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Cc: Grant Pilkington
Subject: End Prison Gerrymandering

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to ask you to take immediate, decisive action to end prison gerrymandering, the racist practice of counting the prison as an incarcerated person's place of residence for the purpose of drawing legislative districts. Prison gerrymandering artificially reduces the power of disadvantaged communities and gives voters in Whiter, more affluent communities like my own disproportionate influence that we did not earn. Prison gerrymandering violates the concept of "one person, one vote"—and it needs to end this year. Twelve states across the US—including four this year—have corrected this injustice, and it's time for Rhode Island to join them.

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