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Dear Ms. Wilson:

We welcome the opportunity to comment on the proposed reporting requirements for the Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program known as EARS, Education and Administrative Reporting System. We agree that an electronic reporting system should save time and be convenient to use.

Our project activities focus on conducting a nutrition education interactive workshop series as well as one-on-one interactive events in community settings. In addition we work closely with community based organizations that provide services to food stamp eligible residents of our county.

In these community settings it is time consuming and invasive to ask participants receiving nutrition education to identify themselves by ethnic group and/or race. Nutrition education activities are provided either within specific qualifying census tracts or schools where 50% or more of the students receive free or reduced prices. Therefore the population served will reflect the ethnic and racial make-up of that community.

Thank you again for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

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Nutrition Project Manager

