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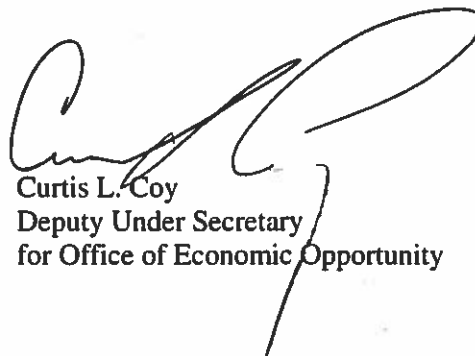
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Dear Mr. Schneider and Miss Chiu:

This is in response to your September 6, 2016, letter to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) requesting information on VA data that will assist with a study on the success of the Post-9/11 GI Bill program, which would be part of the U.S. Census Bureau and University of Chicago's data-linking research pilots. In particular, your organization is looking to identify the necessary data elements across agencies (i.e., U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Departments of Education and Veterans Affairs, U.S. Internal Revenue Service, and the National Student Clearinghouse) to determine the educational outcomes and civilian employment success for individuals who have used benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill program. This is to confirm we are willing to work with your agency in collaboration with the other agencies to determine the best path forward to share Post-9/11 GI Bill data for the purposes of this effort.

We will reach out to your office to schedule an introductory meeting. Should you have further questions, please have a member of your staff contact Ms. Charmain Bogue, Deputy Director, Education Service, at (202) 461-9768 or by email at [charmain.english@va.gov](mailto:charmain.english@va.gov).

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