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Washington, DC 20233-0001
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Dear Parent or Guardian of

One of our interviewers recently attempted to contact your child in connection with the American Time Use Survey (ATUS), but was unable to complete an interview.¹ Because of the importance of your child's participation in this voluntary survey, I am writing to ask for your assistance. We are trying to better understand how Americans ages 15 years and older use their time. Since teens may use their time differently than older age groups, it is very important that they be adequately represented in the survey. The answers your child provides will represent those of many other teens.

We understand that parents or guardians might have some concerns regarding their child's participation. We guarantee that all responses are confidential and will be used only for statistical purposes. Data released from this survey will not be linked with your child's name or any other identifying information. The interviewers are trained professionals, sworn to protect the confidentiality of the data, and many have children of their own. The survey is conducted over the telephone. Some parents of teenagers participating in the study are more comfortable if the interviewer is the same sex as their child. You are welcome to contact us to make this arrangement or to discuss any questions. You may call, e-mail, or visit the ATUS web site at the following:

Phone: 1-800-232-1824
Email: atusinfo@census.gov
Web address: <http://www.bls.gov/tus/home.htm>

I hope this letter addresses any concerns you may have and that you will grant your child permission to participate in the ATUS when we contact your household again.

Sincerely,

Charles Louis Kincannon
Director

Enclosure

¹ The U.S. Office of Management and Budget has approved this survey and assigned it Control Number 1220-0175. Title 29, United States Code, Section 1, and Title 13, United States Code, Section 8, authorize the U.S. Census Bureau to conduct this survey. Section 9 of Title 13, United States Code, requires us to keep all information about you and your household strictly confidential. We will use this information only for statistical purposes.