

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND
TRANSPORTATION**

Full Committee
“Nominations Hearing”
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REPUBLICAN QUESTIONS FOR THE RECORD

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1. The 2020 Census faced unprecedented challenges, including the early closure of field operations in September due to COVID-19, several weeks ahead of the originally planned October 31 deadline. Given your emphasis on data integrity and leveraging technology:

- Once confirmed, how would you work to identify specific geographic areas where census operations were truncated or potentially incomplete?

If confirmed, I look forward to exploring a couple of options. First, I plan to work with the Census team to take a closer look at the 2020 post-enumeration survey and identify smaller geographical areas that may have been subject to undercount. Second, I look forward to focusing on the Census Bureau's administrative records infrastructure and identify areas where in-field enumeration may have shown insufficient coverage.

- What strategies would you use to coordinate with state and local governments to address areas with suspected undercounts, and how would you ensure the resulting data is reliable for policymaking and resource allocation?

I share the priority of ensuring reliable, accurate data for policy makers and resource allocation. If confirmed, I look forward to working closely with state and local governments about taking an active role in 2030 Census planning including campaigns to encourage self-response in the 2030 Decennial, and exploring data-sharing agreements to enhance the quality of enumeration within their jurisdictions.