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To whom it may concern,

I, Matthew B. Ross, acknowledge financial support in excess of \$10,000 from the States of Connecticut, New Jersey, Virginia, and Rhode Island for the purpose of carrying out non-partisan independent research on racial bias in traffic stops and other police enforcement activities. I have also received compensation from the U.S. Department of Justice to serve as a subject matter expert on a consent decree with the New Orleans Police Department. In each of these roles, I have provided recommendations and/or carried out independent analyses of police traffic stops, field contacts, calls for service, force, arrest, and searches. All of these reports have been (or eventually will be) released as part of the public record.

Our research study (“The Effect of Field Training Officers on Police Use of Force”) does not use of any of these datasets or research designs. These sponsors did not provide support for this research and had no direct influence on the study’s findings. Although there is no direct connection to any of my work on policing, I also acknowledge financial support in excess of \$10,000 from both the National Science Foundation and the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics.

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Feel free to contact me via email at mbross.econ@gmail.com or ma.ross@northeastern.edu with any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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