Certificate of Appreciation

To whom it may concern,

We would like to recognize the outstanding contribution, effort, and dedication of Kevin Hoffman to our team as a volunteer research assistant for the CoronaNet Research Project. Kevin Hoffman has been active with our project since 2020-11-23 and, in that time, coded and updated policy information for Republic of the Congo, United States. Without the support of our dedicated RAs, such as Kevin Hoffman, we would not be able to sustain our pace of policy documentation which, to date, counts over 70 thousand policies from virtually every country in the world.

The CoronaNet Research Project is working to gather comprehensive and global data on government responses to the COVID-19 crisis. This work includes gathering information about which governments are responding to the coronavirus, toward whom policies are targeted (e.g. other countries), the types of policies enacted (e.g. travel restrictions, banning exports of masks) and their timing and duration. For more information, see www.coronanet-project.org.

Kevin Hoffman has been a country expert for Republic of the Congo, United States. This role involves researching and creating a comprehensive overview of government policies enacted in Republic of the Congo, United States as well as collecting and entering new and updated policy information related to COVID-19. Becoming a country expert requires passing a series of trainings on how to code data in the CoronaNet database, which uses a custom Qualtrics survey instrument, keeping up with policy coding on a weekly basis, and attending weekly country- or regional coordination meetings as well as project-wide meetings.

In addition to being a country expert, Kevin Hoffman took on the following additional roles within CoronaNet:

- Research Article: Kevin Hoffman has written a research article that has been published in the CoronaNet Working Paper Series. This project included developing and executing a research plan, engaging in original data analysis, and writing in clear and concise language accessible for policy makers and the public. Kevin Hoffman went through an intensive training and has proven excellent scholarly research expertise. The article can be found online via www.coronanet-project.org

In conclusion, we would like to reiterate our thanks to Kevin Hoffman for supporting these important and time-sensitive collection efforts and for being part of the CoronaNet community.

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