Consent Form to be a Research Participant

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**Introduction**

This research study is being conducted by Beatriz Gomez, a University Honors Program student at Texas State, as part of my Honor’s Thesis. The purpose of the study is to explore the factors associated with academic success of undocumented Hispanic-origin students at Texas State.

**Procedures**

You will be asked to volunteer for a one-to two hour individual interview. Questions will include demographic questions so that I can describe the sample. Data will be reported in aggregate form only; individual characteristics will not be revealed. Therefore, identifiable information will not be linked to your interview responses. Other data collected will be open-ended questions pertaining to your perceptions about the experiences of undocumented students and what factors contribute to the academic success of this group, particularly at Texas State.

**Risks/Discomforts**

There are minimal risks for participation in this study. It is not anticipated that questions asked by the interviewer will cause any personal discomfort and you will be encouraged to disclose within your own personal comfort level.

**Benefits**

It is hoped that your participation will help researchers learn more about how undocumented students have the capabilities to succeed in college, and what supports or services need to be provided. You will also have the opportunity to share about the difficulties involved and to make suggestions for what additional supports and/or services have helped you or would be helpful for the university to consider.

**Confidentiality**

All information provided will remain confidential and will only be reported as group aggregate data with no identifying information. Your name will not be associated with your responses. You will be given a code number only. There will be no written record of your participation in the study. All notes will be kept in a locked cabinet in Dr. Hawkins' office; only she and I will have access. After the research is completed, researcher notes will be destroyed.

**Compensation**

There are no compensations involved in this research.

**Questions about the Research**

If you have questions regarding this study, or would like to request a summary of the findings, you may contact me at (512)787-3199, and to [bg1199@txstate.edu](mailto:bg1199@txstate.edu). Any questions about research or participants rights may be directed to Dr. Jon Lasser, Chair of the Institutional Review Board (512-245-3413 -- lasster@txstate.edu or Ms. Becky Northcutt, Compliance Specialist (512-245-2102.

The IRB approval number is

Your participation in this research study is completely voluntary. You may refuse to answer any questions or to provide any data. You have the right to withdraw atanytime or refuse to participate entirely without jeopardy to your standing with the University.

**I have read and understood the above information. My voluntary participation in the study signifies informed consent. I may keep this form for my records.**