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**FROM THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR
DECENNIAL CENSUS PROGRAMS**

Dear PSAP Participant:

The U.S. Census Bureau (Census Bureau) invites your government to participate in the 2020 Census Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP). Do not miss your once-per-decade opportunity to review and update census tracts, block groups, census designated places (CDPs), and when applicable, census county divisions (CCDs).

We strongly encourage your participation in the 2020 Census PSAP for the following reasons:

- The federal government allocates over \$675 billion in federal funds annually for infrastructure, programs, and services based on Census Bureau data.
- Participation ensures that your government will gain valuable information that will aid in making decisions about education, health services, and housing.
- The 2020 Census PSAP is your only opportunity to review and update census tracts, block groups, CDPs, and CCDs prior to the 2020 Census.

As the primary participant, work with all interested parties so that the resulting 2020 Census PSAP statistical areas accommodate the needs and interests of all governments and organizations in the areas for which you are the primary PSAP participant.

Action Steps:

1. Review the enclosed *2020 Census Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP) Information Guide* to answer questions about PSAP and help your government prepare for participation.
2. Sign-up for the 2020 Census PSAP by filling out the enclosed *Contact Update Form* and *Product Preference Form*. Please return the completed forms in the enclosed postage-paid envelope or scan and e-mail the forms to geo.psap@census.gov, within two weeks of receipt.

You can find statistical data for your government in the Census Bureau's American FactFinder at <http://factfinder.census.gov>.

The Census Bureau will offer webinar training for the 2020 Census PSAP beginning in January 2019. Details are available on the PSAP Web site at <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/about/psap.html>.