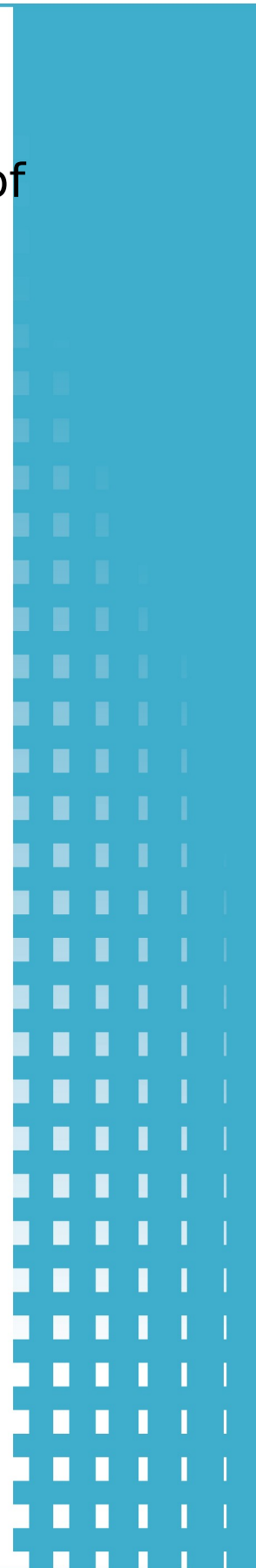


Appendix A4

Round 2 Advance Letter to Parents of
Minor
Study Participants: English



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ROUND 2 ADVANCE LETTER TO PARENTS OF MINOR STUDY PARTICIPANTS:
ENGLISH

<< Date>>

<<{Parent of Minor Selected Respondent} Name >>

<<Address>>

<<City, State Zip>>

Dear <<Honorific>> <<Last Name of {Parent}>>

This fall we interviewed you and your son, John Doe, for the study of the Hampden County Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). Now it is time for the second set of interviews.

We want to interview you (or the main grocery shopper in your home if that is not you) and John. We will ask you questions about your family, how you shop for food and how you decide what to buy. We will ask John questions about his diet. Your/the main shopper interview will take about 10 minutes. The interview with John will take about 40 minutes. You (or the main shopper) and John will each receive \$30 to thank you for your time.

Taking part in the survey is up to you. Deciding not to be in the study won't affect your SNAP benefits. If you do not want to be interviewed, you can tell the interviewer who calls you. There isn't much risk from being in the study except that someone could find out you were in the study. We'll be careful to protect your information and make sure this does not happen.

Only some people from USDA/FNS and the research team will see your answers. Your name will be kept separate from your answers. Your answers will be put together with answers from the other people in the study and reported as totals and averages. No one's name will be used. Everyone on the research team has signed a confidentiality form to protect your information, and it will not be shared with anyone outside the researchers for this study, except as otherwise required by law.

Someone from Westat will call you in the next week or so. In this packet are some materials to use during the interview. If you and/or John would like to complete or schedule your interview now, please call Westat at our toll-free telephone number XXX-XXX-XXXX.

Thank you again for your help in this important study.

Sincerely,
Susie McNutt
Westat Project Director