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The Honorable Peter Hoekstra
Representative in Congress
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Dear Representative Hoekstra:

Thank you for your continuing leadership and support for the 2010 Census. As we are in the final 12 months leading to Census Day, April 1, 2010, we are involved in several activities in your district and across Michigan in preparation for next year.

During the months of April, May and June, some 4,000 temporary Census employees will be checking the list of addresses, canvassing every road and ensuring we have the precise locations and mailing address for every structure where people reside. While there will be minimal engagement with the general public, these Census listers may be observed in each neighborhood, walking or driving every street and road, stopping frequently to record their information to ensure our records are complete and accurate. Each employee has passed a thorough security check and will have official identification credentials.

Also, during the spring of 2009, we will be adding Census positions in several communities. Partnership assistant positions will be available in limited numbers in areas where we have less cooperation in completing the census questionnaire. These temporary appointments run for approximately one year and seek to increase our outreach to hard-to-enumerate populations to improve participation in the Census.

In addition, we will recruit for a limited number of office management positions in each of the 12 cities where we plan to open temporary office facilities this fall. A description of the qualifications for each of these positions and the cities where the offices will be located are provided in the enclosed materials. These additional offices will join with the four offices presently in place to recruit and manage the large operations planned for the spring of 2010.

During this coming year, we will continue to work with elected officials, community leaders, schools and many organizations across the state to foster a strong level of cooperation in completing the Census questionnaire when it arrives at addresses next spring. Members of our regional partnership staff will be involved directly in each local community.

Again, I appreciate your personal involvement and support for our efforts to have an accurate and complete count. We will continue to keep you informed over the coming months. If you have any questions, please contact me at (313) 396-5208.

Sincerely,

Dwight P. Dean
Regional Director

Enclosures

2010 Local Census Offices Michigan

Opening Summer Thru Fall
2009

