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**Department of Commerce
United States Census Bureau
Annual Survey of Manufactures (ASM)
OMB Control No. 0607-0449**

BEA Letter of Support

August 22, 2018

Jennifer Jessup
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Department of Commerce, Room 6616
14th and Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230

RE: *Federal Register* notice of July 13, 2018, for the U.S. Census Bureau's Annual Survey of Manufactures (OMB Number: 0607-0449)

Dear Ms. Jessup:

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) strongly supports the continuation of the Census Bureau's Annual Survey of Manufactures (ASM). This important survey is our main data source for key components of BEA's economic statistics.

BEA uses information from this survey to prepare the national income and product accounts (NIPA), the fixed assets accounts (FAA), the input-output accounts, gross domestic product by industry, and regional estimates of gross domestic product by state. The information collected on these forms is also used to prepare BEA-Census links on foreign direct investment in the United States. A list of items that BEA uses in the economic accounts is attached.

The modifications being proposed to the forms will not substantially affect our use of these data and will improve the clarity of the forms for respondents as well as the accuracy of their response.

Please keep BEA informed about any additional modifications being considered for these forms. 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 Tiffany Burrell, Source Data Coordinator, 301-278-9618, or by e-mail at Tiffany.Burrell@bea.gov. Should you 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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Chief Economist

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Items Used by BEA from the Annual Survey of Manufactures

Item	BEA Use
Detail of Sales, Shipments, Receipts, or Revenue	Private equipment and software, change in private inventories (CPII), and real inventory-sales ratios, national income and product accounts (NIPAs); gross domestic product (GDP) by industry, industry and product output; GDP by state; annual input-output (I-O) accounts
Value added	GDP by state
Employment	GDP by state
Annual payroll	CPII; GDP by state
Value of Inventories	CPII; GDP by state; GDP by industry; annual I-O accounts
Inventories by Valuation Method	CPII
Capital expenditures for new and used buildings and other structures (Exclude land)	Investment in structures, fixed assets accounts; annual I-O accounts
Capital expenditures for new and used machinery and equipment	Investment in equipment, fixed assets accounts; annual I-O accounts
Cost of purchased fuels consumed for heat, power, or the generation of electricity	CPII; annual I-O accounts
Cost of purchased electricity	CPII; annual I-O accounts

<p>Cost of materials, parts, containers, packaging, etc. used</p> <p>Cost of work done for you by others on your materials</p>	<p>CIP; GDP by state; annual I-O accounts</p>
<p>Other operating expenses (all detail including total)</p> <p>(To be used for the first time in the Industry Economic Accounts during the next Comprehensive Revision in 2013.)</p>	<p>GDP by industry and annual I-O accounts</p>

Note: In addition, for economic census years, the international investment program obtains and publishes most ASM items for foreign-owned U.S. manufacturing establishments through a link of their data on U.S. affiliates of foreign companies and the Census Bureau's data on all U.S. companies.