To the U.S. Census Bureau:

Re: Docket No. 260903-0005, RIN 0607-AA75, Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, Decennial Census of the Population of Americans; Proposed Residence Criteria and Proposed Regulations for Demographic Questions

We, the undersigned 443 organizations, oppose the changes proposed by the U.S. Census Bureau to how the 2030 Decennial Census counts people and collects demographic data.

The U.S. Constitution requires our nation to undertake a census every 10 years to count all people living in the United States. The data collected by the decennial census determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and is used to distribute hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities. Census data is also used by nonprofits, state and local governments, businesses, and others to make critical decisions about how to serve communities, where to invest resources, and how to better address local needs. It is critical that the decennial census provides a fair, accurate, and transparent count and that it meets the requirements set in the Constitution.

The proposed changes, however, do not meet constitutional requirements and, if implemented, would undermine the census's ability to provide a fair and accurate count of the people living in America. The proposal excludes broad categories of people, including international students, H-1B visa holders, undocumented people and others, from the population count used to allocate congressional seats and federal funding. As a result, the proposed regulation would deprive local communities of vital resources used by all residents, shifting resources away from the people and places federal programs are meant to serve. The proposal also undermines public trust in the census itself and trust in how census data is used. Incomplete or contested outcomes threaten public confidence in our democracy. Every community deserves its fair share of resources and political power, and proposals that undermine public trust puts our democracy at risk.

Moreover, the proposed regulation eliminates questions on race, ethnicity, and other demographic information from the census, an unprecedented departure from the census's longstanding practice of collecting this critical information. This change, if implemented, would make it more difficult to identify and address discrimination and disparities. Demographic census data is necessary to enforce civil rights laws, such as the Voting Rights Act and the Fair Housing Act, and to ensure equal opportunity for all

Americans. Without this information, it will be harder for communities to identity and redress longstanding racial, social, and other disparities or to serve underserved communities.

Eliminating demographic data also undermines the ability of nonprofits, businesses, researchers, and policymakers to make informed decisions and to guide economic development and business planning. Nonprofits and businesses use census data to make critical decisions about where and how to invest resources. Policymakers use this data to better understand changing communities and their unique needs. Researchers use census data to minimize statistical bias and to evaluate the effectiveness of programs and policy.

We urge you to reverse course and stop these proposed changes.

Thank you,

National Organizations (51)
American Academy of Family Physicians
American Association for Public Opinion Research
American Educational Research Association
American Library Association
Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy (AAPIP)
Association of Population Centers
Autistic People of Color Fund
Badass Teachers Association
BLKHLTH
Caring Across Generations
Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP)
Center for Science in the Public Interest
Children's Defense Fund
Common Cause
Community Catalyst
Congregation of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd, U.S.
Consilience Group
Data You Can Use
Empowering Pacific Islander Communities (EPIC)
Generations United
Hispanic National Bar Association
Home Grown

Impact Fund
ImpactFull, Inc.
Latino Community Foundation
League of Women Voters of the United States
Mental Health America
National Advocacy Center of the Sisters of the Good Shepherd
National Center for Children in Poverty
National Consumer Law Center
National Council of Gray Panthers Networks
National Council of Nonprofits
National Council on Education in Measurement
National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA)
National Low Income Housing Coalition
National Women's Law Center
Next50
Partnership for Southern Equity
Population Association of America
Presidents' Alliance on Higher Education and Immigration
Prevention Institute
Public Advocacy for Kids (PAK)
Public Health Institute (PHI)
RRF Foundation for Aging
TSNE-Third Sector New England
United Church of Christ
ValorUS
Visually Impaired Preschool Services dba VIPS
Vote Mama Foundation
Welcoming America
Woodstock Institute

State Organizations (383)

Alabama

Alabama Association of Nonprofits

Alaska

Alaska Marine Safety Education Association
Anchorage Reentry Coalition

Aurora Disability Services
Catholic Community Service
Community Connections
Fairbanks Youth Advocates
Southeast Alaska Food Bank
Statewide Independent Living Council of Alaska
The Foraker Group

