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Hello, my name is _____(first and last name). I'm on the staff of the Eagleton Poll, and I'm taking a public opinion survey of New Jersey adults for Rutgers University. I'd like your views on what New Jersey is like as a place to live and on some topics currently in the news.

1. To begin with, for how many years have you lived in New Jersey, or have you lived here all of your life?

- 1 LESS THAN ONE
- 2 ONE OR TWO
- 3 3 - 5
- 4 6 - 10
- 5 11 - 20
- 6 21 - 30
- 7 MORE THAN 30
- 8 ALL MY LIFE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

2. How would you rate the job Christie Whitman is doing as Governor--excellent, good, only fair or poor?

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 9 DON'T KNOW

3. As far as you know, is the Governor of New Jersey a Democrat or a Republican?
- 1 DEMOCRAT
 - 2 REPUBLICAN
 - 9 DON'T KNOW
4. How would you rate the job the New Jersey state Legislature is doing -- excellent, good, only fair, or poor?
- 1 EXCELLENT
 - 2 GOOD
 - 3 ONLY FAIR
 - 4 POOR
 - 9 DON'T KNOW
5. There will be an election for the State Assembly this November. Do you think you will vote for the Democratic or Republican candidates from your district?
- 1 DEMOCRATIC
 - 2 REPUBLICAN
 - 3 1 DEM., 1 REP.
 - 4 1 DEM., DON'T KNOW OTHER
 - 5 1 REP., DON'T KNOW OTHER
 - 6 WON'T VOTE (**VOLUNTEER**)
 - 8 OTHER (**VOLUNTEER**)
 - 9 DON'T KNOW
6. Do you happen to know what party currently has more members in the State Assembly - the Democrats or the Republicans?
- 1 DEMOCRATS
 - 2 REPUBLICAN
 - 3 DON'T KNOW
7. Which party would you rather see in control of the state Assembly, the Democrats or the Republicans?
- 1 DEMOCRATS
 - 2 REPUBLICANS
 - 3 NO DIFFERENCE/DOESN'T MATTER/DOESN'T LOOK AT IT THIS WAY (**VOL**)
 - 4 NEITHER (**VOLUNTEER**)
 - 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

Now, I'd like to ask you some questions about where you live.

8. In what township or municipality do you live?

8a. In what county is that?

9. How many years have you been living in this town or have you lived there all your life?

98 ENTIRE LIFE ----->**GO TO Q.12**
99 NO ANSWER

10a. What is the last town you lived in?

10b. In what state is that?

1 NEW JERSEY ----->**ASK Q.10c**
2 NEW YORK
3 PENNSYLVANIA
4 MARYLAND ----->**GO TO Q.11**
5 CONNECTICUTT
6 TEXAS
7 CALIFORNIA
8 OTHER (Specify: _____)
9 DON'T KNOW

10c. **(IF "NJ")** In what county is that?

(USE NJ COUNTY PRECODES)

11. What is the main reason why you moved to where you live now?

- 1 NEW JOB OR JOB WAS RELOCATED
- 2 RETIRED
- 3 LOST JOB
- 4 COULDN'T AFFORD MORTGAGE/RENT
- 10 MARRIAGE/ENGAGEMENT/RELATIONSHIP
- 11 DIVORCE/BREAK-UP
- 20 LEFT PARENT'S HOUSE
- 21 TO BE NEAR FAMILY
- 22 BOUGHT A HOME/BUYING A HOME
- 23 LARGER HOUSE
- 24 SMALLER HOUSE
- 30 NICER TOWN/NEIGHBORHOOD
- 31 MOVE TO SUBURBS
- 32 MOVE TO A CITY
- 33 TOO CROWDED
- 38 OTHER (Specify: _____)
- 39 DON'T KNOW

ASK EVERYONE:

12. How would you rate your own town or city as a place to live -- excellent, good, only fair or poor?

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 9 DON'T KNOW

13. And how would you rate your neighborhood as a place to live -- excellent, good, only fair or poor?

- 1 EXCELLENT
- 2 GOOD
- 3 ONLY FAIR
- 4 POOR
- 9 DON'T KNOW

14a. If you had the opportunity, would you **like** to move out of your neighborhood or continue to live where you are now-- **IF "MOVE," ASK**, Would you like to move to another part of your town; would you prefer to move to another town in New Jersey or move to another state?

