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IRB – Waiver of Parental Consent and/or Child Assent

For studies including participants under the age of 19

1. **Type of Waiver Requested:**
   ☐ Waiver of Parental Consent
   ☐ Waiver of Child Assent
   ☐ Both

2. **Describe exactly what you wish to waive:** Explain how you wish to depart from the usual written informed consent or assent procedure. (For example: "We wish to waive the consent of parents of students under age 19" or "We wish to waive child assent because participants are too young to understand", or "The research only involves minimal risk and no direct interaction.")

3. **Minimal Risk Justification:** Describe why the research involves no more than minimal risk to the subjects. The IRB will assess whether the subjects' rights, such privacy, could be impacted, and whether the potential benefits outweigh the risks.

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4. **Rights and Welfare of Subjects:** Explain why the waiver or alteration will not adversely affect the rights and welfare of the subjects. Address whether privacy, confidentiality, or other rights would be impacted.

5. **Practicality Without Waiver:** Describe why the research could not practicably be carried out without the waiver or alteration of consent/assent. *(For example, in school-based studies, obtaining parental consent for every child may be impractical and lead to biased samples.)*

6. **Additional Pertinent Information:** Will subjects be provided with additional pertinent information during or after the research? If yes, describe how and when this will occur. *(For example: In social science research involving deception/concealment, subjects should be debriefed at the conclusion of the study. If data were collected without identifiers, debriefing may not be possible since subjects' identities would not be known.)*