

# United States Senate

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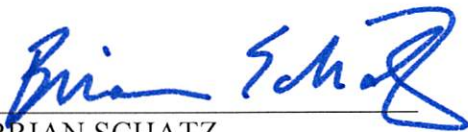
The Honorable Wilbur L. Ross, Jr.  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
101 Constitution Ave, NW  
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Ross:

In light of the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *Department of Commerce v. New York State*, we urge you to uphold the rule of law and respect the Court's decision. By continuing to pursue the citizenship question, you will further delay and jeopardize the Census Bureau's ability to conduct a full, fair, and accurate decennial census as required by the U.S. Constitution and the Census Act. We urge you to stop all efforts to add a citizenship question and allow the Census Bureau to proceed with preparation for a 2020 census without a citizenship question on the questionnaire.

As a constitutionally mandated activity, the decennial census is a cornerstone of our democracy. We have one chance to get the count right and must complete the task on time to meet constitutional and legal requirements for congressional apportionment and redistricting. The 2020 Census is less than half a year away, and any unnecessary delay in operations would impact the ability of the Census Bureau to count every person in our country. We urge you to remove the citizenship question, and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



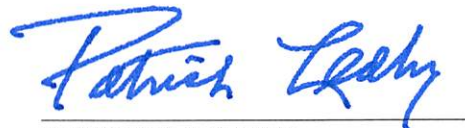
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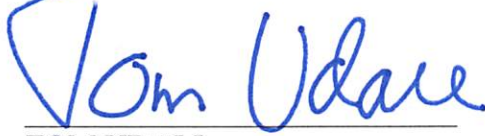
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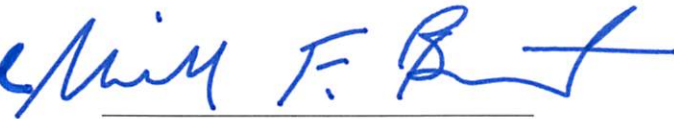
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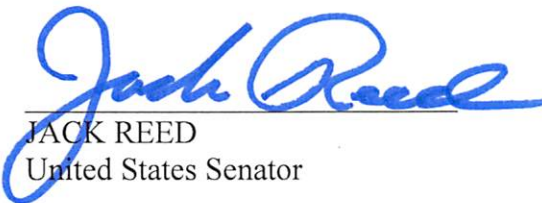
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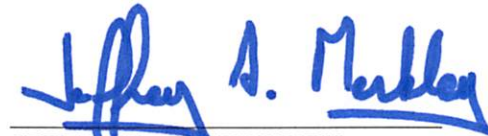
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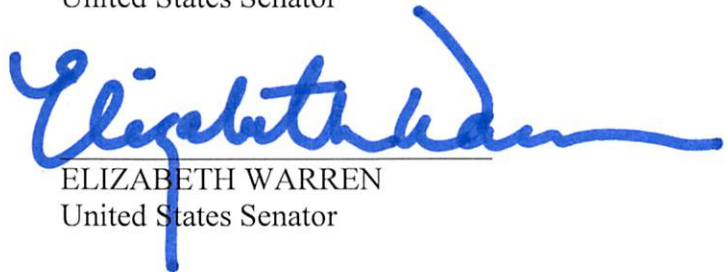
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cc: The Honorable Steven D. Dillingham  
Director  
U.S. Census Bureau