



STATE OF WASHINGTON

December 30, 2009

Dear Survey Respondent:

I am writing to request your assistance with the Washington State Population Survey.

This survey, conducted every two years since 1998, provides the Washington State Office of Financial Management and the Legislature with information that helps to prioritize programs and services. This is especially important during times like these when tough choices will be required to balance the budget.

To ensure that we base decisions on the most accurate information possible, we have asked the Gilmore Research Group, an independent Washington State research company, to conduct the survey. Within the next few weeks, an interviewer with Gilmore will call your home asking you to participate. The survey includes questions about employment, income, education, and health insurance coverage. It will take about 20-30 minutes, depending upon the number of persons living in your household.

Your telephone number was chosen at random and your participation is **completely voluntary**. The survey can be completed at your convenience, so please let the interviewer know if another time is more suitable for you. Your answers to the questions are **strictly confidential**.

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Peda or Mike Groves, with the Gilmore Research Group (1-800-573-4498), or Erica Gardner, with the Office of Financial Management, at 1-360-902-0599. Information is also available online at <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/sps/>.

Thank you. Your participation helps us to better serve Washington State residents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V.A. Moore".

Victor A. Moore, Director
Office of Financial Management