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Sen. Paul Introduces Legislation to Protect Americans from Invasive Survey

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On Tuesday, Sen. Paul introduced S.530, a bill that would make participation in the American Community Survey (ACS) voluntary. ACS is a separate survey from the decennial Census and unlike the Census, ACS is not required by the Constitution. This survey is sent to over 3 million Americans each year and includes questions about mental disabilities in your home, personal financial information, whether you have a toilet and what time you leave for and return from work each day. Currently, those who choose not to respond to the survey are threatened with a criminal penalty.

"This bill seeks to protect citizens and addresses concerns about the level of personal information collected by the American Community Survey," Sen. Paul said. "By making this survey voluntary, people would have the opportunity to decide what, if any, information they share with the government."

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