

October 11, 2006

Ms. Diana Hynek
Departmental Clearance Officer
U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 6625
14th and Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230

RE: *Federal Register* notice of September 13, 2006, on Form C-404, Report of Privately-Owned Residential Building or Zoning Permits Issued (OMB Number: 0607-0094)

Dear Ms. Hynek:

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) strongly supports the continued collection of data by the U.S. Census Bureau on Form C-404, Report of Privately-Owned Residential Building or Zoning Permits Issued. The data collected on this form are very important in preparing estimates for key components of BEA's economic statistics.

BEA's use of the data is indirect in that the information from this survey is used by the Census Bureau to prepare estimates of the value of residential construction put in place. These estimates are used to prepare estimates of the residential structures component of gross domestic product and residential investment in the estimates of fixed assets.

Please keep BEA informed concerning any modifications to this form. We are particularly interested in any modifications proposed during the forms approval process that would substantially affect our use of these data. For additional information, please contact Ruth Bramblett, Source Data Coordinator, on 202-606-9653 or by e-mail at Ruth.Bramblett@bea.gov. If you should need assistance in justifying this form to the Office of Management and Budget, please do not hesitate to contact BEA.

Sincerely,

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