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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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Washington, DC 20233-0001
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Dear Resident:

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting a very important survey called the **American Community Survey** (ACS). The ACS is an on-going monthly survey that tells us what the population looks like and how it lives. The Census Bureau chose this facility, not you personally, as part of a randomly selected sample. Participating in the ACS is important and also *required by law* (Title 13, United States Code (U.S.C.), Sections 141, 193, 221, and 223).

An ACS field representative from the Census Bureau will conduct a personal interview with you or you may complete the survey questionnaire yourself. We estimate this survey will take about 25 minutes of your time. If you fill out the questionnaire yourself, please place it in the envelope that the ACS field representative gave you. The field representative will arrange for a convenient time to pick it up.

The ACS produces critical, up-to-date information that is used to meet the needs of communities across the United States. For example, results from this survey may be used to decide where new schools, hospitals, and fire stations are needed. The ACS estimates are used by federal, state, and local governments to make decisions and to develop programs that will provide healthcare, education, and transportation services that affect you and your community.

We want to emphasize that any information you give our field representative will be kept confidential. By law, the Census Bureau cannot publish or release to anyone any information that would identify you (Title 13, U.S.C., Section 9). The information you provide can only be used for statistical purposes. The enclosed brochure provides answers to frequently asked questions about the ACS.

If you have access to the Internet and want to learn more about the ACS, please visit the Census Bureau's Web site at: <http://www.census.gov/acs>. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Groves
Director
U.S. Census Bureau

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