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**Appendix N.9.**

**WIC participant case study focus group thank you email**

**Public Burden Statement**

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**To:** [WIC Participant]

**Subject:** Thank you for participating in a focus group for the WIC study!

Dear [WIC PARTICIPANT NAME],

Thank you so much for participating in the focus group for the WIC Modernization Evaluation conducted by the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), Mathematica, MEF Associates, and the Nutrition Policy Institute (NPI). FNS will use the experiences and opinions you shared to better understand participant experiences with the recent WIC program updates and further improve the WIC program for participants like you!

If you have any questions or concerns about the focus group, please reply to this email or contact the Mathematica study team at [EMAIL]@mathematica-mpr.com or XXX-XXX-XXXX. You can reach the FNS project officer, Carol Dreibelbis, at carol.dreibelbis@usda.gov.

Thank you again for taking the time to participate in this important study!

Sincerely,

[FOCUS GROUP LEAD]

Focus group lead, WIC Modernization Evaluation