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COSSA Endorses Bill to Combat Sexual Harassment in Science

On October 2, COSSA released a statement in support of H.R. 7031, the *Combatting Sexual Harassment in Science Act of 2018*. The bill, which is sponsored by Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX), Ranking Member of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee, would provide funding to the National Science Foundation to establish a grant program to study the causes and consequences of sexual harassment in the scientific workforce, efficacy of interventions, and methods of remediating the negative impacts of sexual harassment. This legislation would also direct data collection about sexual harassment in science and establish an interagency working group to address this important issue. Read the full statement on [COSSA's website](#).

COSSA IN ACTION

Letters & Statements

- 10/10/2018: [Letter on Realignment/Relocation of the Economic Research Service and National Institute of Food and Agriculture](#)
 - 10/8/2018: [Comment on Including Sexual Orientation and Gender Identify Measures on NSF's Survey of Doctorate Recipients](#)
 - 10/2/2018: [Friends of NCHS Executive Committee Letter on FY 2020 Funding for the National Center for Health Statistics](#)
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CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

Senate Panel Considers Dillingham Nomination for Census Director

On October 3, the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs held a [confirmation hearing](#) to consider the Trump Administration's nomination of Steven Dillingham for Director of the Census Bureau (see COSSA's [previous coverage](#)). The Bureau has been without a permanent director since June 2017 and is in the middle of a significant ramp-up as it prepares to conduct the 2020 Census. Dillingham's nomination is relatively uncontroversial, particularly when compared to the more [overtly political candidates](#) the Administration is reported to have considered. In his [opening statement](#), Committee Chair Ron Johnson (R-WI) called Dillingham "well-qualified," and Ranking Member Claire McCaskill [indicated after the hearing](#) that she would support his nomination.

During the hearing, Dillingham avoided taking a stance on whether the 2020 Census should include a [citizenship question](#) in response to questions from both Republicans and Democrats. He also answered questions about keeping down the costs of the decennial census and strategies for reaching hard-to-count populations. The next step for Dillingham's nomination is a vote by the full committee, which has not yet been scheduled. Following committee approval, the nomination must be approval by the full U.S. Senate. However, further action will not occur until after the November midterm elections since the Senate is in recess until then.

A recording of the hearing is available on the [committee's website](#).

FEDERAL AGENCY & ADMINISTRATION NEWS

Nomination Opportunities

- NSF: [Alan T. Waterman Award](#) (Closes: October 22, 2018)

Funding Opportunities

- **NEW:** NSF: [Dear Colleague Letter: Mid-Scale Research Infrastructure \(Mid-scale RI\) Opportunities](#)
- **NEW:** NIH: [Predoctoral Training in Advanced Data Analytics for Behavioral and Social Sciences Research \(BSSR\) - Institutional Research Training Program \[T32\]](#) (Opens: April 25, 2019)
- **NEW:** NSF: [Dear Colleague Letter: NSF ENG, GEO, and SBE Directorates Accepting Proposals for Research Related to the 2018 Hurricane Season](#)
- **NEW:** NSF: [Understanding the Rules of Life: Epigenetics](#) (Closes: February 1, 2018)
- **NEW:** NSF: [Understanding the Rules of Life: Building a Synthetic Cell](#) (Closes: December

Notices & Requests for Comment

- **NEW:** Census: [Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; The American Community Survey](#) (Closes: December 17, 2018)
- **NEW:** NSF: [Dear Colleague Letter: Mid-Scale Research Infrastructure \(Mid-scale RI\) Opportunities](#)
- **NEW:** NIH: [Request for Information \(RFI\) on Proposed Provisions for a Draft Data Management and Sharing Policy for NIH Funded or Supported Research](#) (Closes: December 10, 2018)
- NIH: [Request for Information To Solicit Feedback on the Brain Research Through Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies \(BRAIN\) Initiative](#) (Closes: November 15, 2018)
- NIH: [Request for Information \(RFI\): Registration and Results Reporting Standards for Prospective Basic Science Studies Involving Human Participants](#) (Closes: November 12, 2018)
- NSF: [NSF 2026 Idea Machine](#) (Closes: October 26, 2018)
- NSF: [Request for Information on Update to the 2016 National Artificial Intelligence Research and Development Strategic Plan](#) (Closes: October 26, 2018)
- NCES: [National Assessment of Educational Progress \(NAEP\) 2019 and 2020 Update](#) (Closes: October 19, 2018)

