Sample of Implied Consent Letter for Surveys

Dear ...

You are invited to participate in a study of ... *state what is being studied*. I hope to learn ... *state what the study is designed to discover or establish*. You were selected as a possible participant in this study because ... *state why and how the subject was selected*.

If you decide to participate, please complete the enclosed survey. Your return of this survey is implied consent. The survey is designed to ... *explain purpose of survey*. It will take about *... length of time expected to complete survey*. No benefits accrue to you for answering the survey, but your responses will be used to ... *explain research benefit*. Any discomfort or inconvenience to you derives only from the amount of time taken to complete the survey.

Any information that is obtained in connection with this study and that can be identified with you will remain confidential and will not be disclosed.

Your decision whether or not to participate will not affect your future relationships with the ... *name of Institution or agency*. If you decide to participate, you are free to discontinue participation at any time.

PLEASE NOTE: For research involving more than minimal risk, an explanation as to whether any compensation and an explanation as to whether any medical treatments are available if injury occurs and, if so, what they consist of, or where further information may be obtained.

Please feel free to ask questions regarding this study. You may contact me later if you have additional questions at ... *telephone number and e-mail address (if principal investigator is conducting the study), or the name of the principal investigator, department name, e-mail address and telephone number (if the co-investigator is conducting the study).* Any questions about your rights may be directed to Dr. Lisa I. Karch, Chair of the MSUM Institutional Review Board at 218-477-2699 or by e-mail at: irb@mnstate.edu.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Researcher's name, etc.