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Congress of the United States
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Dear Board of Supervisors:

I respectfully ask you to reinstate the funding for census outreach to the City of Santa Ana and the Santa Ana Unified School District.

Based on data from the state and the data your offices have used to determine outreach focus, Santa Ana is the hardest to count out of all the cities in Orange County. The City and the SAUSD have also recognized this fact and have prepared a robust effort to do outreach to ensure an accurate count of their residents. With millions of dollars in federal funding at stake, it is imperative that we have an accurate count.

The City and the School District have already invested their own money into this effort, but as always, more was needed. They were granted the funds by county staff due to their robust efforts, clear action plan and solid deliverables. Unfortunately, county staff was overruled and the funds were rescinded.

The City and the School District have demonstrated a good faith effort to develop a strong census outreach program and met all the specifics the county was looking for to receive the funding. They are well equipped to handle Santa Ana while the other non-profits receiving funding can focus on other hard-to-count areas of the County. There is no logical reason to have taken the funding away from the City of Santa Ana and the Santa Ana Unified School District.

I ask that you restore the funding to the City and the School District, or immediately return the funding to the State of California so they can allocate the funds appropriately.

Sincerely

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