- 1 CONTINUE IN SAME NEIGHBORHOOD----->**GO TO Q.17**
- 2 MOVE TO ANOTHER PART OF TOWN ----->**GO TO Q.15**
- 3 MOVE TO ANOTHER TOWN IN NEW JERSEY ----->**ASK Q.14b**
- 4 MOVE OUT OF STATE ----->**GO TO Q.14e**
- 9 DON'T KNOW/OTHER ----->**GO TO Q.17**

14c1. In what county is that?

_____ ----->**GO TO Q.15**

14c2. Do you happen to know what county you might like to move to?

_____ ----->**ASK Q.14e**

98. NO COUNTY MENTIONED ----->**ASK Q.14d**

14d. Would you like to move to the northern, central, or southern part of the state?

- 1 NORTHERN
- 2 CENTRAL
- 3 SOUTHERN

9 DON'T KNOW

14e. Would you like to move to an urban, suburban, or rural area?

1 URBAN

2 SUBURBAN

3 RURAL

9 DON'T KNOW

ASK ONLY IF PLAN TO MOVE:

15. How likely is it that you will move in the next year-- Do you think you definitely will move, probably will move, probably will not move or definitely will not move?
- 1 DEFINITELY WILL MOVE
 - 2 PROBABLY WILL MOVE
 - 3 PROBABLY WILL NOT MOVE
 - 4 DEFINITELY WILL NOT MOVE
 - 9 DON'T KNOW
16. What is the main reason why you plan to move?
- 1 NEW JOB OR JOB WAS RELOCATED
 - 2 RETIRED
 - 3 LOST JOB
 - 4 COULDN'T AFFORD MORTGAGE/RENT
 - 10 MARRIAGE/ENGAGEMENT/RELATIONSHIP
 - 11 DIVORCE/BREAK-UP
 - 20 LEFT PARENT'S HOUSE
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 - 31 MOVE TO SUBURBS
 - 32 MOVE TO A CITY
 - 33 TOO CROWDED
 - 38 OTHER (Specify: _____)
 - 39 DON'T KNOW
17. And, how serious a problem is crime in your neighborhood -- very serious, somewhat serious, or not at all serious?
- 1 VERY SERIOUS
 - 2 SOMEWHAT SERIOUS
 - 3 NOT AT ALL SERIOUS
 - 9 DON'T KNOW
18. In the past year, would you say that the amount of crime in your neighborhood has gone up, gone down, or remained the same?
- 1 GONE UP
 - 2 GONE DOWN
 - 3 REMAINED SAME

9 DON'T KNOW

Next, I'd like to ask you some questions about divorce.

19. In general, do you think men or women are treated more fairly in New Jersey divorce settlements?

- 1 MEN
- 2 WOMEN
- 3 BOTH (**VOLUNTEER**)
- 4 NEITHER (**VOLUNTEER**)
- 9 DON'T KNOW
- 10

20. When there is a divorce and children are involved, who do you think is usually given custody of the children--the mother or the father?

- 1 MOTHER
- 2 FATHER
- 3 BOTH/JOINT (**VOL**)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

21. Generally in a divorce, the parent who the children live with is called the custodial parent and the other parent becomes the non-custodial parent. Who do you think should be most responsible for the financial well being of the children--the custodial or the non-custodial parent?

- 1 CUSTODIAL
- 2 NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT
- 3 BOTH (**VOLUNTEER**)
- 4 DEPENDS (**VOL**)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

22. How much have you read or heard about the bills being discussed in the New Jersey Legislature to reform the state's divorce laws--a great deal, some, not much, or nothing at all?

