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Dear Administrator:

I am writing to urge your participation in the National Nursing Home Survey to be conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) from August to December 2004. The survey, the seventh in a series, is designed to collect data on the characteristics of nursing homes, their residents, and staff.

The support of our association members and of the 1,500 facilities selected to be included in this sample is indispensable to the successful development of invaluable data for planning and organizing health care of older adults, drafting health legislation and setting national policies and priorities to obtain quality care for all nursing home residents.

I have been assured that strict confidentiality provisions are to be maintained. Only summary data will be published and made available to health planners, researchers, health professionals, and the public.

I am confident that the resulting information will be worth the investment of your time and effort as it will ultimately be used to make accurate assessments of the need for and effects of changes in the provision and financing of nursing home care. Furthermore, it is only through your assistance that we can be sure the information on which public policy will be based has the benefit of our input.

I, therefore, urge you to contribute to this process by completing the survey as requested by NCHS.

Thank you in advance for your interest and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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