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MEMORANDUM

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To: Members of the Committee on Oversight and Reform

Fr: Committee Staff

Re: Hearing with Census Bureau Director Dr. Steven Dillingham

On Wednesday, February 12, 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 for the next decade and the allocation of approximately \$1.5 trillion in federal funding. Some populations, including immigrants, communities of color, children, and people experiencing homelessness, traditionally have been more difficult to count, leading to an undercount on previous censuses. The 2020 Census presents additional challenges because it is the first to be conducted largely online. This year's Census count has already begun in Alaska, and is set to begin across the country on April 1. The Census Bureau must be fully prepared to conduct an accurate, fair, and complete Census.

II. HEARING PURPOSE

The hearing will examine the Census Bureau's strategies, technologies, and plans for counting every person 2020 Census.

III. WITNESSES

The Honorable Dr. Steven Dillingham
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