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GOVERNOR
STATE OF TENNESSEE

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U.S. Census Bureau
4600 Silver Hill Road
Washington, DC 20233

RE: 2020 Post Census Group Quarters Review

To Whom It May Concern:

On August 12, 2021, detailed counts of the population living in housing units and group quarter facilities were released by your agency. The Public Law 94-171 Redistricting data showed Tennessee's resident population to be 6,910,840 residents on April 1, 2020.

In May 2022, your agency released results of the Post Enumeration Survey which showed that the state had experienced a statistically significant undercount of 4.78 percent. That equates to approximately 322,000 household residents living in communities across Tennessee. It is now apparent that additional Tennesseans living in group quarter facilities were also excluded from the decennial count. A University of Tennessee review of block-level census data finds evidence that while conducting the 2020 Census, your agency excluded the following county jail facilities:

- Hardeman County Jail (Bolivar, TN)
- Hardin County Jail (Savannah, TN)
- Roane County Jail (Kingston, TN)
- Sevier Annex (Sevierville, TN)
- Van Buren County Jail (Spencer, TN)

The counts for these facilities may be eligible for a remedy under the U.S. Census Bureau's Post Census Group Quarter Review (PCGQR) program.

The Tennessee Department of Corrections (TDOC) collects data that can be used to establish the April 1, 2020, population of the omitted facilities. These monthly reports provide a last day of the month snapshot of the jail population in each Tennessee county. The data used for this report is submitted monthly by the Tennessee county sheriff and/or jail administrator's designee for each jail system and summarized by TDOC Decision Support: Research and Planning. Included in the supporting documentation accompanying this letter is a copy of the March 2020 Jail Summary Report which reports the total jail population on March 31, 2020. Information

describing how to obtain this and other Jail Summary Reports from the TDOC website is described in the PCGQR Response Template.

The state's submission includes the required documentation outlined in the participant guide and includes the following:

Completed 2020 PCGQR Response Template

The template was obtained from your agency's website and completed according to the instructions provided. The address of each facility is included, along with the 2020 Census tabulation block geographic identifier. Counts from the March 31, 2020, Jail Summary Report are shown in the 'GQ Population on Census Day' column.

Aerial Photograph and Block Map

To aid in verifying the location of each facility and the corresponding census tabulation block, we provide an annotated aerial photograph captured in August 2019, by Vexcel Imaging for the State of Tennessee. The maps show the Jail Summary Report total for each facility on March 31, 2020. They also include other block-level statistics from your agency such as the population of households and group quarters as well as the 2020 Address Block Count Listing data showing the number of housing units and group quarters.

For ongoing communication regarding the State of Tennessee's PCCQR submissions, I authorize the following individual as the designated representative for this case:

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Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your consideration of this request, as well as those made by other Tennessee communities responding to the PCGQR and CQR programs.

Sincerely,



Bill Lee
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