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Dear Participant:

I am writing to request your participation in an online survey of individuals on a PRIM&R mailing list with an interest in research ethics. The Center for Survey Research (CSR) at the University of Virginia is conducting this survey on behalf of the NIH Clinical Center Department of Bioethics and in collaboration with PRIM&R.

In a few days, you will receive an email message from CSR with your personal web link to the survey. The sender of the email will be: CENTER FOR SURVEY RESEARCH. The subject line will read: "PRIM&R/NIH Survey: When is it Appropriate to Pay Participants?"

The purpose of the survey is to find out more about the attitudes, opinions and experiences of those in the research ethics field regarding offers of payment for research studies.

CSR has assigned you a study identification number for the sole purpose of tracking responses, so that follow-up efforts can be directed away from those who have already responded. This approach also makes it more convenient for you to access the survey online.

Your individual responses will be held confidential by CSR and will be anonymous to the NIH and PRIM&R. The survey responses will be aggregated and reported in summary form.

While your participation in this survey is voluntary, it is only with your help that we will accurately represent the range of opinions found across a wide variety of people who are interested in research ethics. For more information, please consult CSR's website: <http://surveys.virginia.edu/>. If you have questions, please contact Robin Bebel, Project Coordinator, at [rbebel@virginia.edu](mailto:rbebel@virginia.edu) or 434-982-5541.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas M. Guterbock".

Thomas M. Guterbock, Ph.D.

Director

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P.S. We have enclosed \$5 with this letter to thank you for completing the survey. Please look for an email in a few days with the survey link.