

**From:** Thomas J Smith/AMSD/HQ/BOC  
**To:** Susan Lynn Hostetter/ACSO/HQ/BOC@BOC

**Date:** Monday, January 07, 2013 09:44AM  
**Subject:** Fw: FW: Fwd:PUBILC COMMENT ON FEDERAL REGISTER we just did a survey that is information enough - shut down all funding for this make work bureaucratic project

History: ➔ This message has been forwarded.

Suzie,

Here is a comment received in response to the [12/26/2012](#) Federal Register notice soliciting comments on our plans to submit the [ACS 2014 Content Changes](#) for OMB review.

All comments sent to us before the 60 day deadline must be summarized and addressed in Question 8 of the Supporting Statement which will be part of the clearance package. No direct response to any commentor is required, although not prohibited

Thomas Smith  
 U.S. Census Bureau  
 301-763-1181

-----Forwarded by Thomas J Smith/AMSD/HQ/BOC on 01/07/2013 09:42AM -----

To: "Smith, Thomas J" <[thomas.j.smith@census.gov](mailto:thomas.j.smith@census.gov)>  
 From: "Banks, Gwellnar" <[gBanks@doc.gov](mailto:gBanks@doc.gov)>  
 Date: 01/03/2013 11:05PM  
 Subject: FW: Fwd:PUBILC COMMENT ON FEDERAL REGISTER we just did a survey that is information enough - shut down all funding for this make work bureaucratic project

Hello, Tom. A bit late getting to you, FYI.

**From:** [bk1492@aol.com](mailto:bk1492@aol.com) [<mailto:bk1492@aol.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 26, 2012 1:52 PM  
**To:** Jessup, Jennifer; [ACSO\\_COMMUNICATIONS@CENSUS.GOV](mailto:ACSO_COMMUNICATIONS@CENSUS.GOV); [INFO@TAXPAYER.NET](mailto:INFO@TAXPAYER.NET); [MEDIA@CAGW.ORG](mailto:MEDIA@CAGW.ORG); [PRESIDENT@WHITEHOUSE.GOV](mailto:PRESIDENT@WHITEHOUSE.GOV)  
**Cc:** [SPEAKERBOEHNER@MAIL.HOUSE.GOV](mailto:SPEAKERBOEHNER@MAIL.HOUSE.GOV); "AMERICANVOICES@"@MAIL.HOUSE.GOV; [LETTERS@NEWSWEEK.COM](mailto:LETTERS@NEWSWEEK.COM); [TODAY@NBC.COM](mailto:TODAY@NBC.COM); [INFO@THETEAPARTY.ORG](mailto:INFO@THETEAPARTY.ORG)  
**Subject:** Fwd:PUBILC COMMENT ON FEDERAL REGISTER we just did a survey that is information enough - shut down all funding for this make work bureaucratic project

THE TAXPAYERS CANNOT CONTINUE TO BE GOUGED IN SUCH HUGE NUMBERS FOR BEAN COUNTING LIKE THIS. THE TAXPAEYRS JUST PAID HUGE TRILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR THE 2010

CENSUS, WHICH HAS NOT GOTTEN OUT TO USE IN MANY QUARTERS AS YET. IT IS CLEAR THAT THIS CONSTANT POWER SURGE BY THIS AGENCY WHICH SPENDS AND SPENDS AND SPENDS AND CONSIDERS THAT WE ALL CANT GET ALONG WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION, WHICH OF COURSE WE CAN, WITH ESTIMATES. WE DONT NEED THESE COUNTS SINCE THEY ARE SO INACCURATE ANYWAY. THIS AGENCY SEEKS TO CONSTANTLY DO MORE AND MORE AND MORE, EVEN GOING SO FAR AS TO HIDE WHAT THE DHS SHOULD BE DOING UNDER ITS BUDGET. THE DHS SHOUDL BE TOLD TO DO ITS OWN ANALYSIS AND NOT TRY TO HIDE THE COSTS THEY MAKE UNDER THIS BANNER. THIS PROJECT SHOUDL BE SHUT DOWN TIGHT AND NOT FUNDED IN ANY WAY. WE CAN ESTIMATE. WE HAVE HUNDEDS OF YEAS OF RECORDS THAT CAN GIVE US A GOOD ENOUGH ESTIMATE. THESE COUNTS ARE AS INACCURATE AS AN ESTIMATE ANYWAY. DHS SHOUDL BE TOLD TO SHOW ITS TRUE COSTS OF OPERATION, NOT SEEK TO HIDE THEM IN YOUR BUDGET.

