You are invited to participate in a survey, entitled “Survey of Military Child Support in Texas.”  The study is being conducted by Dr. Donald S. Inbody, Department of Political Science of Texas State University, 601 University Drive, San Marcos, TX, 78666. Telephone: (512) 245-3258.

The purpose of this study is to conduct research into child support issues and how effective the child support system in Texas is with respect to military families. I would very much like to know your opinions. Your participation in the survey will contribute to a better understanding of child support problems within military families. We estimate that it will take about twenty minutes of your time to complete the questionnaire.  You are free to contact the investigator at the above address and phone number to discuss the survey.

Risks to participants are considered minimal.  There will be no costs for participating, nor will you benefit from participating.  Any personal information collected will be kept during the data collection phase for tracking purposes only. A limited number of research team members will have access to the data during data collection.  This information will be stripped from the final dataset. 

Your participation in this survey is voluntary.  You may decline to answer any question and you have the right to withdraw from participation at any time without penalty.  If you wish to withdraw from the study or have any questions, contact the investigator listed above.

If you have any questions or would like us to email another person for your institution or update your email address, please call **Dr**. **Donald Inbody** at **(512) 245-3258** or send an email to **inbody@txstate.edu**. You may also request a hard copy of the survey from the contact information above.

This study has been reviewed and approved by the Texas State University Institutional Review Board.   If you have questions about your rights as a study participant, or are dissatisfied at any time with any aspect of this study, you may contact - anonymously, if you wish - the Institutional Review Board by phone at (512) 245-xxxx or email at xxx@txstate.edu.

IRB Approval Number: **[STUDY NUMBER]**

If you agree to participate please indicate so by initialing in the box below. Should you not agree, return this form to the person who gave it to you and the survey will be ended.

Thank you.

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