

December 18, 2015

The Honorable John Culberson  
Chairman  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Commerce, Justice, and Science  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Honda  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Commerce, Justice, and Science  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Richard Shelby  
Chairman  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Commerce, Justice, and Science  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Barbara A. Mikulski  
Ranking Member  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on  
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Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Shelby, Ranking Member Mikulski, Chairman Culberson, and Ranking Member Honda,

We the undersigned organizations write to thank you for the final FY16 level of \$105 million for the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA), providing for both its move to the U.S. Census Bureau headquarters and new initiatives.

We commend you for the support of this agency so enormously important to understanding our multi-trillion dollar economy. We're pleased to see that the FY16 level brings BEA to nearly the purchasing power level of its FY10 level. This investment in our information infrastructure – small relative to our multi-trillion dollar economy which it tracks – will repay the public many times over.

Thank you again for your support.

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