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High-quality, freely available federal statistics drive our nation's economic leadership. Let's not lose our statistical edge!

For over a century, US federal statistics have set global standards, delivering exceptional detail, timeliness, objectivity, and reliability at modest cost.

Our economic statistics provide a tangible competitive advantage. When businesses can analyze which manufacturing sectors are expanding or where demand for software engineers is growing, they make smarter investment decisions. When workers know which skills are in demand, they can target their training effectively.

These public goods don't just serve private interests - they inform critical decisions by Congress and the Administration.

The same information and precision powers multiple sectors:

- School officials identify resource gaps through student demographics.
- Public health agencies track disease outbreaks and chronic disease patterns to allocate resources more effectively and efficiently.
- Energy planners model consumption patterns to ensure adequate supply.
- Manufacturers track which goods are traded, and with what countries.
- Planners follow transportation resource availability.

Across society, we follow GDP, unemployment rates, corporate profits, personal income, and more. We get trusted information on the financial condition, production practices, and resource use of farm businesses and the economic well-being of America's farm households. All this is carefully collected and widely disseminated by our federal statistical system.

However, persistent and imminent challenges threaten these vital resources. We must vigilantly protect their integrity and quality, supporting federal data collection that prioritizes public interest over profit.

Consider contacting your congressional representatives to advocate for robust funding for federal statistical agencies. Adequate investment is essential for these critical data systems to keep pace with our rapidly changing world.

Further, the quality of US statistics stems from a dedicated statistical workforce committed to unmatched accuracy, integrity, and objectivity. I commend and thank these talented and

devoted public servants, and hope you will, too. When contacting your congressional representatives, emphasize the importance and competence of the federal statistics workforce.

What federal statistics do you rely on most in your work? Share in the comments.