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Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP).

Dear Members of the Search Committee,

I am writing to apply for the position of Research Associate II as advertised on AEA's JOE. I am a doctoral candidate employing both economic theory and empirical analysis to answer economically and socially relevant questions. I will complete my Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign in May 2022.

I am extremely interested in joining WSIPP. During my research and studies I have gained and honed skills that make me an excellent fit for the position of Research Associate II, including:

- conduct and design of quantitative research,
- expertise in data analysis (i.e., processing, cleaning, and merging), advanced statistical analysis, and program evaluation (quasi-experimental) analysis,
- proficiency in advanced statistical software such as STATA and R,
- effective communication demonstrated by drafting and presenting reports of academic research for a wide variety of audiences,
- production of literature reviews,
- proven track record in collaborative and independent work.

In addition, my experience as a Teaching Fellow at the University of Cyprus and Head Teaching Assistant at the University of Illinois demonstrate my professional progress and capabilities. My years as an instructor have sharpened my verbal and written communication skills to effectively communicate with a broad range of audiences.

I will bring these assets and more to WSIPP. I find the research philosophy at WSIPP very stimulating. I am particularly excited to be involved with research related to criminal justice, early learning, K-12 education, higher education and child welfare.

Included in my application is a copy of my CV. Letters in support of my application from Professors Dan Bernhardt (Chair), George Deltas, and Stefan Krasa can be requested from the proxy person in our department Tera Martin-Roy at econ-phdjobs@illinois (or tnmartin@illinois.edu).

I can be reached via email at ecnstnt2@illinois.edu or by phone at +1-217-721-5834.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is any additional information that I can provide.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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