A. THIS PROJECT IS NOT NECESSARY, IS TOO EXPENSIVE AND SHUODL BE SHUT DOWN.

B. THIS PROJCT IS FAR TOO COSTLY. THE TAXPAYERS WANT SMALLER ,CHEAPER GOV'T. THIS AGENCY NEEDS TO BE SHOWN HOW TO DOWNSIZE. THIS COMMENT IS FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD. JEAN PBULIC

[Federal Register Volume 77, Number 247 (Wednesday, December 26, 2012)]  
[Notices]  
[Pages 75971-75972]  
From the Federal Register Online via the Government Printing Office [[www.gpo.gov](http://www.gpo.gov)]  
[FR Doc No: 2012-31002]

-----  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Census Bureau

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; The American Community Survey 2014 Content Change

AGENCY: U.S. Census Bureau, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

-----  
SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be submitted on or before February 25, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental

Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [jjessup@doc.gov](mailto:jjessup@doc.gov)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Cheryl Chambers, U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey Office, Washington, DC 20233 by FAX to (301) 763-8070 or via the Internet at [ACSO.communications@census.gov](mailto:ACSO.communications@census.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The American Community Survey (ACS) collects detailed population and housing data every month and provides tabulations of these data on a yearly basis. In the past, the long-form data were collected only at the time of each decennial census. After years of development and testing, the ACS began full implementation in households in January 2005 and in Group Quarters (GQs) in January 2006.

The ACS provides more timely information for critical economic planning by governments and the private sector. In the current information-based economy, federal, state, tribal, and local decision makers, as well as private business and non-governmental organizations, need current, reliable, and comparable socioeconomic data to chart the future. In 2006, the ACS began publishing up-to-date profiles of American communities every year, providing policymakers, planners, and service providers in the public and private sectors this information every year-not just every ten years.

The ACS released estimates of population and housing characteristics for geographic areas of all sizes in December 2010. These data products, used by federal agencies and others, are similar in scope to the Summary File 3 tables from Census 2000.

In April 2012, the Department of Health and Human Services requested that OMB and Census consider the addition of a health insurance exchange or premium subsidy question to the ACS. The proposed new question would focus on individuals securing health insurance through the state exchanges, with particular attention to those receiving a premium subsidy. This question would secure information critical to the Department's, the Administration's and states' planning, implementation and evaluation of the role of the health insurance exchanges and the provision of subsidies to eligible individuals and families; as well as provisions of the Patient Protection and Accountable Care Act (ACA) slated for full implementation beginning in

[[Page 75972]]

CY 2014. The new question would be in addition to and not a replacement of the current ACS health insurance question. In response to this request, the Census Bureau conducted qualitative testing in 2012 of an additional question related to subsidized premiums for health insurance. Based on the results of that testing, the Census Bureau is considering adding this topic to the ACS questionnaire in 2014.

The Census Bureau is also considering a modification to the ACS question on race for implementation in 2014. Based on testing conducted

in parallel with the 2010 Census called the Alternative Questionnaire Experiment, the Census Bureau saw no negative impact in modifying the categories to the race question by removing the term ``Negro'' from the category ``Black, African American, or Negro.'' Given this finding, and previous negative feedback provided to the Census Bureau on the inclusion of this term in this category, the Census Bureau is proposing removing this term from this category in the 2014 ACS.

