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National Advocates for Asian American, Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Health **Dear Survey Participant:**

You are invited to participate in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has selected for this survey your county, along with several other counties throughout the Unites States. As a resident in your county, you have been randomly chosen to participate.

The goal of this survey is to collect information to assess the health and nutritional status of adults and children in the United States. This information will:

- Help physicians and other health professionals gain a better understanding of how to prevent and treat diseases more effectively;
- Help public health officials identify needs for funding disease research and health promotion efforts; and
- Produce national statistics.

Responding to this survey is particularly important for Asian Americans. Because of the small number of Asian Americans in the United States, national data on our health problems and needs are often unavailable or unreliable. Asian Americans represent diverse ethnic groups with many different languages and cultures, which are not often captured in national surveys. This survey is a rare opportunity that allows us to help collect rich and accurate health data on Asian Americans, which, ultimately, will be used to help improve our health and well-being.

We urge you to participate in this survey. The tests are free and the information you provide will be held in the strictest confidence. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey office at 1-800-452-6115.

Sincerely,

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