

July 16, 2015

Ms. Karen Humes  
Chief  
Population Division  
U.S. Census Bureau  
Room 5H174  
Washington, DC 20233

RE: Comments in Response to 80 FR 28950 (May 20, 2015)

Dear Ms. Humes,

The Campaign for Youth Justice (CFYJ) submits this comment in response to the Census Bureau's federal register notice regarding the Residence Rule and Residence Situations, 80 FR 28950 (May 20, 2015). We urge you to count incarcerated people at their home address, rather than at the particular facility that they happen to be located at on Census day.

CFYJ is a national organization focused entirely on ending the practice of prosecuting, sentencing, and incarcerating youth under the age of 18 in the adult criminal justice system. The strategic goals of CFYJ are to reduce the total number of youth prosecuted in the adult criminal justice system and to decrease the harmful impact of trying youth in adult court.

We strongly believe that any movement must involve those who are most impacted by the laws and policies. Thus, we seek to empower those affected by encouraging them to use their voices and experiences to affect meaningful change. Therefore, we are particularly troubled by the Census Bureau's interpretation of the residence rule; counting incarcerated people as if they were residents of the prison locations rather than residents of their communities hurts our democracy and further disempowers our communities.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Residence Rule and Residence Situations as the Bureau strives to count everyone in the right place. We want to ensure equal representation for all communities so that those most impacted by youth incarceration can

have an equal voice in setting criminal justice policy, and so we urge you to count incarcerated people as residents of their home address.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Carmen E. Daugherty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'C'.

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