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To Whom it May Concern:

I am applying to NBER’s Post-Doctoral Fellowship on Long-Term Fiscal Policy.

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 Tax Increment Financing (TIF) 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.

I propose to continue expanding on a research agenda on the economics and econometrics of place-based policies that interface with taxation, such