

| ~~March 28, 2014~~ ~~March 25, 2014~~

«motherfirstname» «motherlastname»
«address1»
«address2»
«City», «State» «zip»

Dear Ms. «motherlastname»:

On behalf of the Birth Defects Study To Evaluate Pregnancy exposureS or BD-STEPS study team, I want to thank you for returning the BD-STEPS infant blood spot consent form to us.

Your samples will be used to help us better understand how genetic and other biologic factors play a role in why some babies have birth defects. We hope to also contact you in the future to collect saliva (spit) samples from your family. Saliva samples from family members will let us look at more possible causes of birth defects. We will send you a kit with all the materials you will need to collect the samples, as well as an additional gift card, when saliva collection begins.

Please feel free to call one of our study staff at 1-888-743-7324 or me at [**insert local contact number**] if you have any questions that were not answered. In addition, I hope we may contact you again if new questions come up as we progress in our work.

We publish an electronic newsletter yearly that updates participants on the progress of the study. You can access this newsletter at www.BDSTEPS.org.

Thank you again for your contributions to BD-STEPS.

Sincerely yours,

<Insert Local PI or study coordinator Name and local contact>