Open Positions

- **NEW:** NIH: [Deputy Director, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development \(NICHD\)](#) (Closes: December 5, 2018)
- NSF: [Division Director, Social and Economic Sciences, SBE](#) (Closes: October 31, 2018)
- NSF: [Deputy Division Director, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, SBE](#) (Closes: October 17, 2018)

COMMUNITY NEWS & REPORTS

Academies Releases "How People Learn II"

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NAEM) recently released a new consensus study report, [How People Learn II: Learners, Contexts, and Cultures](#), which summarizes the current research on the science of learning. The report is a follow-up to a [2000 study](#) and highlights advances in knowledge produced over the past 15 years, including "insights about the influence of culture in shaping how people learn, the dynamic nature of learning across the life span, and the importance of motivation in learning." The report also identifies priorities for future research in two main areas: (1) connecting research on internal mechanisms of learning with the shaping forces of contextual variation, including culture, social context, instruction, and time of life; and (2) using insights on the science of learning to better design technologies that facilitate learning across the lifespan and to adapt technologies to specific learning environments. The full report is available for download on the [National Academies' website](#).

Recent Reports

- **NEW:** NAEM: [How People Learn II: Learners, Contexts, and Cultures](#)
- **NEW:** NAEM: [Improving Data Collection and Measurement of Complex Farms](#)

COSSA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Fellowships & Professional Development

- **NEW:** APA: [Congressional Fellowship](#), [Jacquelin Goldman Congressional Fellowship](#), and [Executive Branch Science Fellowship](#) (Close: January 6, 2019)
- AERA: [AERA Congressional Fellowship](#) (Closes: December 15, 2018)
- **NEW:** SRCD: [Federal](#) and [State](#) Policy Fellowships (Close: December 14, 2018)
- CASBS: [CASBS Fellowship](#) (Closes: November 2, 2018)

EVENTS CALENDAR

- [The Lab @ DC: The Extra Mile: Time to School and Student Outcomes in Washington, DC](#), October 18, 2018, Washington, DC
- [Panel Study of Income Dynamics 50th Anniversary Reception](#), October 18, 2018, Washington, DC
- [AERA Brown Lecture in Education Research: Disrupting Punitive Practices and Policies: Rac\(e\)ing Back to Teaching, Teacher Preparation, and Brown](#), October 25, 2018, Washington, DC
- [Evaluation 2018](#) (American Evaluation Association), October 29-November 3, 2018, Cleveland, OH
- [History of Science Society Annual Meeting](#), November 1-4, 2018, Seattle, WA
- [North American Regional Science Council Annual Meeting](#), November 7-10, 2018, San Antonio, TX
- [National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference](#), November 7-10, 2018, San Diego, CA
- [Social Science History Association Annual Meeting](#), November 8-11, 2018, Phoenix, AZ
- [National Communication Association Annual Convention](#), November 8-11, 2018, Salt Lake City, UT
- [Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference](#), November 8-10, 2018, Washington, DC
- [Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting](#), November 8-11, 2018, Orlando, FL
- [American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting](#), November 14-17, 2018, Atlanta, GA
- [Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences Annual Meeting](#), November 14-17, 2018, Chicago, IL
- [American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting](#), November 14-18, 2018, San Jose, CA
- [Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Annual Convention](#), November 15-18, 2018, Washington, DC
- [African Studies Association Annual Meeting](#), November 29-December 1, 2018, Atlanta, GA

A list of COSSA members' annual meetings and other events can be found on the COSSA [events page](#). COSSA members who have an upcoming event they would like to see listed in the Events Calendar and on our website should send an email to jmilton@coffa.org.

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