Arizona
Alexander | Carrillo Consulting
AZ Impact for Good
Carol Lopinski & Associates
Chandler Education Foundation
Hope Lives-Vive la Esperanza
League of Extraordinary Grandparents
New Pathways for Youth
One Small Step
OneTen
Phoenix Legal Action Network
Prevent Child Abuse Arizona
Unlimited Potential*

California
Agricultural Institute of Marin
Association of California Community and Energy Services
California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits)
California Food Banks
California Immigration Project
Californians for SSI Coalition
Canal Alliance
Ceres Community Project
Child Care Law Center
Community Action Marin
Community Resource Project
Dalbert Design
East Bay Housing Organizations
Encompass Community Services

Family Violence Appellate Project
Food Share of Ventura County
FoodAccessLA.org
Fore Women
HealthBegins
Housing Now! CA
Illuminary Perspectives
Legal Aid Association of California
Legal Aid of Sonoma County
Mental Health Association of San Mateo County
Olivewood Gardens & Learning Center
Openhouse
Orange County United Way
Pacific Islander Community Partnership
Para Los Ninos
ParentsCAN
Praxis Health Empowerment
Red Jen Ford Health & Wellness
Sacramento LGBT Community Center
San Diego for Every Child
San Francisco-Marin Food Bank
Santa Barbara Foundation
Sobrato Philanthropies
Start Well FIECMHC
Sustainable Agriculture Education
The Children's Partnership
United Way Monterey County
Western Center on Law and Poverty
Worksafe
YWCA Golden Gate Silicon Valley

Colorado
Business Resources Unified Hub - BRUH
Caring for Colorado Foundation
Colorado Nonprofit Association
Mile High United Way
Mindful Metrics

Nourish Colorado
United Way of Larimer County

Connecticut
Connecticut Voices for Children
CT Community Nonprofit Alliance
Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services (IRIS)
Social Science Consultants, LLC
The Connecticut Women's Consortium
United Way of CT

Delaware
Delaware Alliance for Nonprofit Advancement

District of Columbia
Community Service Agency of the Metropolitan Washington Council, AFL-CIO
New Futures
Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington DC
United Way of the National Capital Area

Florida
All About the Ballots
Florida Alliance for Community Solutions Inc
Florida Nonprofit Alliance
Foundation for a Healthy St. Petersburg
The Pride Center at Equality Park

Georgia
Atlanta Habitat for Humanity
Fair Count Inc.
GROW Initiative GA
Gwinnett Coalition
The Pribyl Group, Inc.

Hawaii
Hawaii Alliance of Nonprofit Organizations (HANO)
Hawaii Children's Action Network Speaks!

Idaho
Conservation Voters for Idaho
Nonprofit Center at the Idaho Community Foundation

Illinois
Advance Illinois
AgeGuide Northeastern Illinois
AIDS Foundation Chicago
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Chicago
Batavia United Way
Brighton Park Neighborhood Council
Cambodian Association of Illinois
Center for Neighborhood Technology
CHANGE Illinois
Children's Legal Center
Chinese American Service League
Chinese Mutual Aid Association
Family Focus
Forefront
Fox Valley United Way
Greater Chicago Food Depository
Heartland Human Care Services, Inc.
Housing Action Illinois
Illinois Action for Children
Illinois Association of Free & Charitable Clinics
Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Illinois Collaboration on Youth
Illinois Head Start Association
Illinois Partners for Human Service
Law Office of Timothy J. Deffet
Lawndale Christian Development Corporation
Mano a Mano Family Resource Center
Metropolitan Family Services
Mobile Care Chicago
Muslim Civic Coalition
NAACP Carbondale Branch

NAACP Lake County Branch 3020B
New Moms
Open Communities
Organic Oneness
P.A.S.O- West Suburban Action Project
Reimagine Justice Illinois
South Asian American Policy & Research Institute (SAAPRI)
South Suburban PADS
The Equiticity Racial Equity Movement
The Sanctuary Working Group
The Statewide Independent Living Council of Illinois
Third Coast Percussion
Tri City Health Partnership
Trilogy
We The Village Coalition (WTV)
Women Employed

