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Dear Dr. Lang,

We are pleased to submit our original research article “The Effects of Minimum Wages on Unemployment Duration and Re-employment Outcomes” for consideration for publication in the *Journal of Labor Economics*.

In this manuscript, we show the relationship between minimum wages and various outcomes specifically for the *unemployed*, including both their job search and their long term re-employment outcomes. We believe it is important to give attention to this group as they are particularly vulnerable and may encounter negative effects of the policy more immediately and sizably following a change. Additionally, our attention given to the long term trajectories of the unemployed workers helps shed light on whether the effects of minimum wages are long lasting. We find that for the outcomes considered, the effects are typically either null or negative for the unemployed workers. Furthermore we find that the effects are concentrated in the time near a change in the minimum wage. We believe these are very important contributions suitable for the *Journal of Labor Economics*.

This manuscript has not been published and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. We have no conflicts of interest to disclose.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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