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## Public Response to Request for Comments

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It is my belief that the proposed continuance of the information collection by the U.S. Department of Commerce would be agreeable to the general public; provided they knew what the data was being used for. The general American is private when asked for information. You could publicize the program using "American Pride" as a theme for domestic and U.S.-based travelers. [A web program where Americans can "check-in" or something when traveling abroad would be something people would voluntarily use, this could be implemented in the form of a smartphone app, released by the U.S. Government to assist our citizens with all matters that may arise while traveling abroad as well as provide tips and electronic travel guides. Your current questionnaire could be implemented in the sign up process (Name, email, Passport number, Current Address); more questions could be added on as an in-flight survey. The app would remain on most Americans phones during the course of their vacation if it offered travel-related information pertinent to their destination. Your airline partners could sponsor things like free WiFi for the flight if an additional survey is completed).

I, as well as 90% of working Americans would disagree with the \$0 Total Annual Cost Burden. With the plethora of paid survey websites available online, Americans have learned to value (monetarily) their opinions. The rising minimum wage and other factors such as teleworking, affiliate networks, and a surge in online business keeps most business-class Americans busy on their PED's while traveling. The Total Annual Cost Burden should be calculated as  $((\text{Hourly Minimum Wage} / 4) * 300,000)$ , or \$543,750. I believe the traveling American would agree to having this cost be used to create and help fund a program to educate young Americans of low-to-middle class families on international travel, with a Passport assistance option for 16-18 year old Americans who are considering working out of the country as a tradesman in lieu of college, or those considering attending college abroad.

Thank you,  
Michael P. LaPointe