Indiana
Albion Fellows Bacon Center
Fair Housing Center of Central Indiana
Indiana Head Start Association
Kheprw Institute
Prosperity Indiana
West Indianapolis Development Corp

Iowa
Everybody Wins! Iowa
Iowa Nonprofit Alliance

Kentucky
Dare to Care Food Bank
Kentucky Academy of Science
Kentucky Nonprofit Network

Louisiana
Power Coalition for Equity & Justice

Maine
Elm City Community Music School
Maine Association of Nonprofits
Maine Public Health Association
Onion Foundation
Umbrella Cover Museum

Maryland
Community Reach of Montgomery County
Gaithersburg Meals on Wheels, Inc.
Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations
Mid-County United Ministries

Massachusetts
East Boston Social Centers
Housing Corporation of Arlington
Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center (MassBudget)
Massachusetts Council of Nonprofits
Strategies for Children

Michigan
Gateway Grant Writing
Grand Rapids Trans Foundation
Jail and Outreach Ministry
Michigan Council for Maternal and Child Health
Michigan's Children
United Way of South Central Michigan

Minnesota
AmazeWorks
Amherst H. Wilder Foundation
Ampersand Families
AspireMN
Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota
Clear Waters Life Center
ComoConnects
Engage Winona

Horizon Health, Inc.
Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota
Metropolitan Alliance of Connected Communities
Minnesota 8
Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy
Minnesota Consortium of Community Developers
Minnesota Council of Nonprofits
Minnesota Council on Foundations
Minnesota Head Start Association Inc.
Minnesotans for the ACS and 2030 Census (MACS 2030)
Money for Two Workshops LLC
PRISM
S.T.A.N.D. Up Minnesota Parents United
Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation
South High Foundation
TheDataBank, Inc.
Touchstone Mental Health
Tubman
Veterans for Peace
Voices for Racial Justice
West Bank Community Development Corporation
Wilder Research

Missouri
Missouri Foundation for Health

Montana
Abuse Support and Prevention Education Network (ASPEN)
Bridgercare
Catalyst Montana
Montana Consortium for Urban Indian Health
Montana Nonprofit Association
Western Native Voice

Nebraska
Civic Nebraska
Give Nebraska

Nebraska AIDS Project
Urban Abbey UMC
Women's Fund of Greater Omaha
YWCA Lincoln

Nevada
Nevada Nonprofit Center

New Hampshire
New Hampshire Businesses for Social Responsibility
New Hampshire Center for Nonprofits
Rights and Democracy Institute

New Jersey
ArtPride New Jersey Foundation, Inc.
Bierly Consulting
Delaware River Greenway Partnership
Embankment Preservation Coalition
Girls Helping Girls Period
Hoboken Resist
Homeless Solutions
HomeSharing, Inc.
Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey
Literacy New Jersey
Marie Adelaide Center
MP Coaching & Consulting
National Alliance on Mental Illness of New Jersey (NAMI NJ)
New Jersey Association of Mental Health Agencies, Inc.
New Jersey Center for Nonprofits
New Jersey Consortium for Immigrant Children
New Jersey Future
NJ Coalition to End Homelessness
Nonprofit Connect
Parents Invincible Inc
Partners for Health Foundation
Paterson Alliance
Paterson Education Foundation, Inc.

