**SAMPLE LTE #1**

To the Editor:

In March, Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross, with the support of Attorney General Jeff Sessions’ anti-immigrant Department of Justice, announced that he had directed the Census Bureau to add a citizenship question to the 2020 Census. Adding a new question on citizenship will increase census costs significantly and jeopardize a fair and accurate count by deterring many people from responding. The data gathered by the census provides the basis for fair voting representation and helps our [STATE’S] leaders identify current and future needs for health care, infrastructure, education, housing, and other services.

How can we take action? A 60-day comment period, which ends on August 7, provides an opportunity to establish a strong, clear public record from a range of stakeholders who oppose the addition of a citizenship question to the 2020 Census. Make your voice heard and submit your public comment at [censuscounts.org](http://censuscounts.org/).

The untested and unnecessary citizenship question undermines the integrity of the census. Tell Congress and the Trump administration to support a fair and accurate census and remove the citizenship question from the 2020 Census form.

Advocate Jane Doe

**SAMPLE LTE #2**

To the Editor:

Saving the 2020 Census is more critical now more than ever. With the inclusion of the citizenship question, the threat to a fair and accurate count is real. Overriding the Census Bureau’s nonpartisan experts, Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross directed the bureau to include a question on citizenship status on the census form, without any time to test the question or assess the potential impact on people’s willingness to complete the questionnaire. A fair and accurate census that reflects our communities is absolutely vital. That is why the citizenship question should not be added to the 2020 Census.

A failed, inaccurate census will skew the fair distribution of program funds for the next 10 years. That means that the federal assistance programs [STATE] offers our communities – Medicaid, highway planning and construction, special education grants, children’s health insurance plans, child care and foster care – could face serious cuts that would hurt already vulnerable communities and families.

Let Congress and the Trump administration know that this outcome is unacceptable. You can participate in a 60-day comment period between now and August 7, where the Commerce Department is soliciting public comments on the 2020 Census to help evaluate the quality of information the questionnaire will collect. Speak up for every community – let your voice be heard!

#SaveTheCensus by submitting a comment to [censuscounts.org](http://censuscounts.org/).

Mother Jane Doe