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To Chairman Shanley & members of the committee,

I write to you to urge your strong support of H 5285 from Rep. Williams to ensure fair and just counting during the decennial census count and ensuing redistributing process. The practice of counting inmate's residence as where they are held in government custody over where they are actually from is a new form of Jim Crow. Here in RI, the prison population at the ACI in Cranston has long been counted to inflate the city's population, thus giving it a disparate amount of state & federal aid, usually for correctional or other "public safety" measures. It is a process that has long been guided by the greed of the prison industrial complex and it is long past due time it was stamped out. It is time this practice ended. And that's just the plain nuts & bolts of it.

Thank You,

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