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To Prospective Survey Participants:

We are pleased the U.S. Public Health Service is conducting a National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) in your area. As the President of the American Baptist Churches Of The South, I strongly endorse the survey and encourage you to participate.

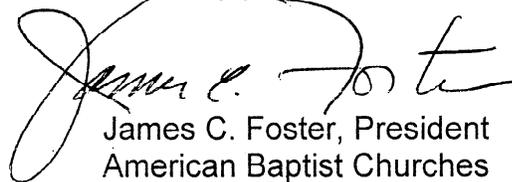
As a participant, I was impressed by the professionalism of the staff and the state-of-the-art technology used to give me beneficial information about my health.

The results of the Survey will have a significant impact on the nation and your community. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is committed to obtaining high quality information on the health of the African American community. Without adequate participation of African American persons, there will not be reliable national information available about the health status of this group. You have the opportunity to contribute valuable information toward this effort.

The NHANES will combine results from your participation with information provided by persons all across the nation in order to provide statistics that influence public health policy and services and identify risk factors for certain diseases. Research results may be used to help reduce problems associated with heart disease, diabetes, and high blood pressure.

The information collected is strictly confidential. If you have any questions or concerns, you may call Dr. Kathryn Porter at 1-800-452-6115. Again, I encourage your participation in this important study.

Sincerely yours,



James C. Foster, President
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