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## **Consent Letter**

Date

Dear Participant,

The University of Georgia SNAP-Ed team is trying to understand how Georgians who are eligible for the SNAP (food stamp) program would improve their healthy eating behaviors through online nutrition education.

We are asking SNAP eligible Georgians to take part in either a series of online nutrition education lessons called Food eTalk or read 12 online nutrition newsletters for the Social Marketing Food Talk program. Completing the online learning lessons will take between 10 and 60 minutes depending on how many lessons you complete.

As part of this study, you will be asked to fill out short online surveys after each online learning lesson. You will be asked questions about your computer use, daily food intake and eating habits, and some personal information (example: your age, household income, address). All information we collect about you will be kept confidential to the extent possible.

This research involves the transmission of data over the Internet. Every reasonable effort has been taken to ensure the effective use of available technology; however, confidentiality during online communication cannot be guaranteed.

Participation in this study is voluntary and you may skip any questions you do not wish to answer. You can also stop participating at any time. Your decision to participate will have no impact on your participation in Food eTalk or Food Talk Social Marketing programs.

Your participation in this study will help us understand how Georgians who are eligible for the SNAP (food stamp) program can improve their healthy eating behaviors and knowledge through online learning.

If you have any questions about this research project, please feel free to call me, Dr. Jung Sun Lee at 706.542.7323 or send an e-mail to leejs@uga.edu. If you have any questions or concerns about your rights as a research volunteer, contact the staff in the University of Georgia Institutional Review Board at 706-542-3199 or irb@uga.edu.

Thank you for your consideration! If you agree to participate in the above described research, simply click "I agree" below. After you decide, make sure to click the continue button.

□ I agree

You will be directed to an online printable and downloadable copy of this letter.

Sincerely,

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