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<<RESPNAME>>

<<ADDRESS>>

Dear <<RESPNAME>>:

Recently one of our Field Representatives attempted to contact your address in an effort to interview your household as part of the Consumer Expenditure Survey. At that time, we were unable to make contact with any members of your housing unit. My purpose in sending this letter is to explain why your involvement in this national survey is so important to you, your community, and the economy of the United States.

As you already know, this survey, sponsored by the *U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics* (BLS), collects economic statistics in order to update the Consumer Price Index, or CPI. The CPI is the primary tool for measuring inflation and the National economy as a whole. This directly affects *salaries, interest rates, pensions*, and the *pricing of goods and services* in our country. It also directly affects many government expenditures tied to inflation, such as social security cost-of-living increases. Since the economy affects us all, it is imperative that our statistics be as accurate as possible.

Your participation in this survey will help to ensure that we produce accurate data about our Nation's economic characteristics. The interviews for the Consumer Expenditure Survey are completed at *your* convenience by one of our field representatives. All information provided to us by individual households remains confidential under Title 13 of the U.S. Code. The field representative assigned to your household is <<FRNAME>>, who can be reached at <<FRPHONE>>.

If you have any questions about this survey, please do not hesitate to contact the Regional Survey Manager at the <<NAMEOFRO>> Regional Office of the U.S. Census Bureau, at <<SURVEYPHONE>> extension **XX**.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

<<RD or RSM Name>>

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