



March 28, 2017

The Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Bordallo:

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Sincerely,

John H. Thompson  
Director

Enclosure

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## **Subjects Planned for Inclusion in the 2020 Census of American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands**

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Grandparent Caregivers  
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Migration/Residence Five Years Ago (*Previous Residence*)  
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### ***Economic Subjects***

Commuting (*Journey to Work*)  
Health Insurance  
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Industry, Occupation & Class of Worker  
Labor Force Status  
Work Status Last Year

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Acreage & Agricultural Sales  
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SNAP (*Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program*)  
Source of Water  
Tenure (*Owner/Renter*)  
Units in Structure, Rooms & Bedrooms  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Michael Bennet  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Cory A. Booker  
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Director



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Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Cory Gardner  
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Committee on Appropriations  
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Committee on Appropriations  
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Committee on Appropriations  
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Committee on Appropriations  
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Committee on Appropriations  
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Committee on Appropriations  
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Committee on Appropriations  
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Committee on Oversight and Government Reform  
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The 2020 Decennial Census program, comprised of the 2020 Census and the ACS, will provide an official count through a “short form only” census as well as a portrait of communities across the Nation through data collected by the ACS. Pursuant to Title 13, U.S.C., Section 191, the 2020 Census will include the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, three U.S. territories (the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands), and American Samoa. Subjects proposed for these areas will be provided in a separate letter.

The Honorable Peter Welch

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We look forward to working with you on the 2020 Decennial Census Program. Please contact Alan Lang, Acting Chief, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (301) 763-6100 for additional information.

Sincerely,

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