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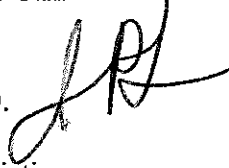
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MEMORANDUM TO: Lynn Bryant
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FROM: James P. Lynch, Ph.D. 
Director
Bureau of Justice Statistics

SUBJECT: Submission of changes to the National Crime Victimization Survey

Attached please find OMB Form 83-c concerning an increase of 15,977 hours of the current burden for the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS).

In order to restore the NCVS's ability to measure the extent and characteristics of crime and to measure year-to-year change in victimization rates, the Bureau of Justice Statistics will, in October 2010, begin to reinstate sample that was removed in 2007. The 2007 sample reduction was made in conjunction with a decision to utilize information from incoming sample rotation groups in the estimation of crime counts and rates. Prior to that year, incoming rotation interviews were used solely to "bound" subsequent interviews to ensure that crimes reported by respondents actually took place during the survey reference period. The data from incoming rotation groups are now adjusted to account for the potential overestimation that can result from being unbounded. The sample reinstatement is an important component of BJS's effort to restore the capabilities of the NCVS to measure the impact of crime in the United States.

The sample reinstatement will increase the monthly sample from about 8,500 households to about 17,700 households, an increase of about 26 percent. The sample increase will reduce the standard errors associated with violent crime by about 5 percent, and will enable more robust analyses of annual estimates of crime victimization and the characteristics of crimes and crime victims. The annual burden will increase by 15,977 hours to 69,542 hours. This annual burden remains lower than the 73,710 annual NCVS burden hours in the OMB 83-1 NCVS submission in 2006.

If there are any questions concerning this request, please contact Michael Rand, Chief, Victimization Statistics, Bureau of Justice Statistics, at (202) 616-3494 or by email at Michael.Rand@usdoj.gov.

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| Annual reporting and recordkeeping hour burden | | | |
| Number of respondents | 77,600 | 104,202 | |
| Total annual responses | 155,200 | 205,413 | |
| Percent of these responses collected electronically | 100 % | 100 % | |
| Total annual hours | 53,565 | 69,542 | |
| Difference | | | +15,977 |
| Explanation of difference | | | +15,977 |
| Program change Adjustment | | | |
| Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden (in thousands of dollars) | | | |
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