Dear ……,

Thank you very much for your many years of continuous participation in the ARIC Study. Your contribution to the ARIC Study data has been invaluable.

We are contacting you to bring to your attention an error within the summary report of the blood pressure readings from your Visit 10 Home Blood Pressure monitoring done over the 8-day period. Because of a computer error, there were some old readings on your home blood pressure device mixed in with your actual readings at the time that your data was downloaded at the ARIC Clinic. This mixture of old and new data may have led to some inaccurate readings within your Visit 10 results report; the readings you saw on the device had no errors, the error was in the report only.

In most cases, there was only a small difference in the blood pressure numbers between the first readings report and the new, corrected readings report. To make sure that your results are accurate and clear to you, we are resending you two reports, a New corrected report and your Old report with the words “OLD REPORT CONTAINING AN ERROR”, handwritten on top so that you and your physician can compare them.

If you still are using your ARIC Blood Pressure device, please be reassured that your readings seen on the device are correct. We sincerely apologize for this mistake and any confusion that it may have caused, and thank you for your understanding. If you have any concerns or questions about these reports, please feel free to call the ARIC Clinic.

As always, we appreciate your longstanding contributions to science and to the ARIC team, and value your dedication to this important research project.

Sincerely,