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Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Statistics

Washington, DC 20531

«MONTH, DAY, YEAR»,

Dear «SALUTATION»,

In a few weeks, you will receive a letter through the U.S. postal mail asking for your participation in the Bureau of Justice Statistics' (BJS) «YEAR» *Survey of Sexual Victimization* (SSV). When the letter arrives, please follow its instructions to log onto the data collection website and submit your data promptly.

BJS conducts this annual data collection in response to the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) of 2003 (PREA; P.L. 108-79). The survey collects information on the characteristics of incidents of sexual victimization to aid correctional administrators in addressing the prevention, reporting, investigation, and prosecution of such incidents. As mandated by PREA, we ask you take the time to complete these forms. If you would like more information on the SSV or to preview the survey questions, please visit the project website at: https://respond.census.gov/ssv.

BJS is authorized to conduct this data collection under 34 U.S.C. § 10132 and PREA. The U.S. Census Bureau is the data collection agent for this survey. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Greta Clark at the Census Bureau at 800-253-2078 or Greta.B.Clark@census.gov or Emily Buehler at BJS at Emily.Buehler@usdoj.gov.

I understand that you receive many data requests throughout the year. I greatly appreciate your taking the time to complete the SSV questionnaire. Your agency's participation is critical to the success of the SSV.

Sincerely,

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