

<<DATE>>

<<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, which is used to formulate the Consumer Price Index (CPI). At the time, you expressed a reluctance to participate.

Your address was scientifically selected along with others in your community as a part of a sample designed to represent approximately 14,000 other households. Without your participation we cannot obtain this information from another address.

Without your participation, the data is incomplete and the quality of the survey is diminished. Valuable information will be lost for people in households similar to yours, and you would lose an opportunity to have a voice in government policy decisions affecting people in all aspects of our economy. These governmental decisions have a bearing on legislation dealing with taxation, Social Security, energy, public utilities, cost of living adjustments and many more.

The information you give to the Census Bureau is confidential and cannot be divulged to any other agency, public or private. Only statistical totals, from which no individual can be identified, are published. The United States Congress has authorized this survey under Title 29, United States Code (U.S.C.), section 2.

In view of this explanation, we hope you will agree to participate. 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**.

Sincerely,

<<RD or RSM Name>>

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