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CONSENT TO TAKE PART IN RESEARCH

Title of Research: You Have the Right to Know: Empowering Women Through Clean Beauty Research and Education

Principal Investigator: Emily S. Barrett, PhD

The information in this consent form will provide more details about the research and what will be asked of you if you choose to take part in it. If you have any questions now or during the research, if you choose to take part, you should feel free to ask them and should expect to be given answers you completely understand. After your questions have been answered and you wish to take part in the research, you will be asked to sign this consent form. You are not giving up any of your legal rights by agreeing to take part in this research or by signing this consent form.

Who is conducting this research?
Dr. Emily Barrett is the Principal Investigator of this research. A Principal Investigator has the overall responsibility for the conduct of the research. However, there are often other individuals who are part of the research team.

Dr. Barrett may be reached at cleanbeauty@eohsi.rutgers.edu or (848) 445-0197.

The Principal Investigator or another member of the study team will also be asked to sign this informed consent. You will be given a copy of the signed consent form to keep.

Sponsor of the Research: This research is sponsored by the National Institutes of Health.

Why is this research being done?
Every day, consumers use personal care products containing thousands of manmade chemicals. Growing evidence suggests that personal care products specifically marketed to Black women (e.g., hair straighteners and oils, skin lighteners) often contain potentially hazardous chemicals that can interfere with hormones or increase cancer risks. This research focuses on how we can educate and activate community members in Newark, NJ to reduce disparities in exposures occurring through personal care products.

Who may take part in this research and who may not?
People participating in Clean Water Action's Beauty programs are eligible to take part in this research.

Why have I been asked to take part in this research?
You are being asked to take part in this research because you are participating in an informational beauty program organized by Clean Water Action.

How long will the research take and how many participants will take part?
In total, up to 120 people in the Newark, NJ area will participate in this research. Your participation includes a survey at the time of consent as well as one three months later so overall, your participation will last about three months. We expect that all data collection from all participants will be completed within about six months.

What will I be asked to do if I take part in this research?

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Prior to the start of today's Clean Water Beauty program, you will complete a 20 minute survey on the personal care products you use and your feelings about their safety. Before you leave today after the Beauty Justice workshop, you'll complete a 10 minute follow-up survey about what you learned. Approximately three months from now, we will send you a follow-up 10 minute online survey to learn about how your personal care product use and attitudes have changed or stayed the same.

What are the risks of harm or discomforts I might experience if I take part in this research?
With all research studies, there is a risk that your information will accidentally be seen by someone who is not part of the study. However, we will protect you by keeping your study data separate from your name.

Are there any benefits to me if I choose to take part in this research?
There are no direct benefits to you for taking part in this research. You will be contributing to knowledge about the use of personal care products and potential health risks.

What are my alternatives if I do not want to take part in this research?
Your alternative is not to take part in this research.

How will I know if new information is learned that may affect whether I am willing to stay in the study?
During the research, you will be updated about any new information that may affect whether you are willing to continue taking part in the research. If new information is learned that may affect you after the research or your follow-up is completed, you will be contacted.

Will I receive the results of the research?
In general, we will not give you any individual results from the study, but we will make overall results of the study available broadly. These summarized results will include all study participants and will not include any individual level results.

Will there be any cost to me to take part in this study?
There is no cost to taking part in the study.

Will I be paid to take part in this study?
You will receive a $20 Amazon e-gift card at the end of the workshop if you have completed both surveys. You will receive an additional $20 Amazon e-gift card after you complete the follow-up survey three months later.

How will information about me be kept private or confidential?
All efforts will be made to keep your personal information in your research record confidential, but total confidentiality cannot be guaranteed. You will be assigned a participant number to keep your identity protected when analyzing information collected from the study and you will not be identified in any reports or publications that arise from this work. All members of the study team have training on the importance of maintaining confidentiality in the performance of research.

The research team may use or share your information collected or created for this research with the following people and institutions:

- The Rutgers University Institutional Review Board and Compliance Boards
- The Office for Human Research Protections in the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services

A description of this clinical trial or Basic Experimental Study involving Humans will be available on ClinicalTrials.gov, as required by U.S. law. This website will not include information that can identify you. At most, the website will include a summary of the results. You can search this website at any time.

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What will happen to my information collected for this research after the research is over?
Your data will be kept separate from any personally identifiable information for seven years after the completion of study activities after which it will be deleted.

After information that could identify you has been removed, de-identified information collected for this research may be used for other research we conduct without obtaining additional informed consent from you.

What will happen if I do not wish to take part in the research or if I later decide not to stay in the research?
It is your choice whether to take part in the research. You may choose to take part, not to take part or you may change your mind and withdraw from the research at any time. If you do not want to enter the research or decide to stop taking part, your relationship with the research staff will not change, and you may do so without penalty and without loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. You may also withdraw your consent for the use of data already collected about you, but you must do this in writing to Dr. Emily Barrett, Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute, 170 Frelinghuysen Rd; Piscataway, NJ 08854.

Who can I contact if I have questions?
If you have questions, concerns, or complaints about the research or wish for more information, you can contact the Principal Investigator: Emily Barrett, PhD, Rutgers Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology, School of Public Health, Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute.

If you have questions, concerns, problems, information or input about the research or would like to know your rights as a research participant, you can contact the Rutgers IRB/Human Research Protection Program via phone at (973) 972-3608 or (732) 235-9806 OR via email irboffice@research.rutgers.edu, or you can write us at 335 George Street, Liberty Plaza Suite 3200, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

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Participant Consent:

I have read this entire consent form, or it has been read to me, and I believe that I understand what has been discussed. All of my questions about this form and this research have been answered. I agree to take part in this research.

Participant Name (Print):_____

Participate Signature:_____ Date:_____

Signature of Investigator/Individual Obtaining Consent:

To the best of my ability, I have explained and discussed all the important details about the research including all of the information contained in this consent form.

Investigator/Person Obtaining Consent (Print):_____

Signature:_____ Date: _____