In an effort to enhance the value of data on vacant housing units, the Census Bureau is considering the expansion of the vacancy status categories from which Field Representatives (FRs) can choose as they try to determine the status of vacant housing units. Data users have expressed a strong interest in knowing the composition of the ``Other Vacant'' category, which can be as high as 30 percent of vacant housing units and which may contain a substantial number of housing units in the so-called ``shadow inventory'' of housing units that may come on the market at some point for rent or for sale.

## II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will mail survey instruction materials to households selected for the ACS. The materials will instruct the residents to complete the ACS questionnaire online. For households that do not complete the online questionnaire, Census Bureau staff will then mail out a questionnaire package. For households that complete neither an online form nor a paper form, Census Bureau staff will attempt to conduct interviews via Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI). Census Bureau staff will also conduct Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) for a sub sample of households that do not respond. The Census Bureau conducts a content re-interview from a small sample of respondents.

For most types of GQs, Census Bureau FRs will conduct personal interviews with respondents to complete questionnaires or, if necessary, leave questionnaires and ask respondents to complete. Census Bureau staff collects information from GQ contacts via CAPI. Census Bureau staff will conduct a GQ contact re-interview from a sample of GQs primarily through CATI and a very small percentage via CAPI.

The Census Bureau staff will provide Telephone Questionnaire Assistance (TQA) and if the respondent indicates a desire to complete the survey by telephone, the TQA interviewer conducts the interview.

## III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0607-0810.

Form Number(s): ACS-1, ACS-1(SP), ACS-1(PR), ACS-1(PR)SP, ACS-1(GQ), ACS-1(PR)(GQ), GQFQ, ACS CATI (HU), ACS CAPI (HU), ACS RI (HU), and AGQ QI, AGQ RI.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals, households, and businesses.

Estimated Number of Respondents: We plan to contact the following number of respondents each year: 3,540,000 households; 200,000 persons in group quarters; 20,000 contacts in group quarters; 43,000 households for re-interview; and 1,500 group quarters contacts for re-interview.

Estimated Time per Response: Estimates are 40 minutes per household, 15 minutes per GQ contact, 25 minutes per resident in GQ, and 10 minutes per household or GQ contact in the re-interview samples.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: The estimate is an annual average of

2,337,900 burden hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: Except for their time, there is no cost to respondents.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13, United States Code, Section 182.

#### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 20, 2012.

Glenna Mickelson,  
Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

[FR Doc. 2012-31002 Filed 12-21-12; 4:15 pm]

BILLING CODE 3510-07-P

**From:** Thomas J Smith/AMSD/HQ/BOC  
**To:** Barbara A Lazirko/ACSO/HQ/BOC@BOC, Susan Lynn Hostetter/ACSO/HQ/BOC@BOC

**Date:** Monday, February 25, 2013 01:02PM  
**Subject:** Fw: FW:

---

Here is a comment received in response to the [12/26/2012](#) Federal Register notice soliciting comments on our plans to submit the [ACS](#) for OMB review.

All comments sent to us before the 60 day deadline must be summarized and addressed in Question 8 of the Supporting Statement which will be part of the clearance package. No direct response to any commentor is required, although not prohibited

Thomas Smith  
 U.S. Census Bureau  
 301-763-1181

-----Forwarded by Thomas J Smith/AMSD/HQ/BOC on 02/25/2013 01:01PM -----

To: "Smith, Thomas J" <thomas.j.smith@census.gov>  
 From: "Banks, Gwellnar" <gBanks@doc.gov>  
 Date: 02/25/2013 11:48AM  
 Cc: "Mickelson, Glenna" <gMickelson@doc.gov>  
 Subject: FW:

Good morning, Tom. The ACS is a very popular item. FYA...

