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TO: Desk Officer for the U.S. Census Bureau
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA)

FROM: Survey Director, National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses (NSSRN)
Associate Directorate Demographic Programs

SUBJECT: Request for Approval of Non-Substantive Change: National Sample
Survey of Registered Nurses (NSSRN) E-mail Communication

The Census Bureau is writing to request approval of a non-substantive change to the currently approved data collection procedures for the National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses (NSSRN) (OMB No. 0607-1002).

The proposed change involves the addition of e-mail communication to sampled registered nurses (RNs) as a reminder to complete and submit their survey responses. This outreach will specifically target individuals who have initiated the survey but have not yet returned to finalize and submit their responses.

The content of these reminder e-mails will be limited to encouraging survey completion and will not introduce any new questions, modify existing survey items, or alter the overall design, methodology, or burden of the data collection. The reminders are intended solely to support improved response rates and ensure the completeness of collected data.

Timely submission of survey responses is critical, as it is imperative to obtain responses from sampled RNs by the conclusion of the data collection period. The addition of e-mail reminders is expected to improve follow-through among partial respondents and enhance overall data quality.

No changes to respondent burden, data confidentiality protections, or survey instruments are associated with this request.

The content of the email message is as follows:

In the last few months the U.S. Census Bureau, on behalf of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, has sent you several requests to participate in the National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses (NSSRN).

The 2026 NSSRN will be ending soon. To date, we have not received a complete response from you. If you have recently completed the survey, thank you very much. If you have not yet had an opportunity to participate, please take a few moments to complete the survey now. We realize your time is valuable, but we need your participation for the survey results to be accurate and representative.

Your response to this survey is important, regardless of whether you do not currently work, are retired, or now work in a field other than nursing.

To respond to the survey online, please:

Go to: <https://access.census.gov/nssrn>

Enter User ID:

This important survey is the primary source of data on the experiences of RNs and APRNs in the United States. It provides educators and policymakers with information they need to ensure that resources, tools, and opportunities are available to help nurses perform their invaluable function.

For help or additional information, email adp.nssrn@census.gov or call toll-free at 1-888-369-3598. You can also visit our website at <https://www.census.gov/nssrn>.