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Critical Budget Issues Affecting the 2010 Census -Part2

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Good morning. Thank you for the opportunity you have given to the MITRE Corporation to update the committee on the impact of a Continuing Resolution on operational plans for the 2010 Decennial Census.

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It continues to be our privilege to serve with the talented engineers and other professionals who support the Census Bureau in its efforts to prepare and conduct the 2010 Decennial Census. We are pleased to report that since MITRE's last appearance before this committee on June 11, the Bureau has demonstrated continued improvements in managing and overseeing preparations for the 2010 Decennial Census. These improvements include an increase in activities to monitor program progress and to identify potential risks.

Some of the highest risks to achieving a successful Decennial Census pertain to funding. If funding for the Decennial Census is delayed or insufficient, critical activities may be delayed or reduced in scope. Delays would increase the risk of accomplishing the Census on time. Reductions in scope would increase the risk that the quality of the Census data would not meet the needs of Congress or the American people. Finally, insufficient funding would require Census managers and executives to perform substantial re-planning and re-prioritizing at a time when their workloads will be growing enormously.

We remain committed to helping the Census Bureau prepare for a successful 2010 Decennial Census. Thank you for inviting us to this hearing. I will be happy to answer your questions.