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Dear Friends,

Thank you for the invitation to join you today at the 23rd Annual Citizens in Action event. I want to thank the League of Women Voters of Duluth for sponsoring this event and for raising awareness about the census, redistricting and the impact it has on our state and nation.

Last year our nation conducted the 2020 census count. This past year, along with other members of our state's delegation, we raised concerns to the former administration that the response rate remained low in several Minnesotan communities- specifically communities of color, immigrant, and indigenous communities, as well as rural and student communities. An accurate census is fundamental to our democracy and the well-being of communities across the country.

The census affects funding to each state as well as redistricting and representation. As a member of the Senate Rules Committee, with oversight over federals elections, I've led efforts to help end partisan gerrymandering and reform the way we redistrict. My past legislation would help eliminate gerrymandering once and for all so every person's vote is counted equally.

We have an obligation to protect the principles of our democracy and how we divide our electoral maps should not be political. It should be a fair and non-partisan process that puts people first. I'll continue to work to ensure that everyone's vote counts.

Thank you for the work you do in educating our citizens. I look forward to continuing our work together and I am proud to serve you in the United States Senate.

Sincerely,

Amy Klobuchar

United States Senator