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To Whom It May Concern:

On 3/5/2015, at a convened meeting of the RAND Corporation's Human Subjects Protection Committee (HSPC), the full committee concurred with the three-person HSPC subcommittee determination that participation in the research referenced below involves minimal risk, with or without eliciting religion, because participant confidentiality protection during and after data collection reduces the risk to no more than minimal.

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Sincerely,

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