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Date:

Name of Principal Investigator
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Subject: Please participate in *Research for Improved Health: A National Study of Community-Academic Partnerships*

Dear Dr. [insert last name]:

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We are writing to ask your help in understanding the promoters of and barriers to academic/community partnerships in community-engaged research. Our aim is to make recommendations about effectively engaging communities in research projects and public health intervention efforts.

We are seeking your participation in "Research for Improved Health: A National Study of Community-Academic Partnerships." You were selected, because in 2009, you were the Principal Investigator of more than one federally-funded research project that includes a community partnership.

Our files show that you were the PI of [insert project names] community-engaged research projects in 2009. Within a week, we will be sending you an email asking you to complete a 15-minute Key Informant Survey for each of these projects. This is the email address [insert email address] we will use to send you the survey link and a unique PIN to access the on line survey. If this email is **NOT** correct, please contact us at CBPRstdy@uw.edu or [\(877\)757-3367](tel:8777573367) (toll free).

If you would to delegate any of the Key Informant Surveys to another academic key personnel on your projects, please contact us right away at CBPRstdy@uw.edu or [\(877\)757-3367](tel:8777573367) to provide their contact information. We need their first name, last name, email address and mailing address to send an invitation to participate and a \$20 incentive.

By taking the time to complete our Key Informant Survey, you will be contributing to the science of community-engaged research. Please accept the enclosed \$20 as a token of appreciation. Additionally, since this study is about partnerships, we would like to invite your research partners (up to 3 community partners and one other academic partner who can read English and have access to email) to participate in the Community- Engaged Research Survey. Space is provided at the end of the Key Informant Survey for you to provide their contact information.

After completing the Key Informant Survey, you will be given the option to immediately complete the second web-based Community-Engaged Research Survey. If you prefer, you can opt to wait a week and receive a reminder letter asking you to participate in this second survey. This second survey will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. In consideration of your time we will send you another \$20 for each survey you submit.

We will make every effort to keep this research confidential. That means that we will not release your identity in any publications or reports about this research. We will create summaries of all the information you and others provide for general release. Enclosed, please

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find a copy of the Participant Information Statement, a flyer and the project fact sheet. The Participant Information Statement explains the survey and your rights as a participant.

You are free not to answer any question you do not want to answer. Your participation is completely voluntary, and you can stop participating at any time for any reason. To decline, be removed from the participation list, or have any questions please email to CBPRstdy@uw.edu, call (877)757-3367 or write to us at CBPRstdy@uw.edu, or at the Center for Indigenous Health Research, University of Washington, Box 354900, 4101-15th Ave NE, Seattle WA 98105-6299.

Thank you very much for helping with this important study.

Sincerely,

Dr. Malia Villegas

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