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ATTACHMENT 4:

HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCE OWNERS - FOCUS GROUP SCREENER

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Introduction

Hello, my name is _____ and I'm from (name of company). We are calling on behalf of RTI International, a non-profit research organization, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. We are not selling or promoting any product. We are calling about research that is being conducted with consumers on home furnace safety.

The purpose of this research is to discuss with you how best to inform people about home furnace safety. To see if you are eligible to participate in this discussion, I need to ask you some questions. If you are eligible and choose to participate, all of your comments will be kept private. To help reimburse you for any personal expenses, you will be provided \$75.

The questions to see if you are eligible will only take a few minutes.

1. First, does any member of your household or immediate family work for or receive any compensation from:

A market research company _____

An advertising agency or public relations firm _____

The media (TV/radio/newspapers/magazines) _____

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) _____

A home heating or furnace company that repairs or sells gas heating systems _____

[IF "YES" TO ANY → GET SPECIFICS, CONTINUE SCREENING, AND HOLD]

2. Do you presently live in a single family home, which you or your spouse or partner own?

Yes → CONTINUE
No → TERMINATE

3. In your home, what is the primary source of heating? [list the following types of heating systems]

Gas furnace	<input type="text"/>	➔ CONTINUE
Oil furnace	<input type="text"/>	➔ CONTINUE
Electric furnace or radiators	<input type="text"/>	➔ TERMINATE
Fire or Wood Stove	<input type="text"/>	➔ TERMINATE
Portable Space Heaters	<input type="text"/>	➔ TERMINATE
Coal Heating System	<input type="text"/>	➔ TERMINATE

4. In which postal zip code in the Chicago area is your home located? _____

[NO MORE THAN TWO HOMEOWNERS FROM THE SAME ZIP CODE]

5. What is your current age?

Yes	<input type="text" value="Between 25-45"/>	➔ PLACE IN GROUP A OR B
No	<input type="text" value="≥ 60"/>	➔ PLACE IN GROUP C OR D

Focus Group Invitation:

Thank you for answering all of my questions. As I mentioned earlier, we are conducting a study on behalf of the CDC regarding communications to inform people about home furnace safety. In order to hear people’s opinions first-hand, we are conducting informal, round-table discussions to be held on [DATES AND TIMES TBD]. The discussion will last about 2 hours and will be both interesting and informative. No one will attempt to sell you anything and no one will call on you as a result of your participation. To reimburse you for any personal expenses, you will receive \$75 at the time of the session. This is an important research effort and we hope that you will be part of it. We can only invite a few individuals to take part, and if it’s okay, we would like to audio tape the discussion. Can we schedule your attendance?

Closing for Ineligible Participants:

I’m sorry. You are not eligible to be in this study. There are many possible reasons why people are not eligible for the study. These reasons were decided earlier by the researchers. We value your interest in this research study. Thank you for being willing to help us.

Participant Information

Focus Group: **A B** or **C D**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

ZIP CODE: _____

EMAIL _____

What is the best time to reach you? What is the best telephone number to reach you at that time?

BEST TIME TO BE REACHED: _____

BEST PHONE NUMBER: _____

Is there another time and number we can try if we miss you?

ALTERNATE PHONE NUMBER: _____

Your participation in this study is very important. If for some reason you will not be able to attend, please let us know right away. You can call us anytime at [INSERT PHONE NUMBER], and if we are not here, please leave a message.

Interviewer: _____

Supervisor Confirm: _____