



## EXEMPT DETERMINATION

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Dear Christopher Clemons:

On 8/29/2025, the IRB reviewed the following submission:

| Protocol Information | Submission Details   |
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| Type of Review:      | Initial Study  |
| Title:               | Exploring the perception of Extension Agents in Agriculture, Forestry, and Natural Resources (AFNR), of AI's potential effect on their roles with the Alabama Cooperative Extension System   |
| Investigator:        | Christopher Clemons  |
| IRB ID:              | STUDY00000797  |
| Funding:             | None   |
| Grant Title:         | N/A  |
| Grant ID:            | None   |
| IND, IDE or HDE:     | None   |
| Documents Reviewed:  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Email Info Extension AI.pdf, Category: Recruitment Materials;</li><li>• Extension Survey Instrument.pdf, Category: Survey/Questionnaire;</li><li>• Information Letter - Letterhead.pdf, Category: Consent Form;</li><li>• Johnson IRB ProtocolCC2.pdf, Category: IRB Protocol;</li><li>• MJ-Auth-Signed.docx, Category: Letter of Support;</li></ul> |

The IRB determined that this protocol meets the criteria for exemption from IRB review. This determination is valid through 8/29/2028. The IRB has implemented a three-year determination period for Exempt submissions to better manage the active research portfolio.

In conducting this protocol you are required to follow the requirements listed in HRP-103 - INVESTIGATOR MANUAL.

This determination applies only to the activities described in the IRB submission and does not apply should any changes be made. If changes are made and there are questions about whether these activities impact the exempt determination, please submit a modification in the Endeavor system.



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