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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to collaborate on the PolicyEngine Policy Library project, an initiative to create a permanently archived collection of safety net policy documents.

I am currently partnering with PolicyEngine to model effective tax rates across multiple benefit programs including SNAP, Medicaid, TANF, WIC, SSI, and housing assistance for historical years. This existing partnership demonstrates our investment in comprehensive policy modeling infrastructure. As part of the Policy Library collaboration, we will:

- Contribute policy documents from our research archives to help seed the library
- Test the platform for academic use cases, particularly multi-program interaction analysis
- Provide feedback to ensure the library serves researchers studying participation gaps and benefit cliffs

The Policy Library solves persistent problems in our research: the disappearance of historical policy documents essential for understanding program evolution, and the lack of structured context for AI-assisted policy analysis. Beyond our immediate needs for rules encoding, permanent access to these documents will enable new research approaches: using LLMs with authoritative policy context to analyze participation gaps, documenting state-level implementation differences, studying how policies evolve in response to economic conditions, and preserving the full context of policy intent through implementation guidance. This will significantly enhance our ability to study safety net program effectiveness and multi-program interactions.

We support this important infrastructure project and look forward to collaborating on its development.

Sincerely,

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