



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
U.S. Census Bureau
Beaufort Local Census Office
2121 Boundary St., Suite 200
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Re: 2010 Census

Dear Residents:

As you are probably aware April 1, 2010 is Census Day, a decennial event dating back to 1790. At the conclusion of the census questionnaire mail cycle a determination is made as to which surveys were not returned. The role of a census enumerator is to visit these non-response addresses to confirm their location, determine the status of the questionnaire (not received, 2nd home, etc.), and assist where possible. Our approach is friendly, short, and respectful. My writing you today is to request your community's support in permitting one or two census enumerators to follow-up on non-response addresses.

I also would like to invite residents of your community to become census enumerators. We will be scheduling testing sites in the area shortly. Enumerators are paid \$12.75 per hour and \$.50 per mile for usage of their automobile. Enumerators work flexible hours and for only several weeks (04/01/2010 to 07/31/2010), and are assigned areas in or near their community. Anyone interested in working with the Census Bureau can call our job line 843/982-5420 to schedule testing at a nearby test site.

The last decennial was 2000 and a lot has changed in our communities, county, state, and in America. The 2010 Census will undoubtedly impact our future and every address plays a significant role. Consider just a few ways census data are used:

- To draw congressional, state and local legislative districts
- To allocate Federal funds for state, local, and tribal governments
- By Congress to adopt policy and Federal legislation
- As input for planning community improvements (e.g. roads, schools, hospitals)

As you can see there are many benefits to the 2010 Census. I hope the members of your community will support us in our efforts to bring about a successful representation for our beloved low country community.

I look forward to hearing from you. I can be reached at 843/982-5402 or lcom.lco.2834@census2010.gov

Sincerely,

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