Dear [colleague or organization],

I am implementing a study to identify and appraise decision aids that support women in the United States to choose between a medical and surgical abortion during early pregnancy. Decision aids are tools that help people become involved in decision-making by providing information about options and outcomes, and by clarifying personal values. I plan to evaluate the quality of these tools to better understand the strengths and weaknesses of decision support for women choosing between these procedures.

As part of this study, I am contacting individuals and organizations who may have knowledge about the support available for women making this decision. I would be very grateful if you could:

1) Share information about any decision aid(s) in the United States that may help women to decide between medical and surgical abortion;

2) Provide the names of other organizations and individuals who may know about such tools; and/or

3) Inform me whether you and/or your organization has designed, used, or evaluated such tools, and, if so, to provide me with the materials or the name of the primary contact person.
To give you a little background about myself, I am a PhD student at The
Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice focusing on shared
decision-making and informed patient choice in early abortion. I am also a junior
fellow with the Society for Family Planning (www.societyfp.org).

Thank you for any assistance you can provide in my efforts to improve the quality
of decision support for women during considering early abortion methods. I
welcome any questions or comments.

Best wishes,