**Appendix D (Participant Request Letter)**

To Whom It May Concern;

My name is Mark Generous, and I am currently a graduate student enrolled in the Communication Studies Department at Texas State University – San Marcos. I am contacting you today to seek assistance in a research endeavor I am involved in for my Research Practicum class. Specifically, I wish to work with your organization because of the organization’s commitment to advancing the awareness and equality of homosexual, bisexual, transgendered, and progressive community members. As a homosexual at Texas State University – San Marcos, I appreciate knowing that organizations like yours exist to offer support for members of the LGBTQ community.

The current research I am conducting is attempting to examine homosexual men’s perceptions of communicating with heterosexual men. In particular, my research looks at homosexual men’s anxiety when communicating with heterosexual men, as well as various factors that contribute or do not contribute to said anxiety being experienced. Because research has shown that men tend to have more negative views towards homosexuals of the same sex, research will focus solely on the interaction between homosexual men and heterosexual men. As my research sample will consist solely of homosexual men, I am coming to your organization in hopes of acquiring participants.

Those that wish to participate in the current study will be asked to complete a short online questionnaire during the month of February. If it is alright to obtain participants from your organization, I will notify you when the survey is available online, and you can then notify those wishing to participate that they can begin completing the online survey. If you can suggest an alternative means of accessing members of your organization, please do not hesitate to contact me and we can discuss.

Participation in this study will be greatly appreciated, and I truly believe it is research that can begin to open the door to a wider range of research examining the communication interchange that occurs between the homosexual and heterosexual cultures on a daily basis. If it is acceptable for me to acquire participants from your organization, please contact me as soon as possible at mg1634@txstate.edu, or you can also reach me at (734) 552-5592. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind Regards,

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