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The Honorable Alan B. Mollohan  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,  
Science and Related Agencies  
Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Sincerely yours,

Otto J. Wolf  
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Ranking Member  
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Notification of Proposed Transfer  
FY 2008

**AGENCIES:** Departmental Management, Economic Development Administration, Economic and Statistical Analysis, International Trade Administration, Minority Business Development Agency, Under Secretary for Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, and U.S. Census Bureau

**APPROPRIATION:** Discretionary accounts within the above agencies

**PROPOSAL:** Transfer resources from nine bureaus within the Department to the Census Bureau's Periodic Censuses and Programs account.

**Objective:**

The Department's overall goal is to protect one of its highest priority activities during the FY 2008 Continuing Resolution (CR), planning for the 2010 Decennial Census. In total, \$6.8 million will be reallocated from accounts with less urgent needs (including the Census Bureau's own Salaries and Expenses account) to the Census Bureau's Periodic Censuses and Programs account to support 2010 Decennial Census Program activities. The table on page 2 provides detail of the account-level transfers. It is anticipated that these transfers will be reversed once an appropriation covering the remainder of FY 2008 is enacted.

**Rationale:**

Under the 7-week CR for FY 2008, the U.S. Census Bureau will experience significant reductions to its programs that are funded via the Periodic Censuses and Programs appropriation. Specifically, the CR provides annualized funding at the FY 2007 level (\$696.4 million), which is dramatically lower than both the House-passed bill (\$1,025.4 million) and the Senate Appropriations Committee mark (\$1,020.4 million). At this level, the Decennial Census and Economic Census programs are funded at 50 percent and 35 percent, respectively, below the FY 2008 President's Budget request.

The Census Bureau has determined that the CR funding level will delay and reduce the scope of the 2008 Census Dress Rehearsal to focus primarily on testing of the handheld computers (HHCs), needed to avoid reverting to paper-based operations in 2010 that would add over \$1 billion to the overall cost of the decennial census. The additional \$6.8 million provided under this transfer will help to increase the likelihood of successful development and implementation of this critically important testing.

**Effects of Proposed Changes:**

The reductions to the source accounts will be accomplished through a variety of cost-saving measures to limit spending in non-salary object classes – no Federal employees will be furloughed under this transfer. Some reductions will be accomplished by limiting training and travel and, where necessary, postponing obligations on contracts and other discretionary spending.

**Implementation**

This transfer will be executed following the required 15-day advance notification to Congress.

<b>FY 2008 CR Transfers to Census Bureau</b>		
<b>(dollars in thousands)</b>		
	CR Allowance Through Nov. 16, 2007	Transfer
<b>DEPARTMENTAL MANAGEMENT:</b>		
Salaries and expenses	4,853	(243)
<b>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION:</b>		
Salaries and expenses	3,168	(158)
Economic development assistance programs	16,800	(840)
<b>TOTAL, EDA</b>	<b>19,968</b>	<b>(998)</b>
<b>CENSUS BUREAU:</b>		
Salaries and expenses	21,041	(1,052)
<b>ECONOMIC AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS:</b>		
Salaries and expenses	10,049	(502)
<b>INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION:</b>		
Operations and administration	37,592	(1,880)
<b>MINORITY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AGENCY:</b>		
Minority business development	1,457	(73)
<b>UNDER SECRETARY FOR TECHNOLOGY:</b>		
Salaries and expenses	200	(10)
<b>NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS &amp; TECHNOLOGY:</b>		
Scientific and technical research and services	36,053	(1,803)
Industrial technology services	1,847	(92)
Construction of research facilities	646	(32)
<b>TOTAL, NIST</b>	<b>38,546</b>	<b>(1,927)</b>
<b>NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS &amp; INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION:</b>		
Salaries and expenses	1,644	(82)
Public telecommunication facilities, planning & construction	164	(8)
<b>TOTAL, NTIA</b>	<b>1,808</b>	<b>(90)</b>
<b>TOTAL, Discretionary DOC Federal Funds</b>	<b>135,514</b>	<b>(6,775)</b>
<b>CENSUS BUREAU:</b>		
Periodic censuses and programs	89,413	6,775