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**Dear Delaware Resident:**

The University of Delaware is gathering data on the recreation use of ocean beaches in the Mid-Atlantic region. The data will be used to document the economic importance of beaches in our region and to aid in a variety of resource management decisions.

Your household is one of a small number in which people are being asked to report trips taken to Mid-Atlantic ocean beaches. It was drawn in a random sample. For the results to represent accurately the people in our region, it is important that each survey be completed and returned. Even if you take no trips to beaches, it is important that your survey be completed and returned.

**The survey should be filled out by the adult member of your household with the next birthday.** Anyone 16 years old or older is considered an adult. The survey should take about 10 to 15 minutes.

You are assured of complete confidentiality. The return envelop has an identification number for mailing purposes only. This is so that we may check your name off the mailing list when your survey is returned. This way you will not be sent reminders and additional copies of the survey. Your name and address are never placed on the survey or used in conjunction with the survey in anyway.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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