Gwellnar Banks 'GB'  
 E-Government Team  
 Office of Information Technology  
 Policy and Planning  
 Office of the Chief Information Officer  
 Phone No. (202) 482-3781 Fax No. (202) 482-4281

---

**From:** Jessup, Jennifer  
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2013 7:55 AM  
**To:** Banks, Gwellnar; Mickelson, Glenna  
**Subject:** Fwd:

Jennifer Jessup  
 Office of IT Policy and Planning  
 Office of the Chief Information Officer  
 Department of Commerce

202-482-0336

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Terry Jackson <[terry.dean.jackson@gmail.com](mailto:terry.dean.jackson@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** February 24, 2013, 11:20:16 PM EST  
**To:** "Jessup, Jennifer" <[JJessup@doc.gov](mailto:JJessup@doc.gov)>

February 24, 2013

2991 Fetlock DR SW

Marietta, Georgia 30064

Ms. Jennifer Jessup

Departmental Paperwork clearance Office

Department of Commerce, Room 6616

14<sup>th</sup> and Constituion Avenue NW

Washington, DC 20230

[jjessup@doc.gov](mailto:jjessup@doc.gov)

topic: 77 FR 75971

Ms. Jessup:

Please accept these comments in reference to 77 FR 75971, "American Community Survey 2014 Content Change," As a practicing professional geographer I am both a consumer and distributor of census data. I also have a minor in anthropology.

For the sake of clarity and continuity I object to your announced intention to discontinue the use of the term "Negro" from the racial category "Black, African American, or Negro". If anything you should drop the ridiculously confusing term "African American," a term arrogantly presuming that only Blacks inhabit that continent. That correct term, for the sake of clarification, fairness and precision, should be "Sub-Saharan African". At least the usage of the term "Negro" has some basis in anthropological studies and perhaps the best known use of the identification was when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr identified his own race as "Negro" in his famous 1963 'I have a Dream' speech.

In the most fundamental biological sense, and to be most precise, the racial group you are trying to uniquely identify, commonly referred to as 'Black,' are the mtDNA L-series genetic haplogroups. North African populations are genetically distinguished by several different series of haplogroups. So there is no biological, geographical, or cultural basis for the term "African American;" it is term contrived of political activism.

So, rather than yielding to geographic and biological illiteracy in your choice of racial categories why don't you remove the truly objectionable "African American" label, or clarify it, and retain the historically acceptable and precise term "Negro" for those of us who know our history.

Best regards,

Terry D. Jackson

[Terry.Dean.Jackson@gmail.com](mailto:Terry.Dean.Jackson@gmail.com)

**From:** Thomas J Smith/AMSD/HQ/BOC  
**To:** Barbara A Lazirko/ACSO/HQ/BOC@BOC, Susan Lynn Hostetter/ACSO/HQ/BOC@BOC

---

**Date:** Wednesday, February 27, 2013 08:05AM  
**Subject:** Fw: FW: Comments on ACS 2014 Content Change

---

More ACS comments....

Thomas Smith  
U.S. Census Bureau  
301-763-1181

-----Forwarded by Thomas J Smith/AMSD/HQ/BOC on 02/27/2013 08:05AM -----

To: "Smith, Thomas J" <thomas.j.smith@census.gov>  
From: "Banks, Gwellnar" <gBanks@doc.gov>  
Date: 02/26/2013 08:50AM  
Cc: "Mickelson, Glenna" <gMickelson@doc.gov>  
Subject: FW: Comments on ACS 2014 Content Change

*(See attached file: ACS comments - 2-25-13.docx.pdf)*  
*(See attached file: ATT00001.htm)*

FYA.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Will Fischer <[fischer@cbpp.org](mailto:fischer@cbpp.org)>  
**Date:** February 25, 2013, 5:31:30 PM EST  
**To:** "Jessup, Jennifer" <[JJessup@doc.gov](mailto:JJessup@doc.gov)>  
**Cc:** Arloc Sherman <[sherman@cbpp.org](mailto:sherman@cbpp.org)>  
**Subject:** **Comments on ACS 2014 Content Change**

Ms Jessup:

I have attached comments from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities on changes to the 2014 American Community Survey, in response to the request for comments in the December 26, 2012 Federal Register. The comments recommend that the Census Bureau consider adding questions to the survey to identify households that receive rental assistance and determine what type of assistance they receive. Thank you.

