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Washington, DC 20233-0001

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Dr. Dominic J. Mancini, Ph.D.
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Dear Dr. Mancini:

Pursuant to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) procedures established at 5 CFR Part 1320, Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public, I request that the proposed content revision for the Household Pulse Survey be processed as an Emergency Revision Request in accordance with section 1320.13, Emergency Processing. The revisions reflect the removal of questions for which utility has declined over time, and the addition of topics based on public comment previously received and in consult with other federal agencies. Removals include questions on Unemployment Insurance applications; Social Security Administration program receipt and application; reasons for changed spending; ride sharing/transit use; trips over 100 miles; spending on groceries and prepared foods; delayed and forgone medical care; child care; and K-12 computer use and internet access. Additionally, post-secondary education items will be held until closer to the fall term. New questions focus on the Child Tax Credit; sexual orientation and gender identity; rent/mortgage arrears; utility arrears and restrictions; summer catchup education activities for K-12; preventive health care for children; and application for Medicaid or exchange coverage. I have determined that the content revisions contribute 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 make these revisions in the Phase 3.2 questionnaire of the Household Pulse Survey, set to be deployed on July 21, 2021. A public notice requesting comments on this information collection was published in the Federal Register on June 24, 2021. 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", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Ron S. Jarmin
Acting Director