

Dear Karen Humes:

I do not understand why the Census Bureau is proposing to continue to count prisoners as residents of the place where they are incarcerated rather than as residents of the place that was their home before they were incarcerated. Overwhelming objective evidence shows that this distorts the demographic count as well as the political process. Speaking personally as a former prisoner, i certainly had no thought of staying at any of the places where i was incarcerated (i was transferred a few times) after release. And of all the prisoners and ex-prisoners i have known over the years up to this day, i cannot think of one who decided to live at their place of confinement after release unless, as occurs occasionally, their place of confinement happened to be the same as their home residence. I know that there are political forces at work here, and i sincerely hope that you are not giving in to political pressure in promulgating this residence rule. In any case i implore you to please reconsider.

Peace,

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