Will Fischer

Senior Policy Analyst

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

1408 W. 29th Street

Austin, Texas 78703

(512) 469-0060

Attachments:

ACS comments - 2-25-13.docx.pdf

ATT00001.htm



820 First Street NE ■ Suite 510 ■ Washington DC 20002  
(202)408-1080 ■ fax (202)408-1056 ■ center@cbpp.org ■

February 25, 2013

Ms. Jennifer Jessup  
Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer  
Department of Commerce  
14<sup>th</sup> and Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 6616  
Washington, DC 20230

Re: The American Community Survey 2014 Content Change

These comments are submitted by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. The Center is a non-partisan research organization and policy institute that conducts research and analysis on a range of government policies and programs affecting low- and moderate-income families and individuals. The Center frequently uses the American Community Survey (ACS) and other Census Bureau data products to assess poverty levels, housing needs, and other conditions experienced by low- and moderate-income Americans.

We are writing to recommend that the Census Bureau consider adding questions to the American Community Survey (ACS) to identify households that receive rental assistance and determine if they are assisted through vouchers, public housing, or some other type of assistance. Rental assistance questions currently included in the American Housing Survey (AHS) play a central role in assessing the extent of unmet need for housing assistance and the housing conditions faced by households with and without assistance. But the usefulness of the AHS questions is limited because the survey is only conducted every two years and only generates data for the nation as a whole and for certain metropolitan areas.

Including rental assistance questions in the ACS would make it possible to identify assisted and unassisted households at the state and local level, and to identify relatively promptly growth and declines in unmet needs stemming from economic trends and other factors. This information could play an important role in assessing the potential impact of various housing policies. In addition, ACS data on rental assistance receipt could add to the accuracy of alternative poverty measures that consider the value of non-cash benefits such as rental assistance. Notably, the information could help the Census Bureau or data users to construct a version of the Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM) using ACS data; currently, the SPM is available only through the Current Population Survey, which does not have the ACS's sample size and hence, its capability to provide useful data at the state or local data.

The ACS included rental assistance questions until they were dropped in 2003. Based on comparison with administrative data sources, both the 2002 ACS and the 2011 AHS appear to have produced roughly accurate counts of the aggregate number of households receiving rental assistance of any kind. The current AHS questions, however, appear to be better worded than the discontinued ACS questions to identify rental assistance recipients and especially to determine

accurately what type of assistance they receive. Adopting the AHS questions in the ACS would therefore appear to be the best approach, unless your assessments of the AHS data suggest that modifications would make them more accurate.

We understand that the Census Bureau has been working with HUD to match both ACS and AHS data to administrative data for rental assistance programs. These matching efforts could provide a useful supplement to assess the accuracy of questions on rental assistance receipt, particularly if the matching also includes administrative data from USDA's Section 521 program (which in 2012 provided rental assistance to 272,000 families). Matching also could potentially serve as an alternative to adding questions to the ACS, but only if the match proves reliable *and* the matched data can be publicly released in a form that allows users to generate accurate local estimates.

Thank you for considering this comment.

Sincerely,

Arloc Sherman  
Senior Researcher

Will Fischer  
Senior Policy Analyst

**From:** Thomas J Smith/AMSD/HQ/BOC  
**To:** Barbara A Lazirko/ACSO/HQ/BOC@BOC, Susan Lynn Hostetter/ACSO/HQ/BOC@BOC

**Date:** Friday, February 22, 2013 01:25PM  
**Subject:** Fw: FW:

---

Here is a comment received in response to the [12/26/2012](#) Federal Register notice soliciting comments on our plans to submit the [ACS](#) for OMB review.

All comments sent to us before the 60 day deadline must be summarized and addressed in Question 8 of the Supporting Statement which will be part of the clearance package. No direct response to any commentor is required, although not prohibited

Thomas Smith  
 U.S. Census Bureau  
 301-763-1181

-----Forwarded by Thomas J Smith/AMSD/HQ/BOC on 02/22/2013 01:24PM -----

To: "Smith, Thomas J" <[thomas.j.smith@census.gov](mailto:thomas.j.smith@census.gov)>  
 From: "Banks, Gwellnar" <[gBanks@doc.gov](mailto:gBanks@doc.gov)>  
 Date: 02/22/2013 01:20PM  
 Cc: "Mickelson, Glenna" <[gMickelson@doc.gov](mailto:gMickelson@doc.gov)>  
 Subject: FW:

Hi, Tom. FYA.

