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August 14, 2020

Honorable Edward Markey
255 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

RE: City of Malden – Resolve of Malden City Council regarding 2020 US Census

Dear Senator Markey:

I write to you on behalf of the members of the Malden City Council, who represent the citizens of the City of Malden. We thank you for your ongoing service and commitment to our community.

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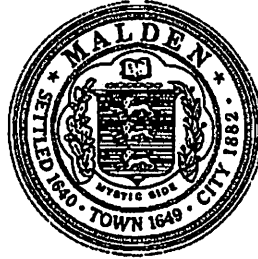
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Honorable Elizabeth Warren
309 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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Honorable Katherine Clark
2448 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: City of Malden – Resolve of Malden City Council regarding 2020 US Census

Dear Congresswoman Clark:

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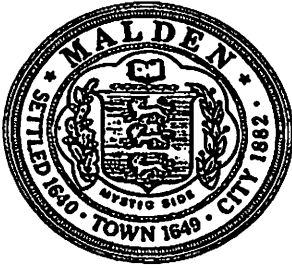
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Malden, MA

Date: August 14, 2020

Paper # 231 of 2020

Below is a true attest copy of same:

**Resolve of the Malden City Council Regarding U.S. Census Bureau's
to End Field Data Collection**

Resolved: That it is the sense of the City Council that every effort needs to be made to reach out to the 40% of residents who have not responded to the U.S. Census Bureau's request to electronically complete the 2020 Census form, including the following actions:

- (1) Malden's Federal Delegation should demand that the U.S. Census Bureau reverse its August 3, 2020 decision to end field data collection a month earlier than planned and instead extend field data collection period until November 30, 2020; and**
- (2) The City should continue its grant-funded effort to publicize the need for residents to respond to the U.S. Census Bureau's request to complete the 2020 Census form.**

Paper # 231 of 2020, of which the above is a true copy

Adopted, August 11, 2020 by the City Council, by yea (10) and nay (0) vote, the City Council consisting of eleven members at their August 11, 2020 meeting.

Attest:

City Clerk

City of
Malden
MASSACHUSETTS

www.cityofmalden.org

Gary Christenson, Mayor

August 11, 2020

The Honorable City Council
Malden City Hall
215 Pleasant Street
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Dear Members of the Council:

I write to voice my full support of City Councillor Stephen Winslow's Resolve entitled *Resolve of the Malden City Council Regarding U.S. Census Bureau's Decision to End Field Data Collection*.

I believe that the Trump Administration's August 3rd decision to move the Census completion deadline from October to September was wrong. The COVID19 pandemic has tremendously limited the ability to reach residents. As all field operations have been shut down, it has been a real challenge to reach our hard to count individuals.

I would strongly urge our federal legislators to do all they can to reverse this decision and extend the deadline to the end of December 2020. The September deadline will no doubt result in fewer of our residents being counted, thus providing less resources for our city.

Sincerely,



GARY CHRISTENSON
Mayor, City of Malden