



May 20, 2019

The Honorable Jose Serrano
Chairman
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Serrano and Ranking Member Aderholt,

On behalf of the hundreds of organizations comprising The Census Project (www.thecensusproject.org), we are writing to express our support for the proposed funding your subcommittee has recommended that the Census Bureau receive in Fiscal Year 2020. Specifically, we are pleased that the draft bill provides the Census Bureau with \$8.45 billion in FY 2020 and allocates \$7.5 billion for the 2020 Census. This funding recommendation largely reflects the [amount](#) stakeholders believe the Census Bureau needs to support the 2020 Census and meets unique challenges facing the nation's first digital census. Further, we urge you to oppose any offsetting amendments, if offered, that would diminish the proposed Census Bureau's funding level or affect proposed bill language.

Thank you for considering our views regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mary Jo Hoeksema'.

Mary Jo Hoeksema
Co-Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Howard Fienberg'.

Howard Fienberg
Co-Director