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KANSAS COMMUNITIES ENCOURAGED TO CONTEST CENSUS BUREAU

WASHINGTON -- Senator Bob Dole (R.-Kansas) today encouraged Kansas communities to contact the Bureau of the Census if they can substantiate inaccuracies in the preliminary census counts.

The Census Bureau has instituted a local review procedure to ensure community input to correct the initial census counts completed this summer. While the deadline for local input expired in early September in Kansas, communities may still act to correct miscounts before the figures are announced next year.

"I have been hearing from Kansas communities who feel that the census miscounted their population," said Dole. "While these communities could have corrected the counts during the summer, many small towns did not have the staff to do so or were unaware of the process. Many towns and cities in Kansas do not have the personnel to stay on top of all these developments. These counts could have a significant effect on federal aid to individual towns and cities," Dole added.

Contacted Bureau

"Because of these concerns, I have contacted the Census Bureau to ensure that it allows communities to update initial counts and have been assured that this can be done if specific information is provided," said Dole.

Senator Dole said that community leaders should contact the Director of the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20233. Dole emphasized that the Census Bureau could adjust the census count for housing units which were overlooked, but could not recheck for mistakes in households already counted. The Bureau also needs addresses of specific housing units missed in each enumeration district to verify the miscount.