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To:POP 2020 DataProducts <pop.2020.dataproducts@census.gov>;

Dear Karen Battle,

Statistically valid public census data provides a massive public benefit in allowing organizations like mine to help cities, states, non-profits, and businesses make better decisions about actions they take that effect their communities. I would like to voice my comments on the new disclosure avoidance system that could potentially reduce the resolution, usability or validity of the census data, ACS or decennial census data products. Our work with these resources would be extremely hindered and will make our country worse off. I believe if these changes are to be made, extreme caution should be taken in order to reduce these potential dangers. A thorough, bipartisan discussion with researchers should be made before continuing with any proposed changes that impact the validity, resolution and/ or usability of the final products.

Best,

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