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**SECRETARY GALVIN MEETS WITH CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION AND
MEMBERS OF U.S. CENSUS BUREAU**

Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin, the official Census Liaison for Massachusetts, met this week in Washington, D.C. with members of the commonwealth's Congressional delegation and officials of the U.S. Census Bureau to discuss the importance of ensuring that every person in Massachusetts is counted in the 2020 United States Census, including immigrants.

Galvin met with members of the House of Representatives from Massachusetts and separately with Senators Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey.

Galvin, at a meeting with senior members of the United States Census Bureau discussed his concerns relating to the methods that will be used to conduct the 2020 Census. In particular, Galvin sought and received confirmation that the Census questionnaire will be available in multiple languages, including Portuguese, which is in increasing demand in Massachusetts, because of diverse populations of Portuguese speakers.

Galvin also reiterated to the Census Bureau members his outrage regarding the Trump Administration's decision to require all residents to provide their citizenship status on the 2020 Census form. Galvin has warned for months that a citizenship question would lead to an undercount in states with high immigrant populations, resulting in a reduction in congressional representation, financial support, and electoral votes for Massachusetts.

It is estimated that more than one million of Massachusetts' nearly 7 million residents are foreign-born, including more than half a million legally resident non-citizens.

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Also discussed at Galvin's meeting with the Census Bureau were the methods the federal government intends to use to count college students. College and university students make up nearly 9% of the state's population for Census purposes. Galvin asked the members of the Congressional delegation in both houses to pursue Congressional hearings on the Census process, particularly on the citizenship question being included.

"This question sabotages our effort to get a fair and accurate count," Galvin said.

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