

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Census Count Vital For Region

Dear residents,

Why is it vitally important that every person in Connecticut, from newborns to the most elderly, be counted in the census this year?

Because we need the money!

When we all #GetCounted in the #2020Census, we guarantee our state \$11 billion in federal funding, as well as fair congressional representation.

Your information is private and safe! There is no question asking about your citizenship. By law, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about you, your home or your business, even to law enforcement agencies. That's protected under Title 13 of the U.S. Code.

Help yourself and your state, now. Online go to: my2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020.

This funding helps to pay for planning and funding for health care — including programs such as Medicaid, Medicare Part B, State Children's Health Insurance, and the prevention and treatment of substance abuse.

It also pays for planning and funding for education - including programs such as Head Start, Pell Grants, school lunches, rural education, adult education, and grants for preschool special education.

In addition, the funding pays for planning and funding for infrastructure — including programs for highway planning and construction, Section 8 housing, federal transit, community development, and rural water and waste disposal systems.

And don't forget it also pays for planning and funding for employment and training — including programs for vocational rehabilitation state grants, dislocated workers, and much more!

It only takes 10 minutes to shape Connecticut's next 10 years. Do your part to help make sure Connecticut receives all the funding we are entitled to and pay for with our hard-earned federal income taxes.

Help make our state the best it can be, by helping Connecticut get all the funding it is entitled to for all of our important services in the safety of your home! Please, take the census today!

For information about the LWV please go to <https://my.lwv.org/connecticut>

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