

**APPENDIX F1**

**FOCUS GROUP RECRUITMENT LETTER**

## Focus group recruitment letter

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[DATE]

[NAME]  
[ADDRESS]  
[CITY, STATE ZIP]

Dear [Salutation] [NAME]:

The [State/Commonwealth] of [State] is participating in a study for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to improve access in federal food assistance programs. The purpose of this letter is to ask for your assistance in determining how well [State]'s recent efforts are working.

USDA is working with Mathematica Policy Research to conduct focus groups to help us understand the results of [State]'s efforts. An interviewer will be calling you within the next few days to ask you a few questions to determine if you are eligible to participate in a focus group discussion about this topic. If you are eligible and decide to participate, the focus group discussion will last approximately one hour and will take place in a few weeks in [LOCATION].

After the focus group, you will receive \$50 as a thank you after the group discussion. This gift will not affect any government assistance you may be receiving. Your participation is voluntary, but we hope you will choose to participate. All information collected during the discussion will be kept private, as required by law. There are no penalties if you decide not to participate. If you would like to determine your eligibility to participate now, please call 1-8xx-xxx-xxxx.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation and helping make this important study a success!

Sincerely,

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Family Programs Staff  
Office of Research and Analysis  
USDA Food and Nutrition Service

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