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Without explanation, the U.S. Census Bureau's website (census.gov) was taken offline for two hours on January 31, 2025, raising serious concerns about access to critical public data. As our nation's premier federal statistical agency, the Census Bureau provides essential information that governments, businesses, researchers, and citizens rely on daily to make informed decisions.

The removal, temporary or otherwise, of taxpayer-funded data from the Census Bureau and federal websites is more than an inconvenience—it's a departure from our commitment to transparency and open government. The Census Bureau's data forms the backbone of countless policy decisions, business strategies, and research initiatives.

Reliable, uninterrupted access to government statistics isn't just an expectation—it's fundamental to maintaining public trust and supporting evidence-based decision-making across all sectors of our society. I urge immediate action to prevent future disruptions and ensure all taxpayer-funded information remains readily accessible.