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Re: Census Bureau Federal Register notice regarding the Residence Rule and Residence Situations, 81 FR 42577 (June 30, 2016).

Dear Karen Humes,

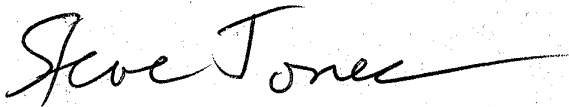
I am a Board-Certified public health physician who retired from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in 2003. I was a commissioned officer in the United States Public Health Service who served as the Associate Director for Science of the HIV/AIDS Division from 1997 to 2002. Since 1987, I have focused on the HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, drug overdose issues related to injection drug use. That special interest has led to extensive work with prisons and jails.

I believe the Census Bureau is making a significant error counting incarcerated people as residents of the prison or jail in which they are incarcerated on Census Day.

I urge the Census Bureau, in the 2020 Census, to update your interpretation of the usual residence rule and count people in jails and prisons as living at their home addresses.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Residence Rule and Residence Situations as the Bureau strives to count everyone in the right location.

Sincerely yours,



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