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Department of Commerce
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SUBJECT: ACS 2013 Content Changes

Dear Mrs. Hynek:

We write in response to the comment request regarding the content changes to the American Community Survey (ACS) of the U.S. Census Bureau (OMB Control Number 0607-0810).

The ACS is considering including two new questions topics about computer and Internet usage, and parental place of birth for the 2013 questionnaire. The computer and Internet usage topic will comprise three questions with a mix of fixed choice and open-ended responses, and the parental place of birth topic will include two open-ended questions.

The Puerto Rico Institute of Statistics (PRIS) support these changes, as the proposed collection of information will allow us to share some of this data with the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) in their "Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Access and Use by Households and Individuals". The ICT is a practical tool that supports countries in their effort of measuring and monitoring the production of high quality and internationally comparable data and our institution is looking to enhance Puerto Rico telecommunications data.

Definitely, the proposed ACS content changes will be an asset to Puerto Rico's efforts in improving data quality. For further information, call us at (787) 993-3339 or email us at mario.marazzi@estadisticas.gobierno.pr.

Sincerely,

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