

Template Comment Letter for Individuals

Deadline to Submit: October 13, 2026

How to use this template

- Replace each bracketed prompt with your own words.
- Delete the bold guidance lines before submitting.
- Share only what you are comfortable making public.

Where to submit. Go to Regulations.gov, search for docket USBC-2026-0628, and select “Comment.” You can type directly into the box or upload a file.

[Your Name]

[City, State]

[Email, optional]

Re: Docket No. 260903-0005, RIN 0607-AA75, Department of Commerce, Census Bureau, Decennial Census of the Population of Americans; Proposed Residence Criteria and Proposed Regulations for Demographic Questions

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a resident of [City or County], Virginia, to oppose the proposed changes to the 2030 Census.

Say who you are and why the census matters to you.

[Write one or two sentences about yourself and why an accurate census count matters to you, your family, or your community.]

Explain how the proposal could affect you, your family, or people you know.

[Choose the examples below that fit your experience. Write a few sentences in your own words and delete the ones that do not apply.]

- **Complicated living arrangements.** [If children split time between homes, families live with relatives, children are in foster or kinship care, or families move often, explain how changing the residence rules could affect how they are counted.]
- **Immigrant or mixed-status families.** [Describe how excluding some residents from apportionment could affect families you know or make households less willing to participate.]
- **Community resources.** [If your community depends on census-based funding for schools, child care, health care, food assistance, or other services, explain what an undercount could mean.]
- **Census data in your work or community.** [If you use census data at work, in school, while volunteering, or in your community, explain why complete and accurate data matter.]

Say what you want done.

For these reasons, I urge the Department to withdraw the proposed rule. If it moves forward, the Bureau should at minimum retain April 1 as Census Day, preserve the residence guidance used in the 2020 Census, and ensure communities have a meaningful opportunity to understand and respond to major changes.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[City, State]