



STATE OF WASHINGTON

January 14, 2004

Dear «Name_2»:

While the U.S. economy appears to be coming out of a long recession, the slow recovery and continued budget restraints are affecting many of our state's residents. In response to this situation, the Washington State Office of Financial Management is working on ways that the state can improve our economy and services. In order to make sure that we are addressing the specific needs of our state, we have asked Gilmore Research Group, an independent research company in Washington State, to conduct a survey of our state's population.

Within the next few weeks, an interviewer from Gilmore Research Group will be calling your home asking you to participate in the **Washington State Population Survey**. Your telephone number was chosen at random for this survey, which includes questions about employment, income, education, and health insurance coverage. Your participation is **completely voluntary** and will take about 20-30 minutes by phone, depending upon the number of persons living in your household.

The survey can be completed at your convenience, so please let the interviewer know if another time is more suitable for you. Your answers to the questions are **strictly confidential**, and all identifying information will be destroyed as soon as the data collection process is complete.

Gilmore Research Group staff is available to answer your questions about this survey. You can call their office toll-free at 1-800-573-4498, ext. 177 and ask to speak with Cathy Peda or JoElla Weybright about the Washington State Population Survey. You also can obtain information about the survey by accessing <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/sps/index.htm>.

Thank you for helping us better serve you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marty Brown".

Marty Brown
Director, Office of Financial Management