

**Statement by Former U.S. Census Bureau Directors
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**In Support of House Legislation “Ensuring a Fair and
& Accurate Census Act”**

We applaud the legislation introduced this week by the Chair of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY) that we believe will help preserve and protect the independence and integrity of the scientific mission at the U.S. Census Bureau.

Having helped to plan, execute or lead five decennial censuses serving nine Presidents of both parties, and having closely observed the 2020 Decennial process, we strongly feel the reforms in the “Ensuring a Fair and & Accurate Census Act” would help build greater trust and confidence in the essential data the Census Bureau supplies to the nation. Collectively, the provisions of this bill strengthen the professional roles of career scientists, provide greater transparency into methods and processes across the 130 Census surveys and censuses, and enhance Congressional oversight over Bureau functions.

Trust in the nation’s official data is essential to the democracy and the economy, and this legislation will undergird that trust.

Vincent Barabba (1973-76 & 1979-81)

Kenneth Prewitt (1998-2001)

Robert Groves (2009–2012)

John Thompson (2013-2017)