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General Comment

November 24, 2021

Sheleen Dumas
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RE: 2020 Post-Census Group Quarters Review

Dear Sheleen Dumas,

I am writing to offer comments in support of the proposed new Post-Census Group Quarters Review program, as set forth in a Federal Register Notice published on November 19, 2021 by the U.S. Census Bureau.

In 1997 Edgefield Federal Correctional Institute opened in the Town of Edgefield. We have a great working relationship with FCI and welcome them to the Town of Edgefield. However, we firmly believe the inmates were not counted in the 2020 census.

Once we heard the count number for the Town of Edgefield (2322), we immediately begin searching for answers and we started with the Edgefield FCI. There is a big difference in 2322 and 4750, our last census number. Edgefield FCI stated no one from the census office came to prison to do an official count, as they have in the past. Therefore, we firmly believe the inmates were omitted by mistake.

Numbers mean money to the Town of Edgefield and due to likely significant undercount our revenue will decrease drastically. We are a small rural town that depends on federal and state dollars to protect and provide services for our town citizens, to provide for future growth, and to maintain due to the cost of

inflation.

As we all say, Due to COVID-19, we believe we have received the lowest census number in 20 years for the Town of Edgefield.

I believe the proposed new PCGQR program will provide Edgefield and similarly situated localities an appropriate opportunity to correct 2020 Census undercounts caused by disruptions to the Group Quarters Operation and failure to enumerate all Group Quarters facilities. I urge the Bureau to adopt and implement this program quickly.

Sincerely,

W. Ken Durham
Mayor