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Dear _____,

We are writing to invite you to participate in a research study funded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and co-sponsored by the UNC Department of Family Medicine. The purpose of the study is to better understand the effects of air pollution on people who do not have diabetes or other similar medical conditions.

We have reviewed the billing records of the UNC Family Medicine Center (FMC) to identify adult FMC patients who do not (according to our billing records) have certain medical conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, or kidney disease. You have received this letter because you appear to be eligible based on our billing records. We have not looked at anybody's medical record for this study thus far, and we will not look at anybody's medical record without their clear, written permission to do.

Your family physician at the FMC has given us permission to contact you via this letter to tell you about this study and to invite you to participate, if you wish.

If you are interested in this study and are eligible to participate, you will be invited to undergo a series of screening tests and study visits at the EPA's Human Studies Facility which is on the University of North Carolina campus near the Ambulatory Care Center. If you choose to participate in this study, you will be asked to breathe either clean, filtered air or air that contains some very fine particle pollutants that are similar in nature and quantity to the air in the city of Los Angeles, California. Compensation for study participation is provided.

We have enclosed an information sheet about this research study. If you are interested in learning more, please call Westat Corporation at 919-966-0604 or 888-279-9353 (toll free).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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