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Dear Ms. Amaya-Aluigi,

Congratulations on successfully completing enrollment for the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Replication Study (Teen Health Empowerment Study), funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Because of the hard work and dedication of La Alianza Hispana staff over the past two years, your organization has not only provided the Cuidate! teen pregnancy and STI prevention program to young people locally, but also made a valuable contribution to the national knowledge base about the implementation and effectiveness of programs for youth around the country. This study will enable the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to rigorously analyze the impact of Cuidate! on the lives of its young participants in multiple locations across the country for the first time. It will help funders determine how to allocate funds more effectively. Finally, the study will help service providers nation-wide better understand how to select and implement effective programs to help teens make better decisions and take control of their health and future wellbeing.

Reaching this milestone is a huge accomplishment. It would not have been possible without your willingness to partner with Abt Associates in putting the study into place. No study, however well-designed, can achieve its objectives without the help of the organization that is being studied, and you contributed more than we could have asked or expected. We recognize that this undertaking has demanded more of you and your staff than you originally anticipated, and we commend you for your successful efforts and your flexibility in working with the study team.

Again, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to you for helping make this study possible. Over the course of the past two years, La Alianza Hispana staff have shown remarkable cooperation and dedication to the study. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. We look forward to the next several years and to ultimately sharing these very important findings with you and others.

Sincerely,

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Evelyn M. Kappeler  
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Handwritten signature of Barbara Broman in black ink.

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