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Consul General of Turkey
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Dear The Honorable Riza Hakan Tekin,

As you may know, the United States Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years, to show state population counts and determine representation in the United States House of Representatives. Every resident must be counted—people of all races and ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens.

We are asking your consulate for help ensuring the people you serve are fully counted. With your assistance, the Census Bureau will continue to produce accurate data, which will directly affect the quality of life in your community. Every year, the Federal Government allocates more than \$400 billion in funding based, in part, on census data. Census information guides funding decisions for important community facilities, such as schools, hospitals, child-care centers, and more.

Census questionnaires will be delivered or mailed to households via U. S. mail in March; many households will receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. Census Day is April 1, 2010, and questionnaire responses should represent the household as it exists on this day. Census workers will visit households that do not return questionnaires, and will also visit hospitals, prisons, college dormitories, homeless shelters, and many other places to make the count as accurate as possible.

The census is confidential. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's census questionnaire responses with anyone, including housing authorities, the Citizenship and Immigration Service, other federal agencies or any law enforcement entities.

With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire is one of the shortest questionnaires in our history and takes just 10 minutes to complete.

To assist the many communities in our area, we are operating several Questionnaire Assistance Centers from March 19th until April 19th, where individuals with questions or difficulty filling out the questionnaire can get answers, forms in six languages, instructions in 59 languages, and one-on-one help. The center nearest your Embassy/Consulate can be found online at <http://2010.census.gov/2010census>

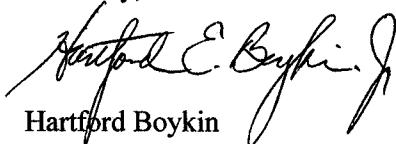
You can play an important role in making the 2010 Census successful by encouraging people in your community to take part in the count. You can:

- Assure people that it is important – and safe – to answer the census.
- Include information about the 2010 Census in newsletters, bulletins and web sites.
- Work with schools and family service centers in your community to spark conversations with children and families about the importance of the 2010 Census.
- Create a Complete Count Committee (CCC) in your area and invite other influential leaders to join the effort to increase census participation.

The Census Bureau serves as the leading source of quality data about the Nation's people and economy, and at the Culver City office – and throughout the United States Census Bureau – we honor privacy, protect confidentiality, share our expertise globally, and conduct our work openly. If you have any questions, please contact me at 323.924.1702.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



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