



July 18, 2018

Jennifer Jessup
Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer
Department of Commerce
Room 6616
14th And Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20230

RE: Docket # USBC-2018-0005
Oppose addition of citizenship question to US Census 2020

Dear Ms. Jessup:

We are writing to express TransForm's opposition to the proposal to include a question about US Citizenship status on the 2020 Census.

TransForm is a non-profit policy and advocacy organization working to advance healthy, connected communities in the San Francisco Bay Area and California. For over 20 years we have advanced transportation policies that improve mobility, reduce pollution, and increase social equity.

Accurate Census data on commuter transportation choices and demographics is critical to our efforts to understand our communities' transportation needs, the household transportation cost burden, and how these patterns change over time. We rely on the Census to provide comprehensive data that can be used by our researchers as well as public agencies for transportation planning, funding decisions, and more.

Adding a question about citizenship will make it much harder to get accurate and comprehensive results in the 2020 Census. This unnecessary citizenship question is invasive and will raise concerns about the confidentiality of personal information. Furthermore, there will be a significant financial cost to taxpayers by adding an untested question this late in the process.

We urge you to eliminate the proposed citizenship question from the 2020 Census and instead focus your efforts on conducting extensive, inclusive outreach to ensure that every resident of the USA is counted. Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shannon Tracey".

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