MTW Opt-Out Savings program household survey advance letter: Treatment Group, not opt-outs

«fname» «lname»
«AddressUSE» «APTUSE»
«CITYUSE», «STATEUSE» «ZIPUSE»

[DATE]

Dear [fname] [lname],

Thank you again for being a part of the Moving to Work Opt-Out Savings program with [PHA]]. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) wants to learn if savings programs can help people feel more stable with their money and housing. HUD asked a research team from Abt Global and MEF Associates to study this. [PHA] is one of nine PHAs across the country helping with this study. You may recall receiving a letter last year explaining that you were selected to participate in [PHA] IPROGRAM NAME1.]

We will contact you in about two weeks to complete a survey about savings and related financial challenges. Around [INT DATE], an interviewer will reach out and ask you to complete a survey over the phone. If we cannot connect with you over the phone, we may try to reach you in-person. The survey will ask questions about your experiences with savings and related financial challenges.

We will send you a \$40 gift card via email to thank you for your help. Answering the questions will take about 30 minutes.

Your experiences are unique and important to us! The survey is voluntary, and you can choose whether to participate. The survey will ask you questions about your financial goals and aspirations, your experiences with banking, savings, and credit, and your experiences with [PHA NAME]'s [PROGRAM NAME.]]

The research team will write a summary report on groups of individuals. There will be no way to link your responses back to you in the report. The research team has been trained in protecting your private information. The team uses safety procedures like secure computers and data storage systems to help protect data access from anyone other than the researchers.

Whether you take part in the survey will not affect any services you may receive now or in the future. We follow strict rules to protect your information and privacy. Only HUD and the researchers involved in this study will see your information. The research team is led by Abt Global and supported by MEF Associates.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule your interview, please call Abt Global toll-free at XXX-XXX-XXXX or email XXXXXXXX@abtglobal.com.

Thank you!

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MTW Opt-Out Savings program household survey advance letter: Treatment Group, OPT-OUTs

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[DATE]

Dear [fname] [lname],

In [MONTH] [YEAR] you received notice about [PHA] [PROGRAM NAME]. Thank you again for considering it, we recognize and honor your decision to opt out of this program. You have an opportunity to help researchers learn about savings programs. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) wants to learn if savings programs can help people feel more stable with their money and housing. HUD asked a research team from Abt Global and MEF Associates to study this. [PHA] is one of nine PHAs across the country helping with this study.

We will contact you in about two weeks to complete a survey about savings and related financial challenges. Around [INT DATE], an interviewer will reach out and ask you to complete a survey over the phone. If we cannot connect with you over the phone, we may try to reach you in-person. The survey will ask questions about your experiences with savings and related financial challenges.

We will send you a \$40 gift card via email to thank you for your help. Answering the questions will take about 30 minutes.

Your experiences are unique and important to us! The survey is voluntary, and you can choose whether to participate. The survey will ask you questions about your financial goals and aspirations, your experiences with banking, savings, and credit, and your experiences with [PHA NAME]'s [PROGRAM NAME.]]

The research team will write a summary report on groups of individuals. There will be no way to link your responses back to you in the report. The research team has been trained in protecting your private information. The team uses safety procedures like secure computers and data storage systems to help protect data access from anyone other than the researchers.

Whether you take part in the survey will not affect any services you may receive now or in the future. We follow strict rules to protect your information and privacy. Only HUD and the researchers involved in this study will see your information. The research team is led by Abt Global and supported by MEF Associates.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule your interview, please call Abt Global toll-free at XXX-XXX-XXXX or email XXXXXXXX@abtglobal.com.

Thank you!

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MTW Opt-Out Savings program household survey advance letter: Control Group

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[DATE]

Dear [fname] [lname],

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) wants to find out if savings programs can help people have more money and have housing stability. HUD hired a research team from Abt Global and MEF Associates to study how these programs work. [PHA] is one of nine housing groups across the country helping with this study. You have been randomly chosen to take part in it.

We will contact you in about two weeks to complete a survey about savings and related financial challenges. Around [INT DATE], an interviewer will reach out and ask you to complete a survey by phone. If we cannot connect with you over the phone, we may try to reach you in-person. The survey will ask questions about your experiences with savings and related financial challenges.

We will send you a \$60 gift card by email to thank you for your help. Answering the questions will take about 30 minutes.

<u>Your experiences are unique and important to us!</u> The survey is voluntary, and you can choose whether to participate. The survey will ask you questions about your financial goals and aspirations, [CONTROL: and your experiences with banking, savings, and credit.

The research team will write a summary report on groups of individuals. There will be no way to link your responses back to you in the report. The research team has been trained in protecting your private information. The team uses safety procedures like secure computers and data storage systems to help protect data access from anyone other than the researchers.

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If you have any questions or would like to schedule your interview, please call Abt Global toll-free at XXX-XXX-XXXX or email XXXXXXXX@abtglobal.com.

Thank you!

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