We Invite You to Participate,

The Ohio State University is doing a study to learn what people think about using gene therapy as a possible treatment for genetic hearing loss.

We request 15-20 minutes of your time to complete a one-time, anonymous survey. This survey will ask about your perspectives on gene therapy as a potential treatment option for genetic hearing loss. At the end of the survey, you will have the opportunity to enter a drawing for 1 of 25, $30 Amazon e-gift cards.

You are eligible to participate if:

- You are over the age of 18
- You can read and understand English
- You are an individual with a diagnosis of hearing loss not due to an environmental cause such as infections (like meningitis or cytomegalovirus (CMV)), certain ototoxic medications, loud noise, head injury, or the natural aging process)
  - ***OR***
- You are a biological parent/legal guardian of an individual that has a hearing loss not due to an environmental cause such as infections (like meningitis or cytomegalovirus (CMV)), certain ototoxic medications, loud noise, head injury, or the natural aging process)

If you are interested, please follow the instructions below to complete the survey online.

To complete the electronic survey: Please type the link below into your online browser on a mobile device, tablet, laptop, or desktop computer. You can also scan the QR Code with your smartphone camera to access the survey. You may skip questions you do not wish to answer. You will be redirected to a separate page at the end of the survey to enter the drawing for a gift card. **All surveys must be completed by November 14, 2025, at 11:59 pm.**

SURVEY LINK: https://redcap.link/GeneTherapy4HLPerspectives **OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW**

If you have any questions at any point, please contact me at Connor.shemenski@osumc.edu

Thank you for participating! The results of this study may help support the development of human-centered care as gene therapies for hearing loss are created.

Sincerely,

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