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Dear **Family Caregiver**:

Explanation of Procedures: Greetings! Please reply to questions about your experience with respite services as a family caregiver. The Alabama Lifespan Respite Care Coalition asked evaluators from the UAB Center for Educational Accountability to assess respite services across the state. The Coalition will use the information you provide to plan improvements to lifespan respite services for caregivers of people with disabilities and chronic illness.

We will not collect your name or Email address without your permission. Your personal identity will not be revealed to others. It will require about 20 minutes to reply to the survey. You may refuse to answer any question or discontinue participation at any time without penalty. Responses will be automatically submitted to this online survey.

You will not receive any special consideration if you take part in this assessment. Call Dr. Brian Geiger at 205-975-5388 or Email bgeiger@uab.edu, to answer your questions about the survey. Thanks for your participation!

If you have questions about your rights as a participant, or concerns or complaints about this activity, you may contact Ms. Sheila Moore. Ms. Moore is the Director of the Office of the Institutional Review Board for Human Use (OIRB). Ms. Moore may be reached at (205) 934-3789 or 1-800-822-8816. If calling the toll-free number, press the option for “all other calls” or for an operator/attendant and ask for extension 4-3789. (Regular hours for the Office of the IRB are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CT, Monday through Friday. You may also call this number in the event the research staff cannot be reached or you wish to talk to someone else.)

Sincerely,

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