- 1 A GREAT DEAL
- 2 SOME
- 3 NOT MUCH
- 4 NOTHING AT ALL
- 9 DON'T KNOW

23. The New Jersey Legislature is considering some changes in the state's divorce laws. Please tell me if you approve or disapprove of **READ ITEM--** Do you (approve/disapprove) strongly or mildly |

(ROTATE)

- A Having penalties on parents who interfere with the visitation rights of the non-custodial parent?
- B Including alimony as part of the custodial parent's income before deciding on the amount of child support payments?
- C Allowing alimony to be directly withdrawn from the non-custodial parent's pay check?
- D Requiring the divorcing parents to develop a parenting plan ?
- E Giving both parents equal access to school, medical, and other records?
- F Automatically cutting off child support payments at age 18 even if the child is attending college?

- 1 STRONGLY APPROVE
- 2 MILDLY APPROVE
- 3 MILDLY DISAPPROVE
- 4 STRONGLY DISAPPROVE
- 5 DON'T KNOW

24. Thinking back over the last 5 or 10 years, would you say that New Jersey has become a better or worse place to live, or hasn't there been any change?

- 1 BETTER
- 2 WORSE
- 3 ABOUT THE SAME
- 9 DON'T KNOW

25. Now I have some questions about how people in New Jersey get along with each other-- that is how courteous and respectful they are in different types of situations. Do you personally feel that you get a great deal, some, not much or no respect at all from

[READ ITEM] (ROTATE) |

- A the people that you work with?
- B other drivers on the highways?
- C people who wait on you in stores?
- D from your neighbors?
- E from other people when you're standing in line?

- 1 A GREAT DEAL
- 2 SOME
- 3 NOT MUCH
- 4 NO RESPECT AT ALL
- 5 DON'T KNOW

26. And, do you agree or disagree with the following statement: New Jersey residents are losing their ability to get along with each other-- Do you agree/disagree strongly or mildly?

- 1 STRONGLY AGREE
- 2 MILDLY AGREE
- 3 MILDLY DISAGREE
- 4 STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

27. Do you think New Jersey residents get along with each other better, worse, or about the same as people in the rest of the country?

- 1 BETTER
- 2 WORSE
- 3 ABOUT THE SAME
- 9 DON'T KNOW

28. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: New Jersey residents are becoming increasingly angry about the quality of their lives. Do you agree/disagree strongly or mildly?

- 1 STRONGLY AGREE
- 2 MILDLY AGREE
- 3 MILDLY DISAGREE
- 4 STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

29. Do you think New Jersey residents consider the quality of their lives as better, worse, or about the same as people in the rest of the country?

- 1 BETTER
- 2 WORSE
- 3 ABOUT THE SAME
- 9 DON'T KNOW

Now I have a few questions about summer recreation.

ASK TO VERSION A:

30a. I'm going to read a list of sports and activities which some people like to do during the summer. For each activity I mention please tell me whether you personally intend to take part in it between now and Labor Day. First, will you **(READ ITEM)** this summer-- **(If "YES": Will you do this a lot, occasionally, or only a few times this summer) (ROTATE)** |

A go swimming?

B go camping or hiking?

C go running or jogging?

D play a team sport, such as softball or volleyball?

E play golf?

F have a picnic or barbecue?

G do some gardening ?

H go to one of New Jersey's farm baseball team games: The Trenton Thunder or the New Jersey Cardinals?

1 A LOT

2 OCCASIONALLY

3 A FEW TIMES

4 WILL NOT DO

5 DON'T KNOW

ASK TO VERSION B:

30b. I'm going to read a list of sports and activities which some people like to do during the summer. For each activity I mention please tell me whether you personally intend to take part in it between now and Labor Day. First, will you **(READ ITEM)** this summer-- **(If "YES": Will you do this a lot, occasionally, or only a few times this summer)(Rotate)** |

A go fishing or hunting?

B go bicycling?

C go boating or sailing?

D coach little league or a children's sports team?

E visit a park ?

