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Washington, DC 20233-0001

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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: 2026 National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses (NSSRN)

The U.S. Census Bureau is writing to request approval of two non-substantive changes to the currently approved data collection procedures for the 2026 National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses (NSSRN) (OMB No. 0607-1002).

First, the U.S. Census Bureau requests approval to send text message reminders to sampled individuals who consented to receive text messages when using their mobile phone number to authenticate access to the web questionnaire. These reminders will encourage respondents who have started, but not submitted, the web questionnaire to return and complete their survey response before the close of data collection.

Second, the U.S. Census Bureau requests approval to send a sixth mailing (web invitation) to sampled individuals who have not yet responded. The mailing will provide another opportunity for participation and direct respondents to the web survey.

These changes do not introduce any new questions, modify existing survey items, alter data collection methodology, respondent burden, or confidentiality protections. They are intended solely to increase response rates and improve data completeness before the end of the data collection period.

Attachments:

1. Draft Text Message Reminder

2. Draft Sixth Mailing (Web Invitation)

Attachment #1 – Draft Text Message Reminder

The U.S. Census Bureau needs your help to understand the nursing workforce. Respond now to the National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses at access.census.gov/nssrn. Reply STOP to cancel. Visit <https://www.census.gov/nssrn> for more info.

Attachment #2 – Draft Sixth Mailing (Web Invitation)

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We recently sent you a request to participate in the **2026 National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses**. If you already completed the survey, thank you very much. If you have not responded, please use the website below to complete the survey.

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

Enter User ID:

The U.S. Census Bureau conducts this survey on behalf of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. You were randomly selected for this survey to represent you and others just like you. Your individual response is very important.

Please complete the survey even if you do not currently work, are retired, or now work in a field other than nursing.

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

Thank you for responding to this important national survey.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George M. Cook".

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