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FROM: NIH Privacy Act Officer

SUBJECT: Applicability of the Privacy Act: Self-Affirmation Construct Validity

I have reviewed the NCI submission to OMB referenced above. The NCI BRP initiates, supports, and evaluates a comprehensive program of research ranging from basic behavioral research to the development, testing, and dissemination of cancer prevention and control interventions. This survey can inform NCI scientific priorities and investments in self-affirmation research. This project includes collecting information that will be used to further develop and improve self-affirmation theory. These findings may allow future researchers to develop and test cancer prevention interventions.

Information will be collected through an online information-collection platform called Amazon Mechanical Turk. The platform is an internet service that allows researchers to collect survey data in a quick fashion minimizing the burden for respondents. The use of this online information-collection platform will decrease the response burden to the respondent, eliminate the need for manual data entry, and eliminate the use of paper to collect information.

I have determined that the Privacy Act will not apply to this information collection because the survey will not collect or store personally identifiable information designed to be retrieved by a unique identifier. If you have questions, please contact me at (301) 496-4606.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ekaterini Perry".

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Acting NIH Privacy Act Officer

cc: Karla Bailey, NCI PRA Liaison