Pushcart Players Inc.
ReImagine Runnemede
Shore Clubhouse
Spoken Heroes
Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey
The Bayard Rustin Center for Social Justice
The FAF Coalition
The Fund for New Jersey
The Waterfront Project
Volunteer Lawyers for Justice
Womenrising
Wow Science
Written Intent
YRM Consulting Group, LLC

New Mexico
Communities in Schools of New Mexico
New Mexico Eviction Prevention & Diversion
The Human Rights Alliance

New York
Action for a Better Community
Asian American Federation
Charles Settlement House & Community Place of Greater Rochester
Child Care Council, Inc.
City of Rochester
Classic Consulting
Community Action of Orleans and Genesee
DePaul Properties
Girls Inc. Westchester County
Goodwill of the Finger Lakes
Historical New York Research Associates
Inclusive Alliance IPA Inc.
Make the Road New York
MJ Dessables Consulting
New York Council of Nonprofits
New York Health Foundation

Nonprofit New York
Ramapo Rescue Dog Foundation
Reconnect Rochester
RMAPI
Rochester Area Community Foundation
Rochester Housing Authority
Rochester Third Act Elders
The Central New York Community Foundation
The Children's Agenda
The Door - A Center of Alternatives, Inc.
The Dorothy and Marshall M. Reisman Foundation
Wallkill River Center for the Arts
WNY Women's Foundation

North Carolina
Despierta
HCAC
Jewish Family Services of Greensboro
NC League of Conservation Voters

Ohio
Cleveland VOTES
Equitas Health
Fair Housing Center for Rights & Research
Fredericksburg Community Library
Homeward Bound of Wooster and Wayne County Inc.
OPAWL - Building AAPI Feminist Leadership
Serving Our Neighbors Ministries (DBA Festa)
United Way of Summit & Medina
United Way Wayne and Holmes Counties
Vacant and Abandoned Property Action Council
West Salem Outreach and Food Pantry, LLC
Women Just Like Me
Women's Fund of Central Ohio

Oklahoma
Camp Fire Green Country, Inc.

Dynamic Independence
Equity Quotient, Inc.
Global Gardens

Oregon
Children's Institute
Nonprofit Association of Oregon
Old Mill Center for Children and Families Inc.
Oregon Law Center
Oregon League of Conservation Voters
Our Children Oregon

Pennsylvania
Bucks-Mont Collaborative
Ceiba Inc.
Central Pennsylvania Symphony
Children First (PA)
Eastern PA Trans Equity Project
First Up
HelpMe2Stop Org
Interagency Council of Norristown
Maternity Care Coalition
Newfoundland Area Public Library
Peace and Justice Cener
Penn Wynne Library
Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children
Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations (PANO)
Pennsylvania Child Care Association
Pennsylvania Head Start Association
Pittsburgh Food Policy Council
Pocono Heritage Land Trust
Regional Foundation
Therapy Center of Philadelphia
Trying Together
United Way of Carlisle & Cumberland Coun

Rhode Island

Collective Action for Education
Conexion Latina
New Urban Arts
United Way of Rhode Island
Women's Fund of Rhode Island

South Carolina
Public Education Partners Greenville County
Serving At Risk Families Everywhere, Inc.
Together SC
Tri County Regional Development Corporation

Tennessee
Carolyn Smith Foundation
Dan and Margaret Maddox Fund
The Branch of Nashville
United Ways of Tennessee

Texas
Every Texan
Nonprofit Advising
Resource Center
SVB Salesforce Training and Consulting

Utah
Peace House
Voices for Utah Children

Vermont
Building Bright Futures
Common Good Vermont
Hunger Free Vermont

Virginia
Arlington Food Assistance Center
Center for Nonprofit Excellence
Music for Life

United Way of Virginia
Voices for Virginia's Children

Washington
Laird Norton Family Foundation
Mullis Community Senior Center
Nonprofit Association of Washington
OneAmerica
Othello Food Bank
United Ways of the Pacific NW
Washington Conservation Action

Wisconsin
Wisconsin Head Start Association

Wyoming
Albany County Conservancy
Downtown Clinic
Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation
Teton County Foundation for Public Health
Wyoming Congressional Award Council
Wyoming Nonprofit Network

International Organizations (9)
Association of Children's Residential & Community Services (ACRC)
CenterLink: The Community of LGBTQ Centers
International End of Life Doula Association (INELDA)
Irie Jam Foundation
Mary's Pence
SFG Strategies
SPOON
Vista Global Coaching & Consulting
Woka Foundation