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Gina Raimondo
Secretary of Commerce
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave NW
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## Dear Secretary Raimondo:

I'm writing with regard to yesterday's release of the U.S. Census Bureau's release of the 2020 Census estimated undercount and overcount rates by state and the District of Columbia from the Post-Enumeration Survey (PES) which found that 14 states are estimated to have had an undercount or overcount, including my state of Illinois which was undercounted by 1.97 percent. This follows my January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 letter to Census Bureau Director Santos, in which I expressed similar concerns about the bureau's undercounting and methodological issues in response previous undercounting issues in Illinois. <sup>2</sup>

In light of this major revelation and the implications for Illinois and other states having been significantly undercounted, please provide answers to the following questions:

- 1. What is the mechanism and timeline by which the apportionment of federal resources will reflect this new data?
- 2. What additional data is available with regard to the undercounting of Illinois?
- 3. While the report discusses general factors for undercounts across the country, what specific factors contributed to the undercount in Illinois?

Sincerely.

Raja Krishnamoorthi Member Of Congress

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> U.S. Census Bureau Releases 2020 Undercount and Overcount Rates by State and the District of Columbia, 2022, Post-Enumeration Survey (PES), May 19, 2022 (online at <a href="https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2022/pes-2020-undercount-overcount-by-state.html">https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2022/pes-2020-undercount-overcount-by-state.html</a>)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Congressman Krishnamoorthi Letter To U.S. Census Bureau Director Santos, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (online at <a href="https://krishnamoorthi.house.gov/sites/krishnamoorthi.house.gov/files/2022.01.13%20Congressman%20Krishnamoorthi%20Letter%20To%20Director%20Santos.pdf">https://krishnamoorthi.house.gov/sites/krishnamoorthi.house.gov/files/2022.01.13%20Congressman%20Krishnamoorthi%20Letter%20To%20Director%20Santos.pdf</a>)