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Comment-2 Received in Response to Federal Register

Notice

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From: Coleman-Jensen, Alisha - ERS
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 3:55 PM
To: 'Jean Public'
Subject: RE: PUBLIC COMMENT ON FEDERAL REGISTER too many surveys - our govt has become nothing but a survey firm - they take no actions - they just take survey after survey after survey- what a terrible waste of tax dollars - shut this one down

Dear Jean Public,

I received your comment regarding the Federal Register Notice. Thank you for taking the time to comment. We continue to collect survey data to enable annual monitoring of the prevalence of food insecurity in U.S. households. The survey data and estimates from it are widely used by the Federal government, academic researchers, not-for-profit service providers, and the media.

Thank you,
Alisha Coleman-Jensen

From: Jean Public [mailto:jeanpublic1@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 4:08 PM
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Subject: Fw: PUBLIC COMMENT ON FEDERAL REGISTER too many surveys - our govt has become nothing but a survey firm - they take no actions - they just take survey after survey after survey- what a terrible waste of tax dollars - shut this one down

THIS AGENCY WANTS APPROVAL TO DO MORE SURVEYS FOR 3 MORE YEARS EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE DATA FROM SURVEYS THEY HAVE TAKEN FOR THE LAST 25 YEARS THAT THE TAXPAYERS HAVE PAID FOR. WHAT EXACTLY DO WE NEED TO KEEP ASKING SURVEY QUESTIONS FOR?

WE HAVE PROBLEMS WITH THIS PROGRAM. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE BEING TAXED INTO THE GRAVE TO PAY FOR THIS PROGRAM WHICH IS ALLOWING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT LAWBREAKERS TO LUXURIATE ON FREE AMERICAN FOOD. THEY NEED TO BE THROWN OUT OF THIS PROGRAM ENTIRELY. THEY SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO COME IN AND TAKE FOOD AND AMERICAN TAXPAYERS SHOULD NOT BE PAYING FOR THESE ILLEGAL LAWBREAKERS TO BE IN THIS COUNTRY TAKING AND PAYING NOTHING. WE ARE PAYING THE BILLS FOR THESE LEACHES.

SECONDLY, PARENTS SHOULD BE PAYING FOR THEIR OWN KIDS LUNCHES. I SEE NO REASON THAT THE TAXPAYERS OF THIS COUNTRY HAVE TO PAY FOR KIDS LUNCHES IN THE SUMMER. THEY BELONG WITH THEIR PARENTS. THEIR PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE AND HAVE A DUTY TO SUPPORT THEIR KIDS. IF THEY ARE NOT DOING THAT FOR AMERICAN KIDS, THE KIDS SHOULD BE TAKEN FROM THE PARENTS.

THERE ARE FAR TOO MANY PEOPLE WHOSE JOBS ARE TIED UP IN THIS GIVEAWAY PROGRAM AND THEY ARE THE ONES WHO WANT IT TO EXPAND AND KEEP EXPANDING AND KEEP EXPANDING SO IT HAS BECOME A MONSTRIOUS MONOLITH OF AN AGENCY OF GIVEAWAYS WHERE THEY SEND THE BILL TO THE WORKING PEOPLE OF AMERICA TO PAY FOR IT. THAT NEEDS TO CHANGE.

THIS PROGRAM NEEDS CUTTING. THOSE WHO WANT TO EAT NEED TO LEARN TO WORK TO BUY THEIR OWN FOOD AND TO STOP BEING LEACHES ONM THEIR NEIGHBORS. WE NEED THE BUDGET FOR THESE PROGRAMS TO BE CUT BY 50% IMMEDIATELY. LESS SPENDING. LESS FOOD. WORK FOR WHAT YOU WANT. THIS COMMETN IS FOR THEPUBILC RECORD. THIS PROGRAM GETS AN F MINUS FOR ITS FAILURE TO WORK FOR THE GOOD OF ALL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SINCE IT TAXES THE HELL OUT OF THE WORKING PEOPLE OF AMERICA WITH HUGELY HIGH TAXES. THIS COMMENT IS FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD. PLEASE RECEIPT. JEANPUBLIEE JEAN PUBLIC1@GMAIL.COM

