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Dear Resident:

This is your official 2010 Census form. We need your help to count everyone in the United States by providing basic information about all the people living in this house or apartment. **Please complete and mail back the enclosed census form by April 5 so that you can avoid a personal visit from an interviewer.**

Your answers are important. Census results are used to decide the number of representatives each state has in the U.S. Congress. The amount of government money your neighborhood receives also depends on these answers. That money is used for services for children and the elderly, roads, and many other local needs.

Your answers are confidential. This means the Census Bureau cannot give out information that identifies you or your household. Your answers will only be used for statistical purposes, and for no other purpose. The back of this letter contains more information about protecting your data.

Sincerely,

Steve H. Murdock  
Director, U.S. Census Bureau

Enclosures

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## **Your Answers Are Confidential**

Federal law protects your privacy and keeps your answers confidential (Title 13, United States Code, Sections 9 and 214). The answers you give on the census form cannot be obtained by law enforcement or tax collection agencies. Your answers cannot be used in court. They cannot be obtained with a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

As allowed by law, census data become public after 72 years (Title 44, United States, Section 2108). This information can be used for family history and other types of historical research.

Please visit our Web site at <[www.census.gov/2010census](http://www.census.gov/2010census)> and click on "Protecting Your Answers" to learn more about our privacy policy and data protection.