Consent to Participate In IRB Approved Research

Title: *Title of Project*

Investigator(s): *Names of Research Team Members*

Description:
Provide a brief description of your study. The goal is to ensure that participants understand what they are getting themselves into (e.g., the purpose of the research, types of questions they will be asked).

Risks and Benefits:
Make clear any potential risks and benefits you anticipate. The benefits can be described in terms of whether they are societal or specific to the researchers (or both), and risks are often graded in terms of being minimal, moderate, or high. Keep in mind, risk is not limited to bodily harm – it could be something as simple as possible feelings of discomfort connected to certain survey questions.

Time Commitment:
It is always good to give individuals a heads up on how long their participation will take.

Confidentiality:
Describe your methods for ensuring their data will be protected.

Right to Withdraw:
This is just you iterating that they do not need to participate if they do not want to. A simple entry here might be: "Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary. You may choose not to participate without any adverse consequences to you. You have the right to stop the survey at any time."

IRB Approval:
The following is standard boilerplate language that we recommend including so that participants know it has been reviewed, and the IRB contact is below so they can reach out with any concerns.

"This study has been reviewed and approved by the Viable Insights Institutional Review Board (VIRB). The IRB has determined that this study meets the ethical obligations required by federal law and human-subjects standards set forth by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Office for Human Research Protections. If you have questions or concerns regarding this study, please contact the Investigator or Advisor. If you have any questions, concerns, or reports regarding your rights as a research subject, please contact the IRB Administrator."

Investigator:
Include Project Lead contact info

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Statement of Consent:
*If doing an electronic survey, you may want to have them express implied consent using a statement, such as: "*By completing the following survey, you agree to participate in the project entitled, ***Insert Title Name.****" Otherwise, it is suggested that you have them indicate their consent and then sign and date for the best documentation.*

☐ I **agree** to participate

☐ I **do not agree** to participate

Signed: _____ Date: _____