Gwellnar Banks 'GB'  
 E-Government Team  
 Office of Information Technology  
 Policy and Planning  
 Office of the Chief Information Officer  
 Phone No. (202) 482-3781 Fax No. (202) 482-4281

---

**From:** B H <[seadune77@gmail.com](mailto:seadune77@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** February 21, 2013, 11:28:42 PM EST  
**To:** "Jessup, Jennifer" <[JJessup@doc.gov](mailto:JJessup@doc.gov)>

Dear Ms. Jessup,  
 The ACS is an intrusive questionnaire and should not be collecting this data from the Americans. I am against these questions on the exchange and federal premiums. I and my family should not be required

to disclose our personal decisions on health care.  
Thank you.  
Barbara Henson

**From:** Thomas J Smith/AMSD/HQ/BOC  
**To:** Barbara A Lazirko/ACSO/HQ/BOC@BOC, Susan Lynn Hostetter/ACSO/HQ/BOC@BOC

**Date:** Friday, February 22, 2013 08:27AM  
**Subject:** Fw: FW: AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

Here is a comment received in response to the [12/26/2012](#) Federal Register notice soliciting comments on our plans to submit the [ACS](#) for OMB review.

All comments sent to us before the 60 day deadline must be summarized and addressed in Question 8 of the Supporting Statement which will be part of the clearance package. No direct response to any commentor is required, although not prohibited

Thomas Smith  
 U.S. Census Bureau  
 301-763-1181

-----Forwarded by Thomas J Smith/AMSD/HQ/BOC on 02/22/2013 08:25AM -----

To: "Smith, Thomas J" <thomas.j.smith@census.gov>  
 From: "Banks, Gwellnar" <gBanks@doc.gov>  
 Date: 02/21/2013 09:30AM  
 Cc: "Mickelson, Glenna" <gMickelson@doc.gov>  
 Subject: FW: AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

*(See attached file: Debbie Viator Mason.vcf)*  
*(See attached file: ATT00001.htm)*

Good morning, Tom. FYA...

Tom, is the ACS mandatory? Thanks.

---

**From:** Jessup, Jennifer  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 21, 2013 8:33 AM  
**To:** Banks, Gwellnar  
**Subject:** Fwd: AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

Jennifer Jessup

Office of IT Policy and Planning

Office of the Chief Information Officer

Department of Commerce

202-482-0336

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Debbie V. Mason" <[dvmason@cox.net](mailto:dvmason@cox.net)>  
**Date:** February 21, 2013, 8:31:32 AM EST  
**To:** "Jessup, Jennifer" <[JJessup@doc.gov](mailto:JJessup@doc.gov)>  
**Subject:** AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY

Dear Ms. Jessup,

The ACS is an intrusive questionnaire collecting data on the American people. I oppose the addition of a question on the ACA health insurance exchange or federal premium subsidies issued through the exchange. I should not be required to reveal my personal decisions about using the government exchange or securing government premium subsidies to the federal government. The government has no business prying into such intimate information on its citizens.

Respectfully,

Debbie V. Mason

Youngsville, LA

Attachments:

Debbie Viator Mason.vcf

ATT00001.htm

**From:** Thomas J Smith/AMSD/HQ/BOC  
**To:** Barbara A Lazirko/ACSO/HQ/BOC@BOC, Susan Lynn Hostetter/ACSO/HQ/BOC@BOC

---

**Date:** Wednesday, February 27, 2013 08:06AM  
**Subject:** Fw: ACS Questionairre

---

Even more ACS comments.

