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Date

Dear Mr/Ms:

We at SHARP received your name and address from Dr. _____. She notified us that you may have work-related asthma. Public health rules require physicians to do this. SHARP conducts research on workers' health for the state. We currently want to learn more about work-related asthma. SHARP is not involved with the workers' compensation claims process or regulatory enforcement.

We hope to prevent other workers from getting asthma. To do this, we need to learn more about workplace conditions that may contribute to the disease. This can be done with your help.

In the next couple of weeks, we may contact you to request a telephone interview. The interview should not take more than 20 minutes. This research is voluntary. There will be no penalties for refusing to participate, for skipping questions, or for stopping the interview. Your answers will be confidential. When we prepare study reports and educational materials, we won't use your name. The information you provide will only be used to prevent additional workers from becoming ill. Your participation will not affect any legal case or workers' compensation claim you may have pending now or in the future.

We are sending a pamphlet on work-related asthma. We are also sending a summary of our work-related asthma prevention program. If you have any questions about this research, please call me toll free at 1-888-667-4277. You may also call this number if you do not want to be contacted about this study.

You may call the Washington State Institutional Review Board if you have questions about your rights or concerns/complaints about the research. The WSIRB oversees this study to make sure that the rights of people who take part are protected. You can call at 1.800.583.8488. You don't have to give your name if you call.

Thank you. We look forward to talking with you soon.

Para recibir una copia de estos materiales informativos en Español. Por favor de llamarnos al 1-888-667-4277. Esta llamada es completamente gratis.

Regards,

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