

Congressman Ellison: 2010 U.S. Census participation is a win for all Minnesotans

Written by

Thursday, 23 December 2010 18:54

Washington D.C. - Congressman Keith Ellison (MN-05) issued the following statement following the release of the 2010 U.S. Census data:

With the release of the 2010 U.S. Census, Minnesota again tops the nation in civic engagement, making us all proud. As with voter turnout in nearly every election, Minnesota had among the nation's highest participation rates in the 2010 Census and Minnesotans will keep all eight of their Congressional Representatives as a result. Census participation is critically important because it determines how federal funding is returned to taxpayers in their respective states; more than \$400 billion in federal aid nationwide. This level of civic and political engagement translates into government that works better for Minnesota. It means better schools and roads, stronger bridges, cleaner water and safer streets.

As the Minnesota State Legislature moves forward with the redistricting process in 2011, it is my hope that they will resist the temptation to gerrymander districts solely for the sake of partisan, political gain. I am encouraged by Governor-elect Dayton's statements in support of maintaining the integrity of our current representative structure and I look forward to an equitable and fair redistricting process that serves Minnesota, not political partisans.