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US Census Bureau
Attn: Karen Humes
Chief, Population Division
Rm. 5H174
Washington, DC 20233

Re: **Population 2020 Residence Rule**

Dear Ms. Humes:

As the Director and senior author of AmericanTribune.org, please count our voice in favor of counting prisoners at their home addresses.

As a former prisoner myself, I'm aware that every prisoner has his/her home address listed in their personnel files.

Prisons, prison staff and the respective communities in which they may be temporally housed all expect that prisoners will return to their own respective communities. The courts and parole/probation departments expect and anticipate that eventuality. If the prisoner should change his/her "home address," then that is vetted and approved by this latter authority and their new home residence so listed.

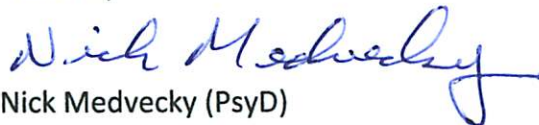
As a rule, most if not all "prison communities" have passed local ordinances that REQUIRE prisoners, not already members of those respective communities, to vacate the area within a certain time period upon release (usually 2-hrs-or-so) under penalty of law.

Prisoners are routinely advised of this ordinance by prison staff and given a certain minimal stipend and a bus ticket to accomplish that purpose. They are usually not simply released directly from their respective institution, but are driven to such transportation within a certain time constraint to effect their passage from the community. Home/friend pick-ups from the institution is discouraged if not prohibited.

As with college students and others, it only makes accurate and reasonable sense to count prisoners from their listed home commitment/address for any proper home census to be accurate.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak to this issue.

Sincerely



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