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Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am applying to the position of Postdoctoral Fellow at the Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation.

My job market paper, *Beyond the Local Impacts of Place-Based Policies: Spillovers through Latent Housing Markets*, proposes an approach to study spillover effects of local policies that propagate non-spatially through latent markets. While the approach is particularly relevant for place-based economic development, it can be adapted to other contexts. I exemplify the approach with a place-based policy and estimate spillover effects within latent housing markets. The empirical findings inform conclusions on overall effectiveness and redistribution that differ from analysis using only direct treatment effects.

**Specific Interest in Institute’s Mission**

The combination of methods from different fields that I use in my job market paper reflects my interdisciplinary background and interest. I majored in Public Policy and Statistics as an undergraduate student to gain exposure to quantitative and qualitative approaches to policy analysis. The application of a culture of interdisciplinary work to problems in urban studies allows for a deeper understanding and greater scope for the research to be applicable. I am drawn to learning from and contributing to such an environment.

**Proposed Department or School**

Department of Economics or Harris School of Public Policy

**Faculty Members**

Christopher Berry and Esteban Rossi-Hansberg

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Anna Ziff