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Statement of Rep. Henry Waxman Federal Court Again Orders Release of Census Data March 26, 2002

Secretary Evans' request that a federal district judge reconsider her decision was unusual, and I think it was an effort to further delay the release of census information that should have been disclosed from the very outset. I am pleased that Judge Baird ruled quickly and again upheld our right to information under the seven member rule.

The Bush Administration's position in this case is another unfortunate example of reflexive secrecy. It is part of a clear effort throughout this Administration to control the flow of information to Congress and the public.