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The Commission hopes that this study will be useful to economic and social researchers and planners, and welcomes any comments or suggestions.