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Mr. Daniel Sweeney
Deputy General Counsel for Economic, Statistical, and Regulatory Affairs
Office of the General Counsel, Department of Commerce
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Washington, DC 20746

Submitted electronically via Regulations.gov

RE: Request for Extension of Comment Period for Proposed Rule: “Decennial Census of the Population of Americans; Proposed Residence Criteria and Proposed Regulations for Demographic Questions” (Docket No. 260903-0005; RIN 0607-AA75)

Dear Mr. Sweeney,

The Colorado Health Foundation is writing to request that the Department of Commerce and the Census Bureau **extend the comment period** for the proposed rule published on September 10, 2026, titled *Decennial Census of the Population of Americans; Proposed Residence Criteria and Proposed Regulations for Demographic Questions* (Docket No. 260903-0005).

The Colorado Health Foundation is a statewide, nonprofit and nonpartisan philanthropic organization with a mission to improve the health and well-being of Coloradans. Through community engagement, research, grantmaking, and private sector investments, the Foundation works to ensure that everyone in Colorado has what they need to be healthy. The Foundation believes that a complete and accurate count of all people living in Colorado and communities across the country is essential for this goal. We recognize the far-reaching implications that the proposed changes would have on political representation and resource allocation for communities, as well as decision-making for philanthropic organizations, nonprofits, governmental entities, businesses, and community leaders.

If implemented, the proposed rule would profoundly change both the population base used for congressional apportionment and the data collected from and made available to the American public. That means the public should have more extensive time to assess in greater detail how the proposed rule would impact the distribution of data, resources, and political representation before the opportunity for public comment on the proposal closes. A 33-day comment window is inadequate to ensure meaningful, useful feedback on a proposal that could result in significantly inaccurate and incomplete census data and therefore would fundamentally alter our nation’s ability to understand the individuals and communities who call the United States home.

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Thank you for the opportunity to request an extension of the comment period for this proposed rule. If you have any questions, please contact Kyle Rojas Legleiter, The Colorado Health Foundation Senior Director of Policy, at klegleiter@coloradohealth.org or (303) 953-3618.

Sincerely,



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