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To the Editors of the *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*,

I am pleased to submit for your consideration the manuscript, *Should College Be “Free”? Evidence on Free College, Early Commitments, and Merit Aid from an Eight-Year Randomized Trial*, co-authored with Jonathan Mills.

We are seeking an exemption from the journal’s data policy because, as is now fairly common, our data agreements with Milwaukee Public Schools preclude data release; however, we would be pleased to provide the other documentation listed on the journal’s website, including the computer programs.

We launched this experiment before pre-registration became common, though we have provided documentation that meets the spirit of that process. Specifically, in Appendix G, we have provided verbatim text from a grant proposal we submitted to fund the analysis; the proposal was submitted prior to the experiment’s launch.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Douglas N. Harris'.

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