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To whom it may concern

The Office for Veterans Affairs' has commissioned the Institute for Employment Research at the University of Warwick to explore the lived experiences of UK veterans from ethnic minority backgrounds. The project will provide an opportunity for veterans from ethnic minority backgrounds to make their experiences, needs and aspirations known to those who can provide support and bring about the changes necessary to ensure that veterans are not disadvantaged either by their Service or by their ethnic background. As part of the information gathering phase of the study, interviews with key stakeholders involved in the delivery of services that support veterans will be undertaken. I am asking for your support with, and participation in, this study by asking for your consent to be interviewed by members of the Institute for Employment Research to help collect information on behalf of the Office for Veterans Affairs'. This interview is likely to take around – 45 minutes, and will usually be conducted remotely, at a mutually convenient time.

The findings of the research will be used to put the voices of veterans from ethnic minority backgrounds at the heart of decision-making about the information and services they need, ensuring that support is appropriate and accessible to veterans of all backgrounds.

If you need any further clarifications from the Office for Veterans Affairs', please contact:

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Thank you in advance for your help with this study.

Yours faithfully,

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