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S. 265

To provide that participation in the American Community Survey is voluntary.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 28, 2025

Mr. RISCH (for himself, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. DAINES, and Mr. CRAPO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Freedom from Govern-
5 ment Surveys Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. VOLUNTARY NATURE OF AMERICAN COMMUNITY**
7 **SURVEY.**

8 (a) NO PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO RESPOND.—Sec-
9 tion 221 of title 13, United States Code, is amended by
10 adding at the end the following:

1 “(d) VOLUNTARY NATURE OF AMERICAN COMMU-
2 NITY SURVEY.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to any per-
3 son who refuses or neglects to answer any question on the
4 American Community Survey (or any successor survey).”.

5 (b) CLARIFICATION OF VOLUNTARY NATURE ON
6 SURVEY.—Section 193 of title 13, United States Code, is
7 amended—

8 (1) by striking “In advance” and inserting the
9 following:

10 “(a) IN GENERAL.—In advance”; and

11 (2) by adding at the end the following:

12 “(b) CLARIFICATION OF VOLUNTARY NATURE OF
13 AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY.—The Secretary shall in-
14 clude on the American Community Survey (or any suc-
15 cessor survey) a statement that participation in the survey
16 is voluntary.”.

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