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**From the New York Regional Director
U. S. Census Bureau**

The U.S. Constitution requires the U.S. Census Bureau to take an official count of people living in the United States every 10 years. This count not only determines the number of seats in the United States House of Representatives to which each state is entitled, but also the distribution of state and federal funds for highways and schools. Census data show the demographic make-up of your community, state, and the nation. It dictates where to build schools, form election districts, and locate energy sources such as gas and electricity.

The 2020 Census activities are now underway. Census Bureau employees across the country are updating census Address Lists and maps so that we can distribute Census forms efficiently and save taxpayers' money.

We are asking your cooperation in permitting Census Bureau employees to access your building or community to perform their official duties. Because the 2020 Census is a complex operation involving several phases, more than one census employee may request access over the next several months.

All census takers are federal government employees who, as required by Title 13 of the United States Code, have taken an oath to protect the confidentiality of the information they collect. Only authorized, sworn Census Bureau employees have access to the reported information. The data is used for statistical purposes only. This means that no person or household can be identified from the published census results.

Our employees have identification badges that include their picture and should be displayed while they are on duty. Upon request, they will provide their local census office phone number for verification of employment.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff T. Behler".

Jeff T. Behler
Regional Director