Dear ________,

We are researchers at Duke University. With funding from the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, which is part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), we are doing research on what makes people decide to drink and drive. The title of the study is “Deterring Drunk Driving: Beliefs, Preferences, Outcomes, and Welfare Implications.”

Drinking and driving is a big public health problem. And even though states have passed laws, we don’t know much about whether the laws work. We want to study people’s ideas about how these laws work. We are picking more than 1,000 people at random in eight cities in four states to talk to about why people have different ideas about drinking and driving, about the chances of getting caught by the police for drinking and driving, and then about what happens after a person gets caught. We also want to know about your experience with DWI (Driving While Intoxicated), also known as DUI (Driving Under the Influence) and OWI (Operating While Intoxicated) depending on where you live. Most of the names of the people we’re talking to were drawn randomly from the population in each of the eight cities. The rest of the sample was drawn randomly from a search of DWI convictions. The rest of this letter is what you need to know before you decide whether or not to be in our study.

This is what we are asking you to do.
In about two weeks, someone from Battelle will be calling you. Battelle is an organization that does research and we hired them to call people and ask them our questions.

The phone number we have for you is: __________. If you would like to be contacted and your number has changed, please call us toll-free with your new number at: (877) 810-9530, ext 507.

There are four parts to the study. The first part is very short (5 minutes). Your answers to the first, short survey will help us know if you are a good candidate to be in the other parts of the study.

The second part of the study is a survey that will be done over the telephone and will take about 30 minutes. For our second survey, we want to talk to people who drink alcohol, not just people
who drink and drive. The telephone survey will ask questions about you, your driving, your drinking and drug use, and your health, including your feelings and memory. Some of the questions will ask you to solve simple problems.

The third part of the study is a survey that will be done over the internet. If you do not have internet at home, we will help you get on the internet on computers at libraries in your area. The internet survey will take about 30-40 minutes and will include a short video. The internet survey asks questions about your driving, your driving record, whether you have ever gotten any tickets, and about your car insurance.

The fourth and last part of the study will be done a year later with another internet survey which will also take about 30 minutes. This survey will ask about what has happened to you since you last talked with us.

**Your information will be kept private.**

When we report what we learn in our study, we will only report on groups of people. No one person’s answers to the survey will be reported.

Battelle will store your name and other personal information completely separate from your answers to the surveys. Your name and other personal information will be stored in computers that only people who work at Battelle who have the right password can get into. Battelle will give us your answers along with only your zip code and no personal information so that even we will not know who gave which answers to the surveys.

To help keep information about you confidential, we have obtained a Confidentiality Certificate from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The Confidentiality Certificate will protect us from being forced, even under a court order or subpoena, to release information that could identify you. We may release identifying information in some circumstances, however. For example, we may disclose medical information in cases of medical necessity. We will take steps (notifying the authorities) to protect you or someone else from serious harm, including child abuse. Also, because this research is sponsored by NIH, staff from that and (if applicable, additional institutions) may review records that identify you only for audit or program evaluation. They can't report anything that would harm you as a person in our study. This Certificate, however, does not imply that the Secretary, DHHS, approves or disapproves of our study.

You should understand that a Confidentiality Certificate does not prevent you or a member of your family from voluntarily releasing information about yourself or your involvement in this research. Note however, that if an insurer or employer learns about your participation and obtains your consent to receive research information, then we may not use the Confidentiality Certificate to withhold this information. This means that you and your family must also actively protect your own privacy.

**Being in our study is your choice.**

Choosing to be in our study is completely up to you to. If you decide to be in our study, you may change your mind at any time and stop. If you do decide to drop out of the study, we will not ask you any more questions. If you have any concerns about the study, we ask that you write to me,
the lead researcher, Dr. Frank Sloan. My address is at the end of this letter.

We know that the surveys will ask you some very personal questions. Some of the questions or the short video you will see during the third survey on the internet may make you feel uncomfortable. Please know that you can skip questions or take a break from the surveys at any time.

This is what we will pay you.
There will be no payment for the first, very short survey when we will decide if you should be in the rest of the study. We will pay you $10 for completing the second survey on the telephone. We will pay you $30 for completing the third survey on the internet, plus $10 more if you give us information about your car insurance. And we will pay you $30 for the last internet survey (the fourth part of the study) a year from now. We will pay you a total of $80 if you do all parts of our study. If you choose to complete all the surveys and provide insurance information, an additional $10 will be paid to you at the completion of the study for a total of $90.

There are no costs to you for being in our study, except if you have to drive somewhere to get on the internet for the third survey.

There are no benefits to you for being in our study.
Being in our study will not benefit you personally. We will be reporting what we learn in our study to people who write the laws about drinking and driving. We hope that you will feel good about being in our study because you will be helping the people write better laws about drinking and driving. And better laws will benefit everyone.

Whom to call if you have questions.
If you have questions about the study, you may call me at my office at Duke University (919-613-9358).

If you have questions about your rights as a person in a research study, you may call the Chair of the Human Subjects Committee at Duke University (919-684-3030).

If you would rather not be contacted again about this study, please leave a message at our toll-free number: 877-810-9530, ext. 507.

Again, someone from Battelle will be calling you in about two weeks. Until then, please feel free to call me with any questions about our study and we hope you will be willing to take part.

Sincerely,

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