Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Valarie B. Fleming, PhD, CCC-SLP, and I am the director and principal investigator of the Cognitive-Communication Laboratory (C^2L) at Texas State University-San Marcos in the Department of Communication Disorders, College of Health Professions.

The purpose of the Cognitive Communication Laboratory (C^2L) is to gain an understanding of the effects of cognitive impairments on communication ability in adults. Our aim is to build a greater understanding of the subtle deficits in communication for a person who has mild cognitive impairment (MCI) or early stages of dementia. We specifically focus on executive and memory processes and discourse comprehension and production.

Our lab considers research to be a powerful method of serving the community. Our goals are to increase awareness of age-related deficits in communication as well as contribute to the body of research that helps doctors, patients, and family members understand cognitive impairments. However, these goals are unattainable without men and women of the community who are willing to participate in research studies. Our lab would like to encourage people who may have never considered participating in a research study to have the opportunity to make a difference.

We are continuously recruiting and conducting studies for adults, so we invite you and/or your loved ones to participate. Please take a moment to learn more about our lab through the information we have provided on our website. Our website includes information regarding the current study(s) under investigation and a method of compensation for all participants. Please feel free to contact me anytime at 512.245.1929, email c2lab@txstate.edu, or use the email tool on our website under “Sign Up to Participate” so we may further discuss research opportunities.

Sincerely,

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