



Dear Participant,

I am writing on behalf of the staff of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to thank you for your participation in our housing survey. Your voluntary contribution of time is important, and we appreciate your help.

**Why is the Consumer Price Index (CPI) so important?** The CPI is America's chief indicator of inflation and it's of critical importance to government, business and labor. The CPI directly affects 80 million Americans through adjustments to social security payments, retirement payments, school lunch programs, and food stamps.

**Your confidentiality is protected (see detailed legal explanation at the bottom of this letter).** Personal information about you or your tenants is not disclosed. The bottom line is this: We take our responsibility to protect your information very seriously.

Finally, I want to thank you in advance for your prompt response when one of our interviewers contacts you in six months. We are dedicated to an efficient government. When you communicate with us by telephone or fax, our collection costs drop significantly, which saves taxpayer dollars and lowers our carbon footprint.

If you have questions, don't hesitate to call your interviewer or me. Also, you can check out our monthly updates at: [www.bls.gov/cpi](http://www.bls.gov/cpi) for current information on prices, wages and more.

Sincerely yours,

Name

BLS Regional Commissioner  
Phone Number: 999-999-9999

**Our Confidentiality Pledge**

\*The Bureau of Labor Statistics, its employees, agents and partner statistical agencies will use the information you provide for statistical purposes only, and will hold the information in confidence to the full extent permitted by law. In accordance with the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (Title 5 of Public Law 107-347) and other applicable Federal Laws, your responses will not be disclosed in identifiable form without your informed consent. Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, Federal information systems are protected from malicious activities through cybersecurity screening of transmitted data.