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Introduced by: American Academy of Family Physicians
American Academy of Pediatrics
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
American College of Physicians

Subject: Maintaining Validity and Comprehensiveness of U.S. Census Data

Referred to: Reference Committee B
(R. Dale Blasier, MD, Chair)

Whereas, The U.S. Census data determines the allocation of more than $675 billion in federal
funding to states and communities annually; and

Whereas, These funds provide for community development, public health, education,
transportation and other community resource investments that are vital to decreasing the health,
social and economic disparities experienced by vulnerable populations; and

Whereas, The 2020 Census is facing unprecedented challenges, such as a leadership void in
the absence of an acting director, as well as insufficient funding; and

Whereas, There are resulting concerns about introduction of an internet-based format, scaled-
back preparations and cybersecurity threats; and

Whereas, An inaccurate count will have significant consequences as the demographic data from
the count are the bases for surveys that are benchmarks for major businesses, governments
and researchers; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our American Medical Association support adequate funding for the U.S.
Census to assure accurate and relevant data is collected and disseminated. (New HOD Policy)

Fiscal Note: Not yet determined

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