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2010 U.S. CENSUS

As you probably know from the media advertisements, the U.S. Census is currently being conducted nationwide. The U.S. Constitution mandates that every 10 years, that a count of every person living in the United States be taken. The Census forms are to be returned the week of April 1, 2010 and are to count the number of people living in each dwelling unit on April 1, 2010.

If you have not done so already, please fill out the form and return it as soon as possible but definitely before April 6.

By law, the Census forms must be completed and returned. However, any personal information other than statistical information gathered by the Census cannot by law be shared and must be kept private. Only numbers and statistics are shared.

The purpose of the Census is to obtain an accurate count of how many people are living in the U.S. and where they are living. These figures are used to establish and revise congressional voting districts, to equitably distribute federal funding, and to help determine where and what policies and programs should be implemented. Each person not counted can cost their municipality up to \$1,300.00 in federal funding and benefits.

There will be Census takers making the rounds to any household that does not return their questionnaire by mail. While this will help to insure that everyone is counted in the Census, but it is a costly process. Completing your questionnaire and responding immediately by mail helps to save tax dollars.

If you have any questions you can call 215-717-1074 or via e-mail at www.2010census.gov.

Please remember we're counting on you.