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Dear South Baltimore Resident:

I want to make you aware of a new study being conducted by the National Institute on Aging. The study is called *Healthy Aging in Neighborhoods of Diversity across the Life Span* (HANDLS).

I personally met with members of the National Institute on Aging staff who are bringing this study to your neighborhood. Members of the HANDLS research team also met with Ann Fiocco of the Riverside Action Group, attended the Riverside Neighborhood Association Meeting and the Riverside Park playground opening to inform residents about the study, its purpose and objectives and to disseminate information about healthy aging.

You will begin to notice HANDLS recruiters knocking on doors in the area to provide information about the study and to actively look for study participants. They will show an official identification card.

I am writing this letter to let you know that I fully support the efforts of the National Institute on Aging staff and believe that it is a worthwhile project that will lead to advances in early detection and more effective treatment of certain diseases.

Please take the time to listen to the recruiters before you decide whether you would like to be part of this groundbreaking study. If you would like more information do not hesitate to contact the HANDLS staff directly at 1-866-207-8363. You may also learn more about the study by logging onto their website at handls.nih.gov.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George W. Della". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "G" and "D".

George Della