CALL CONGRESS AND THE WHITE HOUSE TO URGE NO FUNDING CUTS!

In one week, on March 1, 2013, extreme across-the-board spending cuts (i.e. sequestration) totaling $85 billion in federal spending are scheduled to take effect. The impact of these cuts will be felt by all of the federal agencies that directly and indirectly support population, or demographic, research:

- $1.6 billion will be cut from the NIH, resulting in fewer and smaller research projects and the elimination of "several thousand research positions."
- $375 million will be cut from the NSF, resulting in 1,000 fewer research grants and termination of $35 million in facilities contracts and agreements;
- $46 million will be cut from the Census Bureau, forcing the agency "to significantly cut contract dollars and not fill hundreds of vacancies, pushing back research and testing for the 2020 Decennial Census as well as seriously delaying the release of critical economic and demographic data needed for this calendar year."

Please take a moment to contact your one U.S. Representative, two U.S. Senators, and the White House to communicate this simple message:

"I am a population scientist at (enter name of institution) and an educator who relies on direct and indirect funding from federal agencies, including the National Institutes of Health and National Science Foundation, to conduct research on (enter description of