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FROM: NIH Privacy Act Officer

SUBJECT: Applicability of the Privacy Act: "The NIH-AARP *interactive* Comprehensive Lifestyle Interview by Computer Study (iCLIC)"

I have reviewed the NCI submission to OMB to evaluate the use of computerized questionnaires in a sample of participants in order to assess the feasibility of using them in a large cohort study.

I have determined that the Privacy Act will apply to this data collection which involves the collection of personally identifiable information such as participant's name, home address, email address, date of birth, gender, social security number (SSN), ethnicity, race, hair color, skin type, marital status, current living arrangements, and highest level of education completed.

The data required for linking to state cancer registries, such as date of birth and SSN, will be collected to evaluate the participants' willingness to provide the information. Study data will be identified and retrieved by a study number assigned to the participant.

All data collected in this study will be captured electronically, therefore, avoiding concerns of hard-copy storage of materials that contain PII. No reports or data files will contain PII. Investigators will not have access to personal identifiers such as SSN, name, or address. However, updated information will be stored in databases to aid in future contact of continuing study participants.

The data collected will be maintained until the completion of the study or until it is no longer required for research purposes. It will be covered by NIH Privacy Act Systems of Record 09-25-0200, "Clinical, Basic and Population-based Research Studies of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), HHS/NIH/OD."

If you have any questions, please contact my office at (301) 496-2832.

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cc: Vivian Horovitch-Kelley, PRA/OMB Project Clearance Liaison