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The Honorable Dr. Robert Groves  
Director  
United States Census Bureau  
4300 Silver Hill Road  
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Dear Dr. Groves:

On July 26, 2011, the Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight will hold a hearing on small business contracting. To assist the Subcommittee in preparing for this hearing, I request that you provide a briefing for Subcommittee staff regarding the history of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) and the process that the Census Bureau uses to establish and update NAICS codes.

I request that you provide the briefing as soon as possible, but in no case later than Tuesday, **July 8, 2011**.

The jurisdiction of the Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight is set forth in Senate Rule XXV clause 1(k); Senate Resolution 445 section 101 (108<sup>th</sup> Congress); and Senate Resolution 73 (111<sup>th</sup> Congress). An attachment to this letter provides additional information about how to respond to the Subcommittee's request.

Please have your staff contact Margaret Daum at (202) 224-4462 with any questions. Please send any official correspondence relating to this request to [kelsey\\_stroud@hsgac.senate.gov](mailto:kelsey_stroud@hsgac.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



Claire McCaskill  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight

cc: Rob Portman  
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Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight

Enclosure