

## 18F: Research Participant Consent Form

Thanks for taking the time to speak with us. Please read the statement below and sign where indicated.

This consent form relates to interviews conducted by 18F as part of a project aiming to **understand the experience of interacting with the Federal Election Commission**.

Please read this form carefully and ask any questions you have before agreeing to take part in our project activities.

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| <b>Taking part is voluntary</b> | Participation in this interview or workshop is completely voluntary. You may be uncomfortable with some of the questions and topics we'll ask about. If you're uncomfortable at any point about anything we ask you, you can inform the project representative that you wish to end your participation in the interview or workshop at any time.  |
| <b>Confidentiality</b>          | We will take necessary and appropriate precautions to protect your confidentiality. You will not be asked to disclose any private details beyond age and gender. Any transcriptions that are made of your conversation will not be tied to your name. Research records will be kept in a secure location, and raw notes will not be shared outside of our project team.   |
| <b>Impact</b>                   | Things we learn during our research may be used in reports, shared online, and used in presentations. We will not use your real name in any of our published or presented research materials. Taking part in this research study will not benefit you personally, but we may learn new things that will help others. Participating in this interview or workshop in no way guarantees special consideration and will have no bearing whatsoever on the outcome of any interactions or contracts with the U.S. Government. |
| <b>Photography</b>              | The project team may take pictures of interviews, observations, or interactive activities. If you approve of your image being used in future publications or presentations of our work, please initial in the section below. In the event we use your image, your name will not be used.  |

**Statement of Consent:** I have read the above information and received answers to any questions I have asked. I consent to take part in this interview and to have any information I provide be used in the manner described above. I understand that my name will not be used in connection to my words or any photos taken during the duration of this interview. I understand that I will receive no compensation and waive all claims for compensation from the U.S. government in exchange for my participation in this research. I expressly release 18F from and against any and all claims that I have or may have for invasion of privacy, defamation, or any other cause of action arising out of the production, distribution, display, or publication of the results of the project, so long as the conditions of use described above are met.

Your name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Consent signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Photography.** Please also initial here \_\_\_\_\_ if you APPROVE of and consent to having your photographed image used in publications or presentations. If you do not initial, we will not use your photographed image.