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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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As you may be aware, at the beginning of each decade, the United States Census Bureau aims to count our population and households through a decennial census. The census provides a basis for reapportioning congressional seats, redistricting, and distributing more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually that support the State, County and City of Indianola.

Beginning this month, the Census Bureau will begin contacting group quarters facilities across the nation as part of the 2020 Census Group Quarters Operation. Group quarters include facilities such as college student housing, nursing/skilled nursing facilities, group homes, and other multi-family types of developments. The Group Quarters Advance Contact Operation helps the Census Bureau identify administrators who can assist in counting those living in their group quarters facilities. Other key dates in the upcoming census include:

- February 3 – March 6, 2020- 2020 Census Group Quarters Operation Initial Contacts
- March 2020- Census Mailings Begin
- April 1, 2020- National Census Day
- April 2020- Census Takers Begin Visiting Group Quarters
- May 2020- Non-respondents Visited by a Census Taker

The reason you are receiving this letter is our records indicate you own a group quarters, as defined by the Census Bureau, within the City of Indianola. The City of Indianola is requesting your assistance in helping achieve an accurate count for the 2020 Census by sharing the importance of, and the need to participate in the census to your residents. All information that is provided to the Census Bureau is strictly confidential; it is not shared with anyone, including other federal agencies. The Census Bureau has legal, procedural, technological, and statistical safeguards to ensure information will not be disclosed to anyone.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (515) 962-5276 or at cdissell@indianolaiowa.gov.

Regards,

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