

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Michael Schreiber
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Dear Mr. Schreiber:

We write to express our strongest disappointment and disapproval of the recent article titled “The Poorest Cities in America” from your website, *Credit.com*. This article reported incorrect information that could have a negative effect on Robeson County and the city of Lumberton, North Carolina. The article uses inaccurate data to report the population and median income for the city of Lumberton, misrepresenting it as the “poorest city” in America. We strongly oppose this misleading allegation and urge you to correct the record as soon as possible.

We would like to draw your attention to the most recent figures from the United States Census Bureau which reported the population of Lumberton at 21,768 in 2012. The population numbers that your website reported were off by more than 100,000 people, significantly skewing your conclusion and causing the misrepresentation of the city of Lumberton. The reported median income in Lumberton from 2007-2011 as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau was \$33,042, which stands in stark contrast from what was reported by your website. These accurate statistics would drastically change the position of Lumberton on your list and would more accurately reflect the current economic situation in Lumberton.

We remain concerned that this inaccurate report could have damaging impacts on the economy of both Lumberton and Robeson County. Your article projects a negative image of Lumberton that the city does not deserve as it has made great strides in its economic standing in the state.

If you have any questions regarding the statistics that we have cited in this letter please contact our offices.

Sincerely,



RICHARD HUDSON
Member of Congress



MIKE MCINTYRE
Member of Congress