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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to ask that the Census Bureau proceed with caution, transparency, and a listening attitude regarding potential changes in the procedures for using Census and ACS data. I used ACS data heavily in my undergraduate academic work, and having access to microdata that helped me understand the characteristics of individuals, family members, and their communities was essential to my research. I would not have been able to complete my senior thesis without access to this valuable data and the insights I drew from it.

I greatly hope that you will keep the research community in mind in any changes that the Bureau pursues. I am confident that it is possible to both keep individuals and their data safe while also allowing for access to the research community which often seeks to help and understand those same individuals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
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