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Dear Representatives Steil, Quigley, Tiffany, Fitzgerald, Moore, Schakowsky, Grothman, Van Orden, Jackson, Krishnamoorthi, Pocan, and Schneider,

On behalf of the coalition we lead, The Census Project, we are writing to express our concerns regarding Amendment #191, which you submitted to the House Rules Committee for consideration as part of the debate on H.R. 5893, the Fiscal Year 2024 Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS) Appropriations bill. The amendment would reduce funding for the U.S. Census Bureau by \$50 million to support law enforcement activities associated with the presidential nominating conventions.

The Honorable Mike Quigley
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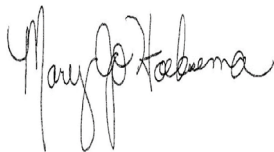
The Census Project is a diverse network of over 800 national, state, and local organizations, representing the private, public, non-profit, and academic sectors that work collaboratively to ensure the Census Bureau receives sufficient funding to support its surveys and operations, especially the decennial census and American Community Survey. For FY 2024, The Census Project [recommended the Census Bureau receive \\$2 billion](#)—a level of funding [endorsed by a wide range of organizations](#), such as the National Association of Counties, ICSC, U.S. Conference of Mayors, Population Association of America, Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, National Association of REALTORS, and Insights Association.

As you may be aware, the House CJS appropriations subcommittee recommended that the Census Bureau receive \$1.354 billion—an amount that is well below the President’s FY 2024 budget request and consistent with the agency’s FY 2022 enacted level. This amount does not enable the Bureau to fully support existing and proposed activities in FY 2024, including finalizing the 2030 Census design and operational plan. Any efforts in the House to further reduce the agency’s overall funding level in FY 2024 will undermine the Bureau’s ability to meet its Constitutional mandate, including preparations for the 2030 Census. It is imperative that the agency receive sound investments now to ensure the future success and cost-efficiency of the 2030 Census.

We appreciate pressing security needs confronting the 2024 presidential nominating conventions. However, this necessary support should not come at the expense of resources essential to the critical operations of the U.S. Census Bureau.

Thank you for considering our views regarding the proposed amendment. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues to support the U.S. Census Bureau and prepare for the 2030 Census.

Sincerely,



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