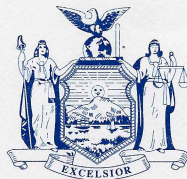


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Dear Mr. Wagner,

Thank you for your letter asking the Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and Reapportionment (LATFOR) to comply with the Census Adjustment Act of 2010. As I have already indicated, I will continue to defend this law and seek its implementation.

LATFOR's continued failure to abide by the law cannot be tolerated. I made this point at last week's hearings in Syracuse and Rochester and I will continue to raise the issue at upcoming hearings. I urge every organization signing your letter to testify at each LATFOR hearing.

As LATFOR Co-Chair last year, the work to reallocate prisoners started, only to be abruptly terminated when the new leadership took the majority in January. As the law states, prison populations must either be geocoded back to their pre-incarceration homes of record or removed entirely from the redistricting database. My office has already run the group quarters numbers to remove prison populations. It is not too late for LATFOR to complete the task started in 2010 and reassign prison populations to homes of record.

I stand with you to ensure that the law is followed and that fair lines are developed by the legislature to truly reflect population equality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martin Malavé Dilan".

Senator Martin Malavé Dilan
Member, LATFOR

