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The Honorable Tom Davis
Ranking Minority Member
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Dear Ranking Member Davis:

Thank you for your letter today expressing concerns over problems with the 2010 Decennial Census and the Census Bureau's Field Data Collection Automation program. The Census Bureau is indeed facing serious problems with the implementation of this program and is now attempting to modify the program or find alternative programs to successfully complete the 2010 Decennial Census.

As you know, we have had one briefing for staff on this issue and another is planned for later this week. In addition, as our staff previously indicated to your staff, we plan on holding a hearing on these issues early in April. The tentative date for the Subcommittee hearing is April 9, 2008.

Again, thank you for your letter. We look forward to working with you to ensure a successful 2010 Decennial Census.

Sincerely,



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