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Dear Householder

Preventive Health Study

I am writing to ask for your help with some important research into the health of Victorians. This research is known as the Preventive Health Study.

The Victorian Department of Health and Human Services (Department) is conducting the Preventive Health Study to collect information about the lifestyles of Victorians. To assist in this research the Department has appointed the Social Research Centre Pty Ltd (SRC), a survey research firm, to telephone households selected at random and invite them to participate in a telephone interview.

An interviewer may telephone your household in the next couple of weeks. If you are a parent or guardian of children aged 5-14 years you may be interviewed about your child's health, physical activity, fruit and vegetable consumption, or you may be asked to give consent for your 15 to 17 year old teenager to participate in an interview. The interview will take approximately 20 minutes and can be arranged for a time that is convenient to the person selected for the interview.

The information collected in this study will be used to improve the delivery of health services to your community. Your participation is completely voluntary. However, in order for us to collect accurate information, it is important that as many households as possible participate in this study.

All information collected during the interview will be treated in strict confidence. Your name, address and telephone number will not be passed onto any other individual or organisation and will be permanently deleted by 1 June 2017. Your information collected during the interview will only be used for policy, planning or research purposes. A brochure that explains details of the project, and the steps taken to safeguard your privacy is enclosed.

If you have any queries about the study or if you would like further information, please call the Preventive Health Study Hotline (free call) on **1800 354 322**.

Thank you in anticipation.

Yours Sincerely

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