The Census Confidentiality Protection Pledge:

For more than 200 years, the United States Constitution has required an enumeration of all persons residing in the United States every ten years.

The decennial Census required by the Constitution can only succeed if all households participate by completing accurately the census questionnaire.

In 21st century America, households must be confident that information provided to the Census Bureau as part of the Census is confidential and will not be used for any purpose other than producing anonymous statistics. They must be assured that the Census Bureau will not share any data pertaining to a specific individual or household with any other government agency, court of law, or private entity for any purpose, or release any date that could undermine the confidentiality of personal information.

Federal law provides strong and robust protection of Census data confidentiality, including serious penalties for any violation.

Nonetheless, high levels of distrust in government – whether or not such distrust is warranted – reduce confidence among some members of the public that federal law can guarantee the confidentiality of census data.

Therefore, it is important to bolster confidence in census data protection in order to facilitate a successful 2020 Census.

The organizations and individuals subscribing to this Census Confidentiality Protection pledge believe that protection of census data confidentiality is essential to a successful Census and to a successful and healthy United States.

These organizations and individuals pledge to work together from outside the federal government: 1) to monitor for any breach of census data confidentiality, and 2) to use their collective power and influence to prevent, block, and/or bring an end to any breach of the currently-established guarantee and understanding of the confidentiality of data collected as part of the 2020 Census, and 3) to emphasize publicly the critical importance of continued Census safety and security.

We pledge to use transparency, publicity, investigation, and/or litigation to challenge any breach or threatened breach in order to ensure that all of us can remain assured that personally identifiable census data will not be misused and will remain confidential.
Census Confidentiality Protection Pledge Sign-Ons
(current as of 4/3/2020)

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Advancement Project
African American Ministers In Action
Alliance for African Assistance
American Civil Liberties Union
American Constitution Society
American Federation of Teachers
American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee
APIAVote Michigan
Arab American Association of New York
Arab American Institute
AREAA
Arkansas United
Asian & Pacific Islander American Health Forum
Asian American Action Fund
Asian American Federation
Asian American Federation of Florida - South Region
Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF)
Asian American Organizing Project
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - AAJC
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Asian Law Caucus
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles
Asian Americans Advancing Justice | Chicago
Asian Americans United
Asian and Pacific Islander American Vote
Asian Community Resource Center
Asian Counseling and Referral Service
Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS)
Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance
Asian Pacific Development Center
Asian Pacific Islander Coalition-YKM
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BPSOS, Inc.
Brighton Park Neighborhood Council
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CAIR-Chicago
California Calls
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Center for Law and Social Justice at Medgar Evers College
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Immigrant Legal Resource Center
Indian Horizon of Florida
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Japanese American Citizens League
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Keystone Counts
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LUNA
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Market Insight Corporation
Massachusetts Census Equity Fund
MassCounts
Mi Familia Vota
Minnesota Council on Foundations
Montana Women Vote
Mujeres Latinas en Acción
Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council (MMTC)
NAACP
NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund
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NaFFAA (National Federation of Filipino American Associations)
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF)
National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund
National Association of Social Workers
National Association of Social Workers - Illinois Chapter
National Association of Social Workers - Nevada Chapter
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National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA)
National Council of Negro Women
National Disability Rights Network
National Education Association
National Federation of Filipino American Associations
National Hispanic Leadership Agenda
National Hispanic Media Coalition
National Immigration Law Center
National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC)
National Latinx Psychological Association
National LGBTQ Task Force
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National Partnership for Women & Families
National Redistricting Foundation
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National Urban Indian Family Coalition
National Urban League
Native American Rights Fund
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New York Immigration Coalition
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Partnership for the Advancement of New Americans
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Poder Latinx
Prison Policy Initiative
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Sierra Club
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Sikh Coalition
South Asian Americans Leading Together
South Asian Bar Association of North America
South Asian Network (SAN)
Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)
Southern Coalition for Social Justice
Southern Poverty Law Center Action Fund
Southwest Voter Registration Education Project
Spanish Community Center
Stanislaus County Office of Education
Texas Progressive Action Network
The Brennan Center for Justice at NYU Law
The California Endowment
The Fund for New Jersey
The Hyams Foundation
The Leadership Conference Education Fund
The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
The National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance (NQAPIA)
The Resurrection Project
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Union for Reform Judaism
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United We Dream
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