F play tennis?

G go to the beach?

H go to an amusement park?

1 A LOT

2 OCCASIONALLY

3 A FEW TIMES

4 WILL NOT DO
5 DON'T KNOW

31. There are about 100 days between Memorial Day and Labor Day, about how many of these days do you plan on spending at the New Jersey shore?

0 NONE
101 ENTIRE SUMMER
102 DON'T KNOW

32. Do you agree or disagree that the shore is one of New Jersey's best features--**PROBE:**
Do you agree/disagree, strongly/mildly?

- 1 STRONGLY AGREE
- 2 MILDLY AGREE
- 3 MILDLY DISAGREE
- 4 STRONGLY DISAGREE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

33. Do you think the New Jersey shore is in better condition, worse condition or about the same condition as 5 years ago?

- 1 BETTER CONDITION
- 2 WORSE CONDITION
- 3 ABOUT THE SAME CONDITION
- 9 DON'T KNOW

BA1. How much have you read or heard about New Jersey's efforts to preserve and protect the shore -- a great deal, some, not much, or nothing at all?

- 1 A GREAT DEAL
- 2 SOME
- 3 NOT MUCH
- 4 NOTHING AT ALL
- 9 DON'T KNOW

BA2. Over the years nature has reduced the size of some New Jersey beaches. Do you think New Jersey should invest in preserving and protecting the shore by funding state-of-the-art beach restoration efforts, or do you think the state should do nothing and let nature take its course?

- 1 FUND RESTORATION
- 2 DO NOTHING
- 3 BOTH (VOL)
- 9 DON'T KNOW

BA3. In your opinion, how successful do you think efforts to preserve and protect the shore will be--very successful, somewhat successful, not very successful, or not at all successful?

- 1 VERY SUCCESSFUL
- 2 SOMEWHAT SUCCESSFUL
- 3 NOT VERY SUCCESSFUL
- 4 NOT AT ALL SUCCESSFUL
- 9 DON'T KNOW

BA4. Private property that is on the beach has also been damaged and destroyed by natural forces. Which of the following plans comes closest to your opinion about what should be done: **THE STATE SHOULD DO NOTHING TO ASSIST PEOPLE WHOSE BEACHPROPERTY IS DAMAGED BY NATURAL FORCES OR THE STATE SHOULD BUY ANY SHORE PROPERTY THAT IS DESTROYED AND NOT PERMIT ANY REBUILDING OF STORM-DAMAGED PROPERTY OR THE STATE SHOULD ASSIST PROPERTY OWNERS IN RE-BUILDING DAMAGED PROPERTY?**

- 1 THE STATE SHOULD DO NOTHING TO ASSIST PEOPLE WHOSE BEACH PROPERTY IS DAMAGED BY NATURAL FORCES

OR

- 2 THE STATE SHOULD BUY ANY SHORE PROPERTY THAT IS DESTROYED

AND NOT PERMIT ANY REBUILDING OF STORM-DAMAGED PROPERTY

OR

3 THE STATE SHOULD ASSIST PROPERTY OWNERS IN RE-BUILDING
DAMAGED PROPERTY

4 DEPENDS (**VOL**)

9 DON'T KNOW (**VOL**)

Now on another topic,

U1. Have you ever smoked cigarettes regularly during your life?

- 1 YES ---> **ASK Q. U2.**
- 2 NO -----> **GO TO Q. U3.**
- 9 DON'T KNOW -----> **GO TO Q. U3.**

U2. Do you currently smoke cigarettes?

- 1 YES ---> **ASK Q. U2a.**
- 2 NO -----> **GO TO Q. U3.**
- 9 DON'T KNOW -----> **GO TO Q. U3.**

U2a. Have you ever made a serious attempt to stop smoking cigarettes entirely?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

U2b. Does your doctor know that you smoke?

