

Attachment D2. Interviewer Authorization
Letter

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**NATIONAL FOOD STUDY (NSF) PILOT
INTERVIEWER AUTHORIZATION LETTER**

To Whom It May Concern:

The bearer of this letter, «FNAME» «LNAME», is a professionally trained interviewer who works for Westat, an independent research firm. Westat is conducting the National Food Study (NFS) Pilot. This study is sponsored by The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). The information the interviewer will collect is necessary to better understand Americans' food and nutrition choices, the reasons for the choices, and how the government can improve administration of its public programs to improve the health and wellbeing of the American population.

We are contacting about 5,000 households across the Nation to participate in the National Food Study Pilot. Each participating household represents thousands of households with similar characteristics. Only households selected can participate and we cannot replace one household with another that wishes to participate.

The interviewer named in this letter is doing interviews for the National Food Study Pilot. He or she carries a Westat identification badge. The interviewer needs to speak to someone at the selected address and other addresses in the area.

If you have any questions about the study or this interviewer's role, call Westat's toll-free number, 1- 888-xxx-xxxx, weekdays between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. You can also visit the NFS website at <https://www.nationalfoodstudy.org>.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Gonzalez

National Food Study, USDA ERS Project Officer