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NATIONAL CENTER FOR EDUCATION STATISTICS

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Lawrence S. McGinn
Chief, American Community Survey Office
United State Census Bureau

Dear Mr. McGinn,

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) has reviewed the Census Bureau's data collection procedures for the American Community Survey Group Quarters (ACS GQ) data collection, and is confident that they will protect subject data from unlawful disclosure. In addition, the data collection is compliant with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) in terms of requirements for disclosing information. Under these conditions, colleges and universities can disclose directory information from student records, without prior consent of the student or his or her parents, to the organization collecting the data (34 CFR Part 99). Directory information includes a student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, honors and awards, and dates of attendance (20 USC S. 1232g (a)(5)(A)). The organization collecting these data is the U.S. Census Bureau.

Sincerely,

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