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Census Data Experts and Users Urge Appropriators to Support Funding Anomaly Requested by White House

Washington, D.C. – The nation’s largest and most diverse Census stakeholder organization, the Census Project, today led an [effort](#) by a coalition of data users calling on House and Senate Appropriations leaders to support the White House request for an anomaly in funding for the U.S. Census Bureau in the Fiscal Year 2022 funding bills making their way through Congress.

“As you know, on September 7, the White House released a list of federal programs and activities requiring funding above current fiscal year appropriations. The list included a request to support the U.S. Census Bureau’s Periodic Censuses and Programs account ‘with a rate for operations of \$1.1 billion to cover key operations of the 2020 and 2030 Decennial Censuses, the Economic Census and the Data Ingest and Collection for the Enterprise (DICE) program.’ We understand that funds supporting these activities are depleted and must be restored,” wrote the stakeholders in their letter.

Without the anomaly, the White House has publicly stated that these Census Bureau activities will be negatively impacted, threatening the timing and quality of upcoming data releases on the nation’s economy, housing, and people. The Economic Census, which generates data essential to understanding the American economy, is entering peak operations for instance.

Census Project co-director Howard Fienberg stressed that, “...the Census Bureau conducts over 100 surveys a year providing the nation with reliable data on the nation’s health, housing, economy, and demographic characteristics. This anomaly is critical to ensuring the continued delivery of this vital data.”

“We urge the Appropriators to make sure there is a continuous, uninterrupted delivery to the nation of the Bureau’s trusted data, particularly in these challenge times of an economic downturn paired with a pandemic,” said Census Project co-director Mary Jo Hoeksema.

The Census Project (<https://thecensusproject.org>) is a broad-based coalition of national, state, and local organizations and companies that support an inclusive and accurate 2020 Census and American Community Survey (ACS) (the modern version of the census “long form”). Its 900+ member organizations and companies, 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.

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