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Anna P. Guido Reports Management Officer, QDAM Department of Housing and Urban Development 451 7th Street SW, Room 4176 Washington, DC 20410

RE: Federal Register notice of November 26, 2018, for the Housing and Urban Development's Manufactured Housing Survey (OMB Number: 2528-0029)

Dear Ms. Guido,

The Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) strongly supports the continued collection of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Manufactured Housing Survey. The data collected in this survey are crucial to key components of BEA's economic statistics.

BEA uses data from the survey form to prepare the national income and product accounts (NIPAs). Specifically, data on the sales price of manufactured homes are used to prepare quarterly and annual estimates of the residential investment component of gross domestic product. These data are the only source for the manufactured housing component in private fixed investment. Indirectly, the industry annual input-output (I-O) tables use these data from the NIPAs.

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Sincerely,

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