Certificate of Appreciation

To whom it may concern,

The CoronaNet Research Project recognizes **Julia Wießmann** for their outstanding contributions as a Research Assistant (RA). Julia Wießmann worked from 2020-04-02 to 2020-10-13 for the project. Without their support documenting and updating government policies in reaction to the COVID-19 pandemic, CoronaNet would not have been able to provide systematic and detailed information on how the governments of Latvia, Germany, and Switzerland responded to the pandemic. We appreciate the dedication and incredible effort put into volunteering for this data collection effort in a time of truly exceptional global uncertainty.

The CoronaNet Research Project collates data on government responses to the COVID-19 crisis. Its primary objective is to collect as much information as possible about the diverse actions governments are taking to contain the spread and effects of COVID-19. This includes not only gathering information about which governments are responding to the coronavirus, but who they are targeting the policies toward (e.g. other countries), how they are doing it (e.g. travel restrictions, banning exports of masks) and when they are doing it. Together with over 500 political, social and public health science scholars from all over the world, CoronaNet makes publicly available an initial release of a comprehensive hand-coded dataset of more than 20,000 separate policy announcements from governments around the world visible since December 31st 2019. For more information, see www.coronanet-project.org.

- Julia Wießmann collected an impressive number of policies and became a country expert for Latvia, the German regions North Rhine-Westphalia and Brandenburg, and the Swiss region Canton Zug. To fulfill this role, Julia Wießmann participated in our online training session, identified information on government policies made in response to COVID-19 from various information sources including government websites and newspaper articles and documented the government policies that they found following the procedures and classification scheme outlined in the CoronaNetCodebook. They further contributed to the CoronaNet community by posting and reading questions and comments on the CoronaNet Slack channel and participating in CoronaNet's weekly RA Zoom meetings. In addition, they aided the country managers for Germany in ensuring the completeness of the data collected by the research assistants.

- Senior RA Manager: In this role, the RA is responsible for the integration and onboarding of new RAs into the Project as well as the general wellbeing of the assigned RAs. The senior RA was thus responsible for maintaining the group cohesion of more than 100 RAs and at the same time ensuring that all RAs have access to the resources they need. In addition, the RA supported CoronaNet in the administrative organization of the project by evaluating applications, allocating approved applicants and managing the communication within the groups. It involves the oversight and support of RAs as well as the conduction of regular performance and activity appraisals to guarantee the development of a consistent and up-to-date dataset. The role requires a profound knowledge of the construction of the dataset and strong leadership skills in order to contribute to the development of a certain team spirit among the RAs.

Julia Wießmann has invested substantial time and effort in collecting up-to-date information of great

value to policy makers, scientists and the global community. We appreciate them for their exceptional sense of solidarity and their contribution to this important public good and are deeply thankful to Julia Wießmann for being part of this project.

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