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**Dear Respondent,**

The Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) is a household-based survey designed to measure the economic well-being of families over time. This allows policy makers, elected representatives, and researchers to examine the success or shortcomings of government programs and legislation.

Thus, SIPP is crucial to helping your government institute better policies and be good stewards of your tax dollars. SIPP is the sole source of national information for a wide variety of topics and allows for the investigation of the interaction between earnings, program transfers, and other government and private sector actions. Your household has been selected to represent thousands of similar households in the area.

Therefore, your response to the SIPP is vitally important so the economic situation of your household and others is accurately portrayed.

*We thank you for your participation in the Survey of Income and Program Participation.*

**Sincerely,  
The SIPP Team**



Thank you for participating in this survey and for helping represent our nation's most important asset...

***People Just Like You.***



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