

Att: Miss Karen Humes,
Chief, Population Division
U.S. Census Bureau
Room 5H174

Dear Ms. Humes,

I understand that in 2020 the U.S. Census Bureau will once again consider counting people who are incarcerated in prison as *residents* in that prison rather than as residents of the place they lived before they were incarcerated.

May I say most respectfully, that is not good.

My son Adrian Small spent 24 years, four months and five days in prison for a crime he did not commit. Before he was incarcerated he lived in upper Manhattan. I tried to get help to clear his name from all the elected officials in his area. But as you know elected public representatives have enough to do without trying to help people they do not represent. And because the U.S. Census did not count my son as living in Manhattan he was no longer one of their constituents.

And what of support from elected representatives in all the different catchment areas where my son was incarcerated? The truth is, they are not there for us. From what I could see, prisons in their areas meant they got more money for schools and roads, and so on, so they looked very good indeed. But I regret to say, from my experience, the elected officials in those areas did not really want to have anything to do with the problems of

the people incarcerated in the prisons there.

This is one of many reasons, that people in prison should NOT be counted as residing in prison on the U.S. Census, but as residing at the addresses they lived in before they went to prison.

Yours sincerely,

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