- 1 YES ---> **ASK Q. U2c.**
- 2 NO -----> **GO TO Q. U3.**
- 9 DON'T KNOW -----> **GO TO Q. U3.**

U2c. Has your doctor ever offered to help you quit smoking?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

U3. Do you think that people smoking in public places around you endangers your health; or doesn't it make a great difference to your health?

- 1 ENDANGERS HEALTH
- 2 DOESN'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

U4. I'm going to read you a list of some public places. For each one, please tell me whether or not you feel smoking should be allowed there. First, [READ

ITEM]--should smoking be allowed there or not (**ROTATE**) |

- A Public Schools?
- B Restaurants?
- C Indoor sporting events?
- D Shopping malls?
- E The workplace?

- 1 ALLOWED
- 2 NOT ALLOWED
- 9 DON'T KNOW

U5. In order to prevent the sale of cigarettes to children and teenagers, would you support or oppose the outlawing of cigarette vending machines in your town-
- PROBE: Is that strongly support/oppose or mildly support/oppose?.

- 1 STRONGLY SUPPORT
- 2 MILDLY SUPPORT
- 3 MILDLY OPPOSE
- 4 STRONGLY OPPOSE
- 9 DON'T KNOW

Just a few more questions so we can classify your answers.

D1. In politics as of today, do you consider yourself a Democrat, Republican, Independent, or something else?

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+-----+
| 1 DEMOCRAT | +-----+
| 2 REPUBLICAN |---->| SKIP TO Q.XD2 |
+-----+
+-----+
| 3 INDEPENDENT |
| 4 SOMETHING ELSE/OTHER |
| 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
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**(IF #3,4, OR 9 TO Q. D1, ASK)**

D2. Do you lean more toward the Democratic Party or more toward the Republican Party?

- 1 DEMOCRATIC PARTY
- 2 REPUBLICAN PARTY
- 3 OTHER PARTY
- 4 NEITHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

XD2. Are you currently registered to vote here in New Jersey?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

D3. Regardless of the political party you might favor, do you consider yourself to be a liberal, conservative, or somewhere in between?

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+-----+
| 1 LIBERAL      | +-----+
| 2 CONSERVATIVE |---->| SKIP TO Q. D5 |
+-----+
+-----+
| 3 SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN |
| 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION |
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(IF #3 OR 9 TO Q. D3, ASK)

D4. Do you lean more toward the liberal side or more toward the conservative side?

- 1 LIBERAL
- 2 CONSERVATIVE
- 3 OTHER/NEITHER
- 9 DON'T KNOW/NO OPINION

D5. Did you receive a high school diploma?

+-----+
 | 1 YES |
 +-----+
 | 2 NO | +-----+
 | 9 DON'T KNOW ----->| GO TO Q. D7|
 +-----+ +-----+

(IF "YES" TO Q. D5, ASK:)

D6. Did you ever attend college-- **IF YES, ASK:** Did you graduate?

- 1 YES, GRADUATED
- 2 YES, DID NOT GRADUATE
- 3 JUNIOR COLLEGE--GRADUATE
- 4 VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL SCHOOL
- 5 NO
- 9 DON'T KNOW

D7. Are you currently employed, temporarily laid off, retired or not employed?

- 1 EMPLOYED
- 2 TEMPORARILY LAID OFF
- 3 RETIRED
- 4 NOT EMPLOYED
- 9 OTHER/REFUSED

NOTE: D.8 IS SKIPPED

D9. Are you the chief wage earner in your household?

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+-----+ +-----+
| 1 YES  - +-- > | GO TO Q. D12 |
+-----+ +-----+
| 2 NO  |
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(IF "NO" TO Q. D9, ASK:)

D10. Is the chief wage earner in your household currently employed, temporarily laid off, retired or not employed?

- 1 EMPLOYED
- 2 TEMPORARILY LAID OFF
- 3 RETIRED
- 4 NOT EMPLOYED
- 9 DON'T KNOW

NOTE: D.11 IS SKIPPED

D12. Do you own or rent your apartment or house?

