



County of Fairfax, Virginia

To protect and enrich the quality of life for the people, neighborhoods and diverse communities of Fairfax County

March 16th, 2010

Dear Community Partner:

Fairfax County government is committed to ensuring every resident is counted in the 2010 Census. I am writing to ask for your assistance in achieving this goal.

Approximately \$435 billion in federal funding is distributed to communities each year and the Census data guides the amount of money to benefit many programs in the community such as social services, education, Head Start, health services, transportation, unemployment insurance and youth recreation services, to name a few. It is only by working together that we can secure a high response in 2010.

The Census is safe and confidential and the Census Bureau cannot share information with any individual, private or government entity; including immigration, IRS or Welfare. The information cannot be used against individuals in any way to collect back taxes, child support or alimony, if you have a law violation or warrant, to investigate your legal status or to garnish your wages.

We are writing to ask your organization to support the 2010 Census campaign by:

- 1) Encouraging your clients, constituents, donors and supporters to participate in the 2010 Census
- 2) Promote the 2010 Census in your newsletters, website and other publications
- 3) Put a link from your website to the U.S. Census 2010 website at <http://www.census.gov> or the Fairfax County website <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/demogrph/census.htm>
- 4) Post 2010 Census posters and information in your offices
- 5) Support the goals and ideals of the 2010 Census
- 6) Promote the importance, safety and confidentiality of the Census through education and outreach to the populations you serve.
- 7) Ask everyone to complete their census form and mail it back by April 1.

The goal of the Census is to count every person who lives in the United States. This as an opportunity to join together with your organization to make sure everyone in Fairfax is counted to benefit all that we serve.

Sincerely,

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