

**Birth Defects Study To Evaluate Pregnancy exposureS (BD-STEPS)
Introductory E-mail Script**

**Mother of Living Case Child or
Living Control Child**

Hello <**First and Last Name of Mother**>,

We are emailing you on behalf of the Birth Defects Study To Evaluate Pregnancy exposureS (BD-STEPS). We are enrolling families in <**State**> to take part in this study to discover clues about what causes birth defects. To do this, we are interviewing mothers of babies with and without birth defects. In the telephone interview, we ask about health, medicine use and other behaviors during the recent pregnancy. We selected you from women in <**State**> who recently had a baby. We are interested in having you participate in the study, but we first need to send you a letter that describes the study in more detail.

To receive this letter, please reply to this e-mail or call <**TBD Interviewer Contractor number**>. If you have questions about your rights as a subject in this research study, please call the Office of the Deputy Associate Director for Science for CDC at **1-800-584-8814** (*for CDC*). Leave a message including your name, phone number and refer to Protocol #2087, and someone will call you back as soon as possible.

Thousands of women are taking part in this study that is being conducted in X states. We hope you will help us with this important research so that more women can have healthy babies.

Thank you.

Insert Local PI Name

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**Mother of Stillborn or Deceased Child, or
Therapeutic Abortion (TAB)**

We are emailing you on behalf of the Birth Defects Study To Evaluate Pregnancy exposureS (BD-STEPS). We are enrolling families in <State> to take part in this study to discover clues about what causes birth defects. You were selected from women who recently had a pregnancy affected by a birth defect. Your pregnancy was identified through a program that tracks birth defects in <state>. We are sorry about your loss and extend our sympathy to you. We understand that it may be difficult for you to think and talk about your experience. However, we are interested in factors that may help prevent birth defects and pregnancy problems in the future. The study involves a telephone interview in which we will ask questions about your health, medication use, and lifestyle. We would like you to participate in the study, but we first need to send you a letter that describes the study in more detail.

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Thank you.
Insert Local PI Name

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**Mother: Affected Pregnancy
with Unknown Outcome**

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