Thomas Smith  
U.S. Census Bureau  
301-763-1181

-----Forwarded by Thomas J Smith/AMSD/HQ/BOC on 02/27/2013 08:06AM -----

To: "Smith, Thomas J" <[thomas.j.smith@census.gov](mailto:thomas.j.smith@census.gov)>  
From: "Banks, Gwellnar" <[gBanks@doc.gov](mailto:gBanks@doc.gov)>  
Date: 02/26/2013 08:51AM  
Cc: "Mickelson, Glenna" <[gMickelson@doc.gov](mailto:gMickelson@doc.gov)>  
Subject: ACS Questionairre

Good morning, Tom. FYA.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Gerry Woessner <[gwoessner@hotmail.com](mailto:gwoessner@hotmail.com)>  
**Date:** February 25, 2013, 7:24:57 PM EST  
**To:** "Jessup, Jennifer" <[JJessup@doc.gov](mailto:JJessup@doc.gov)>  
**Subject:** ACS Questionairre

Dear Ms. Jessup,

I am very strongly opposed to the addition of questions on the ACA about health insurance exchanges and Federal premium handouts that would be granted via the Federally run exchanges.

I do not wish to voluntarily reveal nor be required to reveal to the federal government (1) any of my private and personal decisions about using the government exchanges or (2) getting government premium subsidies through the federally-run exchange mechanism.

I consider the ACS an intrusive questionnaire collecting more data on the American people than the federal government needs to know.

Sincerely,

Ga Woessner

Minneapolis, MN

**From:** Thomas J Smith/AMSD/HQ/BOC  
**To:** Barbara A Lazirko/ACSO/HQ/BOC@BOC, Susan Lynn Hostetter/ACSO/HQ/BOC@BOC

---

**Date:** Friday, February 22, 2013 08:31AM  
**Subject:** Fw: FW: 77 FR-31002

---

Here is a comment received in response to the [12/26/2012](#) Federal Register notice soliciting comments on our plans to submit the [ACS](#) for OMB review.

All comments sent to us before the 60 day deadline must be summarized and addressed in Question 8 of the Supporting Statement which will be part of the clearance package. No direct response to any commentor is required, although not prohibited

Thomas Smith  
U.S. Census Bureau  
301-763-1181

-----Forwarded by Thomas J Smith/AMSD/HQ/BOC on 02/22/2013 08:31AM -----

To: "Smith, Thomas J" <thomas.j.smith@census.gov>  
From: "Banks, Gwellnar" <gBanks@doc.gov>  
Date: 02/21/2013 05:22PM  
Cc: "Mickelson, Glenna" <gMickelson@doc.gov>  
Subject: FW: 77 FR-31002

FYA...

---

**From:** Jessup, Jennifer  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 21, 2013 2:50 PM  
**To:** Banks, Gwellnar  
**Subject:** FW: 77 FR-31002

Jennifer L. Jessup

Office of IT Policy and Planning (OITPP)

Office of the Secretary, Office of the Chief Information Officer

U. S. Department of Commerce

202-482-0336

---

**From:** Gregory M. Sheehan [mailto:gmsheehan@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 21, 2013 4:38 PM  
**To:** Jessup, Jennifer  
**Subject:** 77 FR-31002

Dear Ms. Jessup,

The ACS is an intrusive questionnaire collecting data on the American people. I oppose the addition of a question on the ACA health insurance exchange or federal premium subsidies issued through the exchange. I should not be required to reveal my personal decisions about using the government exchange or securing government premium subsidies to the federal government. The PPACA places Americans in a precarious position. These questions afford insight into decisions made by private individuals that can be used to promote contradictory policies detrimental to personal health.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gregory M. Sheehan

1215 Rice Street

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55117-4594

651-488-7251

[gmsheehan@comcast.net](mailto:gmsheehan@comcast.net)

---

I am using the Free version of [SPAMfighter](#).  
SPAMfighter has removed 1376 of my spam emails to date.

Do you have a [slow PC?](#) Try a free scan!



