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MEMORANDUM

January 6, 2020

To: Members of the Committee on Oversight and Reform

Fr: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing on “Reaching Hard-to-Count Communities in the 2020 Census”

On **Thursday, January 9, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building**, the Committee will hold a hearing on the Census Bureau’s preparations for the 2020 Decennial Census, including efforts to reach hard-to-count communities.

I. BACKGROUND

The Constitution requires that the Census count every person in the United States. The results of the 2020 Census will determine the apportionment of seats in the House of Representatives and the allocation of approximately \$1.5 trillion in federal funding. Some populations, including immigrants, communities of color, children, and people experiencing homelessness, have traditionally been more difficult to count, leading to an undercount on previous censuses. The 2020 Census is imminent, with counting set to begin in Alaska on January 21, 2020, and in the rest of the country on April 1, 2020. The Census Bureau must be fully prepared to count all communities in order to ensure the Census results are accurate, fair, and complete.

II. HEARING PURPOSE

The hearing will examine the Census Bureau’s strategies and plans for reaching hard-to-count communities in the 2020 Census.

III. WITNESSES

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John Yang
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