

## Attachment E2: Advance Letter to NAP Participants

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Dear [CONTACT NAME],

I am writing on behalf of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS). We are currently conducting a study to examine the possibility of including the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) in the main nutrition assistance program in the U.S., once called Food Stamps, now called the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). To help assess the changes that would need to take place within the CNMI to transition from the current Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) to SNAP, we will be talking to many different people and groups.

We are contacting you because we would like to learn more about NAP participants, how they obtain and use their food coupons, and how well the coupons meet their needs. This will allow us to determine the potential impact of SNAP on participants such as yourself and whether NAP should be replaced with SNAP or an alternative model.

A researcher will be in [Saipan, Rota, or Tinian] the week of [date] and would like to meet with you during one of these days. [CBO or individual name] will contact you in the next week to determine your availability for a one-hour meeting. You may also contact me by [date] at [email] with some times that you would be available. Alternatively, you may also contact [CBO] to schedule a visit with us. Interviews will last approximately one hour, and you will receive \$20 for participating.

Please note that all information disclosed during our interviews is considered private. The information you share with us will only be reported in summary form with that of other participants' responses, and your name will not appear in any of our reports. Thank you in advance for participating in this important study.

Sincerely,

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