



ILLINOIS

COMPLETE COUNT COMMISSION

Status Report

To the Members of the Illinois General Assembly:

The Illinois Complete Count Commission was established by P.A. 100-390. Among other duties assigned to the Commission by this Act, the Commission was to submit an interim report to the General Assembly by November 30, 2018, containing its recommended outreach strategy to encourage full participation and to avoid an undercount in the 2020 Census; thereafter, the Commission is directed to submit its final report to the General Assembly no later than June 30, 2019, specifying its recommended outreach strategy for implementation for the 2020 Census.

The interim report was filed in November, 2018. That report provided the General Assembly with background on the organization and the efforts of the Commission and its subcommittees through the end of calendar year 2018. The report contained recommendations for outreach strategies to educate, encourage and engage Illinois' population as the state moves toward Census Day – April 1, 2020. The report also provided information regarding the anticipated challenges facing the 2020 Census and recommendations to the General Assembly that would help the Commission meet the projected challenges and would support the Commission's continued outreach and education through calendar year 2019-2020.

One of the recommendations in the Interim Report was a request that the General Assembly appropriate a minimum of \$25 million for continued outreach and education efforts. The members of this commission were gratified by the General Assembly's response to this recommendation, by appropriating:

“The sum of \$29,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General Revenue Fund to the Illinois Department of Human Services for grants to community providers and local governments for the purposes of encouraging full participation in the 2020 federal decennial census of population required by Section 141 of Title 13 of the United States Code, particularly in those communities where the State's investment can have the greatest impact in increasing self-reporting, including, but not limited to, those communities estimated by the United State Census Bureau to have been undercounted during the 2010 Census.” (P.A. 101-007, Section 160.)

With this appropriation, the efforts to ensure the most complete census count possible of the residents of Illinois can go forward. Representatives of the Commission will reach out to the Department of Human Services to share with the Department the results of the Commission's endeavors to date, and to offer advice and guidance to the Department as it goes forward with its duties under P.A. 101-007.

Because of the need to coordinate with the Department of Human Services and reassess the role of the Commission, it will not be possible to file the required report to the General Assembly by June 30, 2019. This Status Report is submitted in lieu of a final report at this time. A final report will be prepared by the Commission and filed with the General Assembly as soon as practicable.

Respectfully submitted,

Illinois Complete Count Commission

June 13, 2019