

Da'nia Kelly Testimony to Census Commission at SUNY Sullivan March 20, 2019

Good Evening. My name is Da'Nia Kelly and I am from the City of Newburgh.

I am 15 years old and a student at the Newburgh Free Academy. I register people to vote with the Nu V.O.T.E.R.S. Movement and I am a youth member of Community Voices Heard.

I am here to speak with you about Census outreach funding in the state budget, so that Newburgh and communities like it are not undercounted.

I'm afraid that if not enough people fill out the Census, because they don't know what it is or its importance, families like mine that need Section 8 or food stamps won't have them anymore.

We need organizations like ones I am involved with across the state, who are trusted and respected, to speak with community members about the importance of the Census.

As a future voter, I want Gov. Cuomo to make this his number one priority. We need to start outreach now and not wait until the last minute.

Newburgh can't afford to be under counted anymore.

Thank you.