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The Honorable Charlie Crist  
Governor, State of Florida  
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The Capitol  
400 South Monroe Street  
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Dear Governor Crist:

At no time in our state's history has an accurate census count meant so much. I am keenly interested in making certain that all of Florida's hard-to-count populations are counted, including the minority populations, immigrants and people with disabilities.

Obtaining an accurate count of Florida's population is crucial for many matters, including the planning of Florida's schools, highways, roads and other vital public projects. I consider these funds monies in reserve as we plan ahead in these fiscally challenging years.

As a legislative delegate to the 2010 Sunshine Census' Statewide Complete Count Committee, I have several urgent questions to bring to your attention.

Of the funds appropriated by the federal government for this important effort, how much money is Florida expected to receive and how will these funds be distributed and utilized?

Of the funds appropriated by the State of Florida, how much will each county, municipality or other local entity receive, and how will those funds be utilized?

Does your office maintain a database of how state and federal funds for census initiatives are being spent throughout the state, and can you provide descriptions of the projects being funded?

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I am certain that there is an economic impact to our local communities through state and federal spending on census outreach efforts. It is not clear if funds can be used to supplement someone who is getting unemployment benefits.

Governor, your rapid response to these questions will be warmly welcomed, and your continued interest in this important matter is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H Rogers", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Hazelle Rogers  
Representative, Florida House District 94

cc: The Honorable Larry Cretul, House Speaker  
The Honorable Jeff Atwater, Senate President  
The Honorable Franklin Sands, House Democratic Leader

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