We greatly appreciate your participation in the Family Choices Study conducted by researchers at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the Pennsylvania State University. Approximately three years ago, we called and asked you questions about your childbearing experiences, future intentions for family building and general well being.

In the next few weeks you will receive a call from one of our interviewers asking you to participate in a follow-up interview. This telephone survey may take about 35 minutes to complete, but you do not have to complete it all in one session. We can schedule shorter interview segments (such as 5 to 10 minutes each) whenever it is most convenient for you.

We are enclosing a $1 bill as a small token of our appreciation for the time we are asking you to take for your continued participation in this study. We realize your time is valuable, and we hope this small gesture communicates our sincere appreciation for your cooperation.

More information about the Family Choices Study, including preliminary results from August 2005 and September 2007, can be found online at http://bosr.unl.edu/FamilyChoicesStudy.html. For your convenience, additional details about this study are also printed on the back of this letter.

To ensure that you have the opportunity to be interviewed in our follow-up survey, we ask that you call us toll free at 1-800-480-4549 to let us know if any of your contact information—telephone number, name, address, etc.—has changed.

We look forward to talking to you again for the Family Choices Study.

Cordially,

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Who is sponsoring this research?

The Family Choices Study is a cooperative effort among researchers from the Pennsylvania State University, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Nebraska Medical Center, University of Connecticut Health Center, and Alfred University in New York. This research is being supported by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the Pennsylvania State University. Major funding comes from the Social and Behavior Sciences Branch of the National Institutes of Health’s National Institute of Child Health and Human Development grant number 1R01-HD044144-01A1. David R. Johnson at The Pennsylvania State University is the principal investigator.

Who is responsible for this study? How can I contact them?

The follow-up interviews will be conducted by the Bureau of Sociological Research at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. We have included contact information for research center below. We have also included contact information for the Survey Research Center at the Pennsylvania State University, which may have conducted your first interview about three years ago.

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How can I learn more about the project and its results?

If you are interested in learning more about the study or the survey center, visit the study Web page at http://bosr.unl.edu/FamilyChoicesStudy.html. On this Web site you will find more information on the researchers who are conducting the study and links to numerous resources for childbearing issues.

What about my rights as a research subject?

This project has been approved by the Institutional Review Board of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln as meeting appropriate standards for protecting human subjects (including maintaining confidentiality). If you have questions concerning your rights as a research subject that we do not answer to your satisfaction, you may contact the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Institutional Review Board at 402-472-6965. Our study is approved under IRB# 2008018661EP.