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OFFICE OF RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION

To: Kevin R. Guidry
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From: IUB Human Subjects Office
Office of Research Administration – Indiana University

Date: April 20, 2010

RE: EXEMPTION GRANTED – NEW PROTOCOL
Protocol Title: Digital Divide Non-Response Bias on Web-based Surveys Pilot
Protocol #: 1004001240
Sponsor: N/A

Your study named above was accepted on APR 15, 2010 as meeting the criteria of exempt research as described in the Federal regulations at 45 CFR 46.101(b), paragraph(s) 2. This approval does not replace any departmental or other approvals that may be required.

As the principal investigator (or faculty sponsor in the case of a student protocol) of this study, you assume the following responsibilities:

- **Changes to Study:** Any proposed changes to the research must be approved by the IRB prior to implementation. To request approval, please complete an Amendment form and submit it, along with any revised study documents to iub_hsc@indiana.edu. Only after approval has been granted by the IRB can these changes be implemented.
- **Completion:** Although a continuing review is not required for an exempt study, you are required to notify the IRB when this project is completed. In some cases, you will receive a request for current project status from our office. If we are unsuccessful in our attempts to confirm the status of the project, we will consider the project closed. It is your responsibility to inform us of any changes to your contact information to ensure our records are kept current.

Per federal regulations, there is no requirement for the use of an informed consent document or study information sheet for exempt research, although one may be used if it is felt to be appropriate for the research being conducted. As such, these documents do not include an IRB-approval stamp. Please note, however, that if a study information sheet and/or informed consent document is to be used, you should use unstamped accepted versions. **Please note that your study has been accepted with the use of a study information sheet / informed consent document.**

You should retain a copy of this letter and any associated approved study documents in your records. Please refer to the protocol title and number in future correspondence with our office. You may contact our office at (812) 855-3067 or by e-mail at iub_hsc@indiana.edu if you have questions or need further assistance.

Thank you.