- 1 OWN
- 2 RENT
- 3 LIVE RENT FREE WITH PARENTS/RELATIVES
- 4 BOTH OWN AND RENT
- 9 NOT DETERMINED

D13. Are you married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

- 1 MARRIED
- 2 WIDOWED
- 3 DIVORCED

- 4 SEPARATED
- 5 NEVER MARRIED
- 6 DON'T KNOW

XD13AA. Do you have any children under the age of 18?

XD13AB. **IF YES, ASK:** How many?

 / / (CODE #, 99 = REFUSED)

D14. Are you white, black or of Hispanic or Asian origin?

- 1 WHITE
- 2 BLACK
- 3 HISPANIC
- 4 ASIAN
- 5 OTHER (SPECIFY:_____)
- 9 NOT DETERMINED

XD15. Do you consider yourself to be Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, or something else?

+ - -

ASK | 1 CATHOLIC

Q.XD15A- - | 2 PROTESTANT

| 3 JEWISH

| 4 OTHER

+ - -

- - +

5 NONE/ATHEIST/AGNOSTIC |

+ - - SKIP TO Q. D16

9 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED |

- - +

XD15a. How often do you usually attend religious services -- once a week, 2 or 3 times a month, once a month, less than once a month?

1 ONCE A WEEK

2 2 OR 3 TIMES A MONTH

3 ONCE A MONTH

4 LESS THAN ONCE A MONTH

9 DON'T KNOW/REFUSED

D16. What was your age on your last birthday?

___/___/ (CODE # OF YEARS, 99 = REFUSED; AND CODE)

D17.

1 18 - 20

2 21 - 24

3 25 - 29

4 THIRTIES (30 - 39)

5 FORTIES (40 - 49)

6 FIFTIES (50 - 59)

7 60 - 64

8 65 OR OVER

9 NO ANSWER/REFUSED

NOTE: D.18 IS SKIPPED

D19. So that we can group all answers, is your total annual family income before taxes: Under \$35,000; between \$35,000 to just under \$70,000; or \$70,000 to just under a \$100,000; or \$100,000 or more?

1 UNDER \$35,000

- 2 \$35,000 -\$69,999
- 3 \$70,000-\$100,000
- 5 \$100,000 OR MORE
- 9 DON'T

D19a. Is that: under \$10,000; \$10,000-\$20,000; \$20,000-\$30,000, or over \$30,000?

- 1 UNDER \$10,000
- 2 \$10,000-\$20,000
- 3 \$20,000-\$30,000
- 4 OVER \$30,000
- 9 DON'T KNOW

D19b. Is that: \$35,000 to \$50,000 or over \$50,000?

- 1 \$35,000 TO \$50,000
- 2 OVER \$50,000
- 9 DON'T KNOW

II. As of right now, are you planning on traveling to a location a 100 miles or more from your home on the July 4th holiday weekend?

- 1 YES ----->**ASK Q.I2**
- 2 NO ----->**GO TO Q.I4**
- 9 DON'T KNOW

I2. During your trip do you expect to be doing any traveling on route I-95?

- 1 YES ----->**ASK Q.I3**
- 2 NO ----->**GO TO Q.I4**
- 9 DON'T KNOW

I3. The Eagleton Poll is conducting a special research project about holiday travel on the July 4th weekend for the U.S. Department of Transportation. We might be interested in including you as part of this research project. Would it be okay for us to recontact you-- **IF YES, ASK: Could I please just have your first name?**

- 1 YES -----> RECORD NAME _____ --->**GO TO Q.I5**
- 2 NO ----->**ASK Q.I4**

I4. You've been very helpful. Sometimes we need to recontact people to ask

some follow-up questions. Would it be okay for us to recontact you--
IF YES, ASK: Could I please have just your first name?

- 1 YES -----> RECORD NAME: _____
- 2 NO

I5. Just so I am sure I dialed correctly, is your home phone number?

(RECORD PHONE NUMBER LEGIBLY BELOW) (IF NOT, RECORD ACTUAL NUMBER DIALED)

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Thank you very much for your help.