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U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting a very important national survey called the American Community Survey (ACS). The ACS collects information about various topics, such as education, health status, and jobs. Information from this survey is used by federal, state, local, and tribal governments, as well as by businesses and private non-profit organizations, to meet the needs of communities across America.

Local governments use these data for budgeting, evaluating programs, and planning for community development projects, such as those for the older population, Scout programs, libraries, and hospitals. Other organizations use this information to provide services to the community and to plan or establish new facilities, buildings, and programs.

A Field Representative from the Census Bureau will either ask you the survey questions or ask you to fill out the survey questionnaire yourself. If you fill out the form yourself, place it in the envelope that the Field Representative gave you. The Field Representative will arrange for a convenient time to return to pick it up.

The Census Bureau chose this facility—not you personally—as part of a randomly selected sample. Your participation in this survey is required by law. The Census Bureau is required by United States law to keep your answers confidential. Your responses will be used only 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/www/index.html>

Thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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