**From:** Thomas J Smith/AMSD/HQ/BOC  
**To:** Barbara A Lazirko/ACSO/HQ/BOC@BOC, Susan Lynn Hostetter/ACSO/HQ/BOC@BOC

**Date:** Friday, February 22, 2013 08:30AM  
**Subject:** Fw: FW: American Community Survey

---

Here is a comment received in response to the [12/26/2012](#) Federal Register notice soliciting comments on our plans to submit the [ACS](#) for OMB review.

All comments sent to us before the 60 day deadline must be summarized and addressed in Question 8 of the Supporting Statement which will be part of the clearance package. No direct response to any commentor is required, although not prohibited

Thomas Smith  
 U.S. Census Bureau  
 301-763-1181

-----Forwarded by Thomas J Smith/AMSD/HQ/BOC on 02/22/2013 08:29AM -----

To: "Smith, Thomas J" <thomas.j.smith@census.gov>  
 From: "Banks, Gwellnar" <gBanks@doc.gov>  
 Date: 02/21/2013 05:19PM  
 Cc: "Mickelson, Glenna" <gMickelson@doc.gov>  
 Subject: FW: American Community Survey

Another unhappy camper and more to follow...Please pass on. Thanks.

---

**From:** Jessup, Jennifer  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 21, 2013 2:52 PM  
**To:** Banks, Gwellnar  
**Subject:** FW: American Community Survey

Jennifer L. Jessup

Office of IT Policy and Planning (OITPP)

Office of the Secretary, Office of the Chief Information Officer

U. S. Department of Commerce

202-482-0336

---

**From:** mminegarav@aol.com [mailto:mminegarav@aol.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, February 20, 2013 4:51 PM

**To:** Jessup, Jennifer

**Subject:** American Community Survey

Dear Ms. Jessup,

I find the data being collected from the American people by the ACS as an intrusion of privacy. I especially oppose the addition of a question on the ACA health insurance exchange or federal premium subsidies issued through the exchange. I should not be required to reveal my personal decisions about using the government exchange or securing government premium subsidies to the federal government. It is my business and should remain so.

Sincerely,  
Margaret Minegar

Apple Valley, MN

**From:** Thomas J Smith/AMSD/HQ/BOC  
**To:** Barbara A Lazirko/ACSO/HQ/BOC@BOC, Susan Lynn Hostetter/ACSO/HQ/BOC@BOC

**Date:** Friday, February 22, 2013 08:32AM  
**Subject:** Fw: FW: Informtion on the ACS

Here is a comment received in response to the [12/26/2012](#) Federal Register notice soliciting comments on our plans to submit the [ACS](#) for OMB review.

All comments sent to us before the 60 day deadline must be summarized and addressed in Question 8 of the Supporting Statement which will be part of the clearance package. No direct response to any commentor is required, although not prohibited

Thomas Smith  
 U.S. Census Bureau  
 301-763-1181

-----Forwarded by Thomas J Smith/AMSD/HQ/BOC on 02/22/2013 08:31AM -----

To: "Smith, Thomas J" <thomas.j.smith@census.gov>  
 From: "Banks, Gwellnar" <gBanks@doc.gov>  
 Date: 02/21/2013 05:23PM  
 Cc: "Mickelson, Glenna" <gMickelson@doc.gov>  
 Subject: FW: Informtion on the ACS

-----Original Message-----

From: Jessup, Jennifer  
 Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2013 3:54 PM  
 To: Banks, Gwellnar  
 Subject: FW: Informtion on the ACS

Jennifer L. Jessup  
 Office of IT Policy and Planning (OITPP)  
 Office of the Secretary, Office of the Chief Information Officer  
 U. S. Department of Commerce  
 202-482-0336

-----Original Message-----

From: Ruth and Barry Rowe [<mailto:barryruthrowel@juno.com>]  
 Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2013 7:44 PM  
 To: Jessup, Jennifer  
 Subject: Informtion on the ACS

I don't believe that personal questions should be asked about healthcare insurance purchase (or not) on the ACS. This is intrusive. Ruth

Rowe Wautoma, Wisconsin