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## **Census Project Commends Senate Approval of 2020 Census Funding – Full-Year Appropriation Needed ASAP**

WASHINGTON – The Census Project commends the U.S. Senate for overwhelmingly approving FY2020 funding for the U.S. Census Bureau, including for the 2020 Census operations, as part of H.R. 3055, the package of Fiscal Year 2020 domestic spending bills. As census professionals launch the early operations for the country's "largest peace time mobilization," full, certain and assured funding levels are vital to a successful national count.

Legislators must reconcile their small differences as soon as possible and send a final funding bill to the President to sign to ensure there is no disruption to America's decennial census. Too much is at stake to risk anything less than certain funding, including a fair apportionment among the states of seats in the next Congress, the just drawing of state and local legislative districts for the next decade, the equitable distribution of more than \$880\* billion in federal funds each year to states and localities, and informed investment and planning for American businesses.

Census Project co-director Howard Fienberg said, "There is no time left in the 2020 Census schedule for uncertainty. Congress must send final funding to the President, whether as part of a package of final spending bills, or in a new Continuing Resolution."

"Census stakeholders across the nation are launching their own efforts to promote a full, fair, and accurate count. They worry about any risks to a successful 2020 count," added Census Project co-director Mary Jo Hoeksema. "Insufficient, delayed, or uncertain full-year funding for the 2020 Census jeopardizes the agency's ability to meet its constitutional mandate."

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*The Census Project (<https://thecensusproject.org>) is a broad-based coalition of national, state, and local organizations that support an inclusive and accurate 2020 Census and American Community Survey (ACS) (the modern version of the census "long form"). Its 700+ member organizations, representing the private, public, non-profit, and academic sectors, rely on objective data that the Census Bureau produces to inform evidence-based investment, policy and planning decisions.*