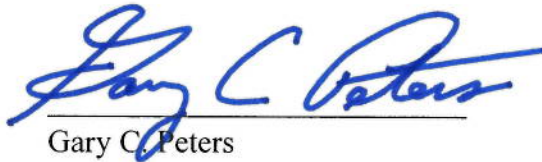
PROGRAMMATIC REQUEST: Funding for 2020 Census

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| Department or Agency: | Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce |
| Account: | Periodic Censuses and Programs |
| President's FY20 Request: | \$5,885,400,000 |
| Enacted FY19 Level: | \$3,551,388,000 |
| Funding requested by Member: | \$8,174,000,000 |

Brief explanation and rationale for the funding: Request \$8,174,000,000 for Periodic Censuses and Programs, to include \$7,581,000,000 for the Decennial Census. This request provides necessary resources to carry out 2020 Census operations. This includes funding for expanded targeted communications, increased program staff, and questionnaire assistance in hard-to-count communities to ensure an accurate enumeration (priorities outlined in the FY19 Appropriations conference report), as well as a 10 percent contingency fund to avoid disruption in census operations (as recommended in the Lifecycle Cost Estimate). The President's request is insufficient for 2020 Census operations: the Census Bureau's Lifecycle Cost Estimate for the 2020 Census estimated necessary FY20 funding at \$7,363,119,000. In addition, the President's request assumes a FY19 carryover (unobligated balance) of \$1,020,000,000.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Benecke on my staff at (202) 224-5443.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary C. Peters". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Gary C. Peters
Ranking Member
Senate Homeland Security and
Governmental Affairs Committee