**Security Pledge**

**For the Use of Sensitive Data from the**

**<*Insert Dataset Name*>**

Pledge of Confidentiality

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, through my involvement with and work on my project will have access to data collected by the<***Insert dataset name***>. By virtue of my affiliation with this project, I have access to confidential information and use of data about respondents generally perceived as personal and private. I understand that access to this confidential information and data carries with it responsibility to guard against unauthorized use and to abide by the Sensitive Data Security Plan. To treat information as confidential means to not divulge it to anyone who is not a project member, or cause it to be accessible to anyone who is not a project member. Anything not specifically named as “public information” is considered confidential.

***Disclosing confidential information from any of the Transfer Project’s datasets* *directly, or allowing non-authorized access to such information, may subject you to criminal prosecution and/or civil recovery and may violate the code of research ethics of your institution.***

I agree to fulfill my responsibilities on this project in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. I agree not to permit non-project personnel access to these data, in either electronic or paper copy.
2. I agree to not attempt to identify in the data individuals, families, households, schools, or institutions.
3. I agree that in the event an identity of an individual, family, household, school or institution is discovered inadvertently, I will (a) make no use of this knowledge, (b) advise the Investigator of the incident who will report it to **the Carolina Population Center**, (c) safeguard or destroy the information as directed by the Investigator after consultation with the Transfer Project Principal Investigator, **Dr. Sudhanshu (Ashu) Handa**, and (d) not inform any other person of the discovered identity.

Name Signature Date

Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_