

Dear <Title> <LASTNAME of Governor or Legislative Leader>,

I am writing you to follow up on the invitation that we sent on <Insert Date> to solicit a non-partisan liaison from your state to work with the U.S. Census Bureau on the 2030 Census Redistricting Data Program (RDP).

The non-partisan liaison plays an important role in <insert state>'s opportunity to help define the 2030 census blocks and to provide congressional, state legislative and voting district boundaries and codes for inclusion in the 2030 Census Redistricting Data tabulations through the 2030 RDP. For further information regarding the 2030 Redistricting Data Program, please reference the attached *Federal Register* Notice issued this past summer.

Under the provisions of Public Law (P.L.) 94-171 (attached), the Census Bureau is obligated to furnish information on this program to “the officers or public bodies having initial responsibility for the legislative apportionment or districting of each state...” To the best of our knowledge, the officers or public bodies with this responsibility in your state are those to whom we are sending this email (CC List, attached). **We are asking that you and your colleagues designate the individual(s) who will serve as your state's non-partisan liaison(s) to the Census Bureau's RDP in a letter jointly signed by the governor and both the majority and minority party leaders of the State House and State Senate.** To assist you in selecting your non-partisan liaison, please reference the attached *2030 Non-Partisan RDP Liaison Role Description*.

Participation in the RDP is voluntary. P.L. 94-171 requires that state participation be non-partisan. If you have any questions, please contact James Whitehorne, Chief of our Redistricting & Voting rights Data Office, at (301) 763-4039 or at <rdo@census.gov>.

Sincerely,

James Whitehorne

Attachments

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CC List
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