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Dear Doctor,

The National Center for Health Statistics, as part of its continuing program to provide information on the health status of the American people, is conducting the National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS). This study has proven itself to be a sound and valuable mechanism for collecting national data on office-based ambulatory practice.

I am writing you to urge your participation in this survey. In return, we will gain a fund of basic information, which will help significantly in planning and organizing office practice for the years ahead.

Along with other professional organizations, we have reviewed the NAMCS forms and procedures. I believe you will find that the survey design minimizes the amount of time and record keeping involved. It also maintains the strictest guarantees of confidentiality for both you and your patient.

I am confident that you will find that the information derived will be worth the effort expended by participating physicians like yourself. Again, may I urge your support?

Sincerely yours,

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