

Dear Ms. Humes,

Gerrymandering has long been a controversial activity, which continues to create difficult situations for common citizens and lucrative means for the politicians who promote it.

For this reason the Census Bureau is wrong to consider incarcerated people as residents of any correctional facility, because they are not willing to be there and do not consider themselves residents. Additionally, many are not allowed to vote by the reasoning that they are not really citizens. Counting them as such continues to make a farce of the democracy we claim to uphold.

Gerrymandering is not about fairness or equity. Please do not consider this a viable means for counting the prison populations in any census.

Sincere regards,

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