

THE CENSUS BUREAU NEEDS YOUR HELP

Dear PAA Member,

Congress is currently drafting a bill to consider this month that will provide additional funding to the Department of Defense and other federal agencies in this fiscal year, Fiscal Year 2008.

As you may know, the Commerce Department says the Census Bureau needs approximately \$160-238 million in Fiscal Year 2008 to begin preparing for a modified census plan that includes a paper-based NRFU for the 2010 census. Because this decision is a departure from the agency's original plans, the agency must receive this additional funding to adequately plan for its revised Non-Response Follow-Up (NRFU) process. However, the White House is resisting calls for additional, non war-related spending in the supplemental.

The Census Project recently sent a letter to OMB Director Jim Nussle and key members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, urging them to include the funding on the FY 2008 Supplemental Appropriations bill:

<http://www.thecensusproject.org/Census%20Project%20Supplementa>

To reinforce the importance of this message, we need stakeholders to call and e-mail the White House and Congress to express their support for funding the Census Bureau.

Please call the White House and your members in the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate to urge them to support putting additional money for the Census Bureau in the FY 2008 Supplemental Appropriations Bill. Without this funding, the accuracy of the 2010 Census is in jeopardy.

Also, please use this alert to encourage your members and