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RAHALL BACKS MILTON MAYOR: CENSUS FIGURES FISHY

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Rep. Nick Rahall (D-WV) today backed up Milton Mayor Jarrell Sargent by voicing his concern that the Census Bureau has undercounted the city of Milton in the 1990 census.

"From figures supplied to me by Mayor Sargent, it appears that Milton has been undercounted by close to 400 people, a sizeable chunk of that city's population," said Rahall.

Rahall reported that Mayor Sargent, upon receiving Milton's Post Census Review, took it upon the city of Milton to conduct their own census based on the formula and guidelines set forth by the Census Bureau.

Using their formula, Mayor Sargent found the Milton census to number 2,598 residents of Milton as opposed to the Census Bureau's count of 2,214, a difference of 384 people.

"Mayor Sargent did not use some self-made theory, and he did not project the population of Milton based on City Hall records; what he did was take the Census Bureau's own formula, reapply it, and what he found is a 384 person discrepancy. There is no excuse for that kind of miscalculation," said Rahall.

Rahall explained that this kind of mistake could potentially cost the City of Milton and the State of West Virginia millions of dollars in federal money: "If we are going to see any kind of resurgence in West Virginia in the 1990s, then we are going to have to see to it that we are justly counted and properly heard."

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Congressman Nick J. Rahall, II
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Dear Congressman:

The following is a letter written to the Director of Census regarding the 1990 Census taken in the City of Milton which might be of interest to you.

DIRECTOR OF CENSUS:

In reference to the 1990 Post Census Review compiled by your office, the City of Milton, West Virginia, challenges the results of that review.

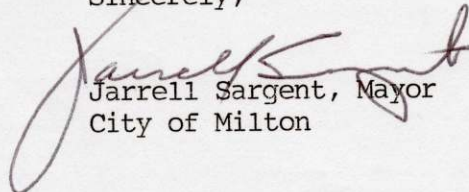
Upon receipt of your Post Census Review, the City of Milton conducted its own census using your guidelines, map and form D-74A. Attached are certified copies of that report.

Upon review of the tabulated results of your postcensus report verses the physical count conducted by the City of Milton I question the validity of the completed census for the State of West Virginia. Postcensus count 2,214, City of Milton physical count 2,598.

Due to the decrease in population of our City as reported by your review versus the physical count conducted by the City, if these results are an overall indication of the entire State, the State of West Virginia stands to loose at least one Congressional Seat, and many other Federal funded programs based upon population simply due to erroneous reporting.

Suggest corrective action taken to correct this difficiency.

Sincerely,


Jarrell Sargent, Mayor
City of Milton