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Dear Ms. <Last Name>:

I am emailing you on behalf of the Study to Explore Early Development (SEED). SEED is being conducted by the national **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**, along with 5 other states. We are enrolling families in <site>, hoping to learn more about autism and other developmental disabilities in children. To do this we need children both *with and without an autism spectrum disorder* and their mothers to take part. We hope you will join us in this effort. You have been selected because your child was born in <year>.

The study has several parts including some telephone interviews about your child's development and your health and pregnancy and a developmental evaluation of your child. We would like to talk with you further or send you a letter and brochure that describes the study in more detail.

We know that your time is valuable and thus we offer several monetary incentives to thank you for your participation. If you do agree to participate you will receive cash cards/money orders throughout the study to thank you for your participation.

All parts of the study are voluntary and you are under no obligation to participate if you contact us.

Please reply to this email or you may call me at <number> to learn more about this study.

If you have questions about your rights as a subject in this research study, please call the <Site specific IRB contact> at <number>. Leave a message including your name, phone number and refer to Protocol # <number>, and someone will call you back as soon as possible.

Thousands of families are taking part in this national study. We hope you will help us with this important research. Thank you for considering this request.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SEED STUDY CLICK THE FOLLOWING LINK:

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/seed-ga.html>

Sincerely,

<Study Project Coordinator>