

Dear Karen Humes,

I am writing to voice my concern with the current proposal's continued practice of counting incarcerated people as "residents" of prison locations instead of their home address. It is unjust that prisoners are counted in a place where they cannot exercise their right to vote and therefore cannot hold public officials who are elected in their name accountable. Not only is this practice unjust, it makes the Census less accurate for everyone. It harms all of us to not have incarcerated individuals counted in their home address location. Individuals returning from prisons to their homes cannot be expected to exit prison as productive members of society, if they do not feel like a stakeholder in their own community. Being counted as a resident of their home community is a more accurate and just policy for the census to follow.

Thank you,

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