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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 12, 2020

Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. COONS, and Mr. CASEY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Correct the Census
5 Count Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. RESIDENCE OF INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS.**

2 Section 141 of title 13, United States Code, is
3 amended—

4 (1) by redesignating subsection (g) as sub-
5 section (h); and

6 (2) by inserting after subsection (f) the fol-
7 lowing:

8 “(g)(1) Effective beginning with the 2030 decennial
9 census of population, in taking any tabulation of total pop-
10 ulation by States under subsection (a) or (c), the Sec-
11 retary shall, with respect to an individual incarcerated in
12 a State or Federal correctional center as of the date on
13 which such census is taken, attribute such individual to
14 such individual’s last place of residence before incarcer-
15 ation.

16 “(2) In carrying out this subsection, the Secretary
17 shall consult with each State department of corrections
18 and the Bureau of Prisons to collect the information nec-
19 essary to make the determination required under para-
20 graph (1).”.

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