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Washington, DC 20233-0001

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Mr. Dominic J. Mancini
Deputy Administrator
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
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Dear Dr. Mancini:

Pursuant to Office of Management and Budget procedures established at 5 CFR Part 1320, Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public, I request that the proposed addition of content to the Household Pulse Survey be processed as an Emergency Revision Request in accordance with section 1320.13, Emergency Processing. The content under consideration includes demographic screener questions from the Department of Defense (DOD) to identify Service members and military spouses, and from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to classify respondents employed in “essential” worker groups. The Household Pulse Survey is designed to collect and disseminate data on a near real-time basis to inform on the social and economic impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Data from the Household Pulse Survey will allow DOD to enhance services and target resources to help alleviate the impact of the pandemic on Service members and their families. The CDC would benefit from the data to respond to ongoing impacts of the pandemic and target outreach efforts to promote vaccine access and uptake among essential worker groups.

I have determined that the inclusion of this content contributes to the U.S. Census Bureau’s mission as the nation’s leading source of data on the nation’s people and economy. The COVID-19 pandemic is an unanticipated event that is unprecedented in the sudden and dramatic way it continues to impact the social and economic well-being of American households.

With your emergency approval, the Census Bureau is positioned to include these new items in the Phase 3.1 of the Household Pulse Survey questionnaire, set to be deployed on April 14, 2021. We commit to publishing a public notice about this information collection in the Federal Register within 30 days of approval.

We appreciate your understanding of this urgent request and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "RJ", with a checkmark-like flourish at the end.

Ron S. Jarmin
Acting Director