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<<RESPNAME>>

<<ADDRESS>>

Dear <<RESPNAME>>:

We're sorry we've missed you. <<FRNAME>> from the U.S. Census Bureau has been unable to contact you to complete your diaries with your household. Your continued participation is important as the study is not considered complete until <<FRNAME>> conducts the final portion of the interview with you either in-person or over the phone. We value your time, please let us know an appointment time that is convenient for you, including evenings and weekends.

As you know, this study is used for updating the Consumer Price Index (CPI), an important indicator of our cost of living and a measure of inflation. Information from this study helps employers develop adequate retirement and health programs, as well as determine wage scales. Increases in military pensions are often linked directly to increases in the cost of living as measured by the CPI.

All the information the Census Bureau collects for this study is held confidential by law. Your privacy in participating in this study is protected by strong regulations covered under Title 13 of the U.S. Code. Every Census Bureau employee has taken an oath and is subject to a jail term, a fine, or both if he or she discloses ANY information that could identify you or your household.

Please call our Field Representative <<FRNAME>> at your earliest convenience at<<FRPHONE>> to schedule your final appointment for your diaries. This is a time-sensitive matter and therefore your cooperation is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions concerning the Consumer Expenditure Survey, please do not hesitate to contact us at <<RONumber>> or visit us at www.census.gov or www.bls.gov/cex.

We are grateful for your help.

Sincerely,

<<RDName>>

Regional Director

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Title 13, U.S. Code, Section 9
Names and addresses are never reported in our findings