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**MAYOR ASKS FOR ASSISTANCE TO ENCOURAGE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU TO  
WORK WITH TOLEDO'S 2010 EVERYONE COUNTS COMMITTEE**

Toledo, Ohio - Below is text of a letter Mayor Carty Finkbeiner sent Thursday, July 10, 2008 to Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, and Senators George Voinovich and Sherrod Brown. It asks for the U.S. Census Bureau to work with Toledo's 2010 Everyone Counts Committee to ensure all locations where the City's residents reside are counted.

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I am writing to express my concerns about the 2010 U.S. Decennial Census and the accuracy of the count. Historically, the U.S. Decennial Census has traditionally undercounted populations in the nation's urban centers. The preparation for the 2010 Decennial Census has already begun, and the City of Toledo has and will continue to participate in the Decennial Census process. The City of Toledo has received from the U.S. Census Bureau an up-to-date address list from the U.S. Postal Service. Our review of that listing reveals, at a minimum, 1,400 missing addressees when compared to building permits and the Lucas County Auditors GIS System. These missing addresses include new and converted housing units and previous existing trailer court park units dating back as far as the year 2000. In addition to those units missing from the address list was a state correctional facility located in Toledo, as well as addresses for several University of Toledo dormitories.

Your assistance is requested to insure that the U.S. Census Bureau counts all residents in the City of Toledo. It is apparent that the U.S. Census Bureau's use of the U.S. Post Office address lists currently can lead to an undercount, as it does not include locations where all of the City's residents reside. I am requesting that the U.S. Census Bureau work with the Toledo 2010 Everyone Count Committee to ensure that local information from the Lucas County Auditor's GIS system and other local sources are utilized to supplement and verify the address lists that the U.S. Census Bureau will employ.

From Toledo - an International Award Winning City!

Carleton S. Finkbeiner  
Mayor

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