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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of the Census
Washington, DC 20233-0001

Dear _____ :

The Bureau of the Census has undertaken for the Department of Housing and Urban Development a survey of the current market activity of newly completed apartment buildings. The survey is designed to measure the rates at which different types of apartments are rented or sold. Such information provides a basis for analyzing the degree to which apartment building activity is meeting present and future needs.

This Survey of Market Absorption is being conducted nationwide on a sample basis. Approximately 1,000 buildings are selected each month out of all buildings completed that month. The building(s) selected is indicated above.

Your report to the Bureau of the Census is confidential by law (Title 13, U.S. Code). It may be seen only by sworn Census employees and may be used only for statistical purposes.

It is estimated that it will take from 15 to 20 minutes to complete this interview, with 18 minutes being the average time. If you have any comments regarding these estimates or any other aspect of this survey, send them to the Director, Division of Housing and Demographic Analysis, Office of Policy, Development and Research, Office of Economic Affairs, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, DC 20410.

This data collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget, and the number and expiration date of that approval appears on the questionnaire as well as at the top of this letter. There is no penalty for your failure to participate in this voluntary survey, but your cooperation in this important program is appreciated.

Sincerely,

U.S. Census Representative