

Hello,

My name is Aditi Juneja and I'm a third year law student at NYU School of Law. I have worked primarily in prosecutor's offices and plan to do so after graduation. However, I am troubled by the state of the criminal justice system and the incentives we have created. Among these incentives are the various incentives to certain groups to keep people in prison. The Census Bureau currently allows for prison gerrymandering by allowing inmates to be considered residents of the places they are being incarcerated. This makes little sense because they are not there by choice. Moreover, it has the effect of disempowering communities with high proportions of incarcerated people when it comes to political power and transferring it to communities where there are prisons. I strongly urge you to stop the practice of prison gerrymandering.

Sincerely,
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