October 4, 2013

ACTION ALERT

Due to the ongoing budget stalemate in Washington, DC, most federal agencies are closed, including ALL of the agencies of primary interest to the members of the Population Association of America (PAA). What does this mean?

- The National Institutes of Health and National Science Foundation cannot issue new grants or contracts;
- Program officers cannot respond to your inquiries or provide grantees with technical assistance;
- The Census Bureau cannot field ongoing surveys;
- The release of key socioeconomic indicators, such as the 3-year ACS estimates and metro-area unemployment figures, will be delayed and their future threatened the longer the government is closed; and,
- Many of our PAA colleagues in federal agencies are currently furloughed. It is unclear when they will return to work and if they will be paid for the time they were furloughed.
Please send an email or call the following individuals:

Your Representative in the U.S. House of Representatives

Your 2 U.S. Senators in the U.S. Senate

Please send this message:

I am your constituent and a scientist at the (name of institution). The ongoing government shutdown is affecting my ability to conduct life-saving research and to train the next generation of behavioral and social scientists. I urge you to work with your colleagues in Congress and the Administration to do three things right now:

- **Pass** a continuing resolution that will allow the entire federal government to re-open immediately.
- **Oppose** bills that would only open portions of the federal government. As a scientist who relies on direct and indirect support from a number of federal agencies, including the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, Census Bureau and other statistical agencies, I can assure you that exempting only certain
agencies will not benefit our nation's overall scientific research enterprise.

- **Negotiate** a long-term, balanced agreement that will prevent future shutdowns.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this important message!

To locate your U.S. Representative and his or her contact information go to:
http://www.house.gov/representatives/find/

To locate your U.S. Senators and their contact information go to:
http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

The Population Association of America
paaapc@popassoc.org | http://www.popassoc.org