

Hi,

I am writing to express my opposition to the inaccurate and outdated practice of counting incarcerated people as "residents" of the prison location instead of their home communities in your proposed 2020 Census residence rules.

The Census Bureau is wrong to consider incarcerated people as residents of the correctional facility. Incarcerated people do not take up residency in prison, as if anyone chooses to "move" to prison. Incarcerated people are people with rights who deserve to have a say in their democracy both in and out of prison, and we should be working to ensure that all incarcerated people have those rights, not putting up more barriers for them.

By counting people in the wrong place, the Bureau is also ensuring an inaccurate 2020 Census. By counting incarcerated people as if they were residents of a prison makes the Census less accurate for everyone, a particularly important issue in Michigan where our legislative districts are already heavily gerrymandered.

Thank you,

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