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**U.S. Customs and
Border Protection**

Commissioner

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MEMORANDUM FOR: SEE DISTRIBUTION

FROM:

Commissioner

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SUBJECT:

Policy for Requesting Information of a Sensitive
Nature from the Census Bureau

This memorandum establishes policy on the above subject and is effective immediately.

Assistant Commissioners and Directors shall approve in advance any request by employees under their supervision that specifically seeks information deemed to be of a sensitive nature from the Census Bureau.

For purposes of this policy, information of a sensitive nature includes data that pertains to: race, ethnic origin, religion, minority status, political affiliation or belief, and sexual orientation.

In reviewing proposals to request information of a sensitive nature from the Census Bureau, Assistant Commissioners shall ensure that such information is reasonably related to the border protection and law enforcement needs of Customs and Border Protection and that the scope of the request is tailored to the legitimate need for such information.

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