



# Better Government Lab

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Better Government Lab at Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy is pleased to collaborate on the PolicyEngine Policy Library project, an initiative to create a permanently archived collection of safety net policy documents.

Our lab is currently contracting with PolicyEngine to encode historical benefit program rules for 2018 and adjacent years, demonstrating our commitment to building robust policy infrastructure for research. As part of this collaboration, we will:

- Contribute policy documents from our research on SNAP, Medicaid, CHIP, TANF, and other safety net programs to help seed the Policy Library
- Test the Policy Library platform to ensure it meets academic research needs
- Provide feedback on document organization and metadata standards based on our extensive work with administrative data

The Policy Library addresses critical challenges our researchers face: policy documents frequently disappear from government websites, making it impossible to conduct longitudinal analysis or verify historical eligibility rules. Beyond supporting rules-as-code development, this infrastructure will enable new research methodologies including: providing authoritative context for LLMs analyzing policy impacts, documenting implementation variations across jurisdictions, tracking policy evolution over time, and preserving implementation memos that reveal administrative intent. This infrastructure will be invaluable for our work measuring participation gaps and analyzing policy impacts.

We look forward to this collaboration and believe the Policy Library will become essential infrastructure for the safety net research community.

Sincerely,

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