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Economic Research Service

Notice of Intent To Request Renewal of a Currently Approved
Information Collection

AGENCY: Economic Research Service, Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) implementing regulations, this notice announces the Economic Research Service's (ERS) intention to request renewal of approval for an annual information collection on supplemental food security questions in the Current Population Survey (CPS), commencing with the December 2019 survey. These data will be used: to monitor household-level food security and food insecurity in the United States; to assess food security and changes in food security for population subgroups; to assess the need for, and performance of, domestic food assistance programs; to improve the measurement of food

security; and to provide information to aid in public policy decision making.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by August 20, 2018 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to Alisha Coleman-Jensen, Food Assistance Branch, Food Economics Division, Economic Research Service, Room 5-229B, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Mail Stop 1800, Washington, DC 20050-1800. Submit electronic comments to acjensen@ers.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alisha Coleman-Jensen at the address in the preamble. Tel. 202-694-5456.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Current Population Survey Food Security Supplement.

OMB Number: 0536-0043.

Expiration Date of Approval: November 30, 2018.

Type of Request: Intent To Seek Approval To Extend an Information Collection for 3 Years.

Abstract: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13) and OMB regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announces the ERS intention to request renewal of approval for an annual information collection. The U.S. Census Bureau will supplement the December CPS, beginning in 2019, with questions regarding household food shopping, use of food and nutrition assistance programs, food sufficiency, and difficulties in meeting household food needs. A similar supplement has been appended to the CPS annually since 1995. The last collection was in December 2017.

ERS is responsible for conducting studies and evaluations of the Nation's food and nutrition assistance programs that are administered by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), U.S. Department of Agriculture. In Fiscal Year 2017, the Department spent about \$99 billion to ensure access to nutritious, healthful diets for all Americans. The Food and Nutrition Service administers the 15 food assistance programs of the USDA including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly called the Food Stamp Program, the National School Lunch Program, and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). These programs, which serve 1 in 4 Americans, represent our Nation's commitment to the principle that no one in our country should lack the food needed for an active, healthy life. They provide a safety net to people in need. The programs' goals are to provide needy persons with access to a more nutritious diet, to improve the eating habits of the Nation's children, and to help America's farmers by providing an outlet for the distribution of food purchased under farmer assistance authorities.

The data collected by the food security supplement will be used to monitor the prevalence of food security and the prevalence and severity of food insecurity among the Nation's households. The prevalence of these conditions as well as year-to-year trends in their prevalence will be estimated at the national level and for population subgroups. The data will also be used to monitor the amounts that households spend for food and their use of community food pantries and emergency kitchens. These statistics along with research based on the data will be used to identify the causes and consequences of food insecurity, and to assess the need for, and performance of, domestic food assistance programs. The data will also be used to improve the measurement of food security and to develop measures of additional aspects and dimensions of food security. This consistent measurement of the extent and severity of food insecurity will aid in policy decision-making.

The supplemental survey instrument was developed in conjunction

with food security experts nationwide as well as survey method experts within the Census Bureau and was reviewed in 2006 by the Committee on National Statistics of the National Research Council. This supplemental information will be collected by both personal visit and telephone interviews in conjunction with the regular monthly CPS interviewing. Interviews will be conducted using Computer Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) and Computer Assisted Telephone Interview (CATI) methods.

Authority: Legislative authority for the planned data collection are 7 U.S.C. 2204a and 7 CFR 2.67. These statutes authorize the Secretary of Agriculture and the Administrator of the Economic Research Service to conduct research and collect statistics on the U.S. food system, consumers, and human nutrition.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this data collection is estimated to average 7.2 minutes (after rounding) for each household that responds to the labor force portion of the CPS. The estimate is based on the average proportion of respondents that were asked each question in recent survey years (2012-2016) and typical reading and response times for the questions. The estimate assumes an 80 percent response rate to the supplement. The estimated total number of respondents is based on the average of the two years out of the last five years with the largest numbers of sampled households in the survey.

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Respondents: Individuals or households.

Estimated Total Number of Respondents: 53,802.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 6,465 hours. Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Alisha Coleman-Jensen at the address in the preamble.

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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments should be sent to the address in the preamble. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Signed at Washington, DC, May 22, 2018.

Mary Bohman,
Administrator, Economic Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

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