

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Dr. Robert Groves
Director
U.S. Census Bureau
4600 Silver Hill Road
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Dear Director Groves,

As Members of Congress representing areas of New York City, we know the vibrant changes and activities in neighborhood after neighborhood across the City over the last ten years, which is why we were surprised at the results of the 2010 Census. Last week the Census Bureau responded to the City's request for a review of 2010 Census counts, and the Bureau stated that the Count Question Resolution program did not find evidence of boundary or processing errors. While we thank you for conducting this review, we are disappointed in the results.

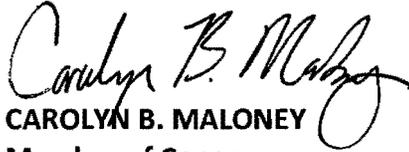
Getting the count right is critical not only to fair political representation, but for the fair distribution of federal dollars to the City's residents. As you know, the City's challenge dealt with coverage and the occupancy status of addresses from the enumeration, especially in hard-to-count areas. The City requested the review because of concerns about inconsistencies between the Bureau's findings and with other survey and administrative data. While the Bureau did correct for some minor errors in the geographic placement of housing units and/or group quarters, this did not change the total census population or housing unit counts in areas identified in the challenge.

Given that preparations for the 2020 decennial Census are underway already, we would urge the Bureau to focus on any collaborative efforts with New York City to devise and study methods and approaches to increase coverage and improve the accuracy of future counts. In addition, we urge the Bureau to regularly brief Congress with the status of your research efforts to improve decennial census operations, to invite external expert reviews of your 2020 design, and to welcome expert input from local jurisdictions on how to improve your address file, to identify

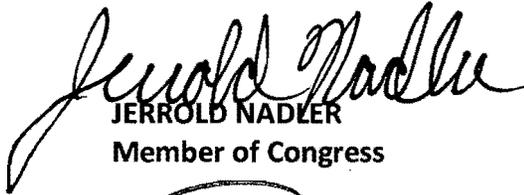
hidden housing units, and to enhance enumeration efforts with the latest innovations.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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Member of Congress

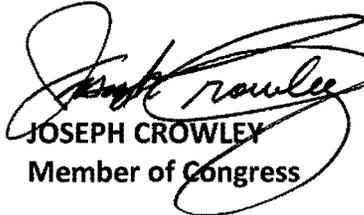

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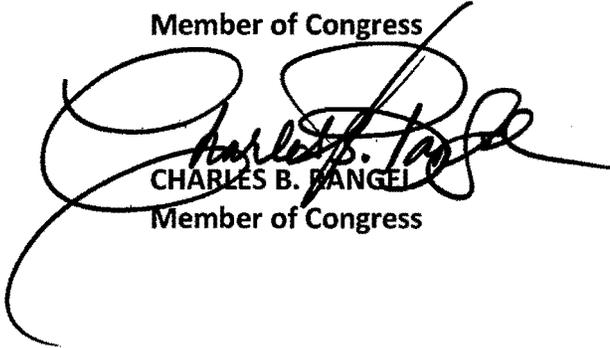

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