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Dear XXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX:

On the behalf of all supporters of wildlife, thank you for participating in the Harvest Information Program waterfowl harvest survey last hunting season. The valuable information you provided helped us to estimate the total waterfowl harvest in the United States. Results of our harvest surveys are available in late July and can be accessed at: <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/NewReportsPublications/HIP/hip.htm>.

We are asking for your help again this coming season. Each year, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service also conducts the Waterfowl Parts Collection Survey, in which we ask selected hunters to send us a wing from each duck and the tail feathers and wing tips from each goose that they shoot during the hunting season. Volunteering to send us these parts from ducks and geese you shoot next season will provide us with more critical information.

Biologists will examine your specimens to determine the birds' species, age, and sex. This information is vital for helping us better manage our waterfowl resource. For example, the specimens that hunters contribute will allow us to estimate the number of young-of-the-year birds that were harvested, which tells us how successful the birds were during the nesting season.

If you will be able to send us duck wings and goose tail feathers and wing tips from the birds that you bag, please provide the information requested below and return this letter in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. Please return it by **July 15** so that we can send your postage-paid wing envelopes in time for the hunting season.

If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-419-2965 between 7:00am – 4:00pm EST Monday - Friday. Again, thank you for your help.

Sincerely,
Kenneth D. Richkus
Chief, Branch of Harvest Surveys

In accordance with the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C.522a) and the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501), please note the following information. This study is authorized by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.) The information that you provide will be used for estimating migratory bird hunter activity and harvest in the United States. It is our policy not to use your name for any other purpose. All names and identifying information will be removed when we compile the results, and only summary information will be reported. The information is maintained in accordance with the Privacy Act. Your response is voluntary. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to an information collection unless it displays a current valid OMB control number. The information collection has been approved by OMB and assigned the clearance number 1018-0023. We estimate that it will take you about 1 minute to read the instructions and check the box at the bottom of the letter. Comments on this form should be mailed to the Information Collection Clearance Officer, Mail Stop 222, Arlington Square, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington D.C. 20240.

The number of ducks and geese I usually bag is: ___ 1-10 ___ 11-20 ___ more than 20.

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