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Dear «SALUTATION»:

We are pleased to announce the start of the 202XX *Survey of Sexual Victimization*. Developed in response to the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA; P.L. 108-79), the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is tasked with this annual data collection. The PREA requires BJS to "carry out, for each calendar year, a comprehensive statistical review and analysis of the incidence and effects of prison rape." To do this, BJS collects information on the characteristics of these incidents to aid correctional administrators in addressing the prevention, reporting, investigation, and prosecution of such incidents. The Act also requires adult correctional and juvenile justice administrators to participate in the national survey. We ask that you submit data online by «MONTH, DAY, YEAR» to fulfill the mandated PREA reporting requirements at:

Website:	https://respond.census.gov/ssv
UserID:	**«USERID»**
Temporary password:	**«PASSWORD»**

While we encourage everyone to respond online, if this is not possible, you may still submit paper forms. Blank forms in fillable portable document format (PDF) are available from the survey website**,** https://respond.census.gov/ssv. If you are unable to download these forms, you may contact Greta Clark at the Census Bureau at 800-253-2078 or Greta.B.Clark@census.gov to request paper forms.

BJS is authorized to conduct this data collection under 34 U.S.C. § 10132 and the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 (PREA; P.L. 108-79). The U.S. Census Bureau is the data collection agent for this survey. BJS and the Census Bureau will use the information you provide for statistical or research purposes only pursuant to 34 U.S.C. § 10134, and for the purposes required under the PREA. All personally identifiable data collected under BJS's authority for this collection are protected under the confidentiality provisions of 34 U.S.C. § 10231 and 34 U.S.C. § 30303. Any person who violates these provisions may be punished by a fine up to $10,000, in addition to any other penalties imposed by law. For more information go to https://bjs.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh236/files/media/document/bjs_data_protection_guidelines.pdf**.**

If you need assistance regarding your submission, please contact Greta Clark at the information above. If BJS can be of assistance, please contact Emily Buehler, at 202-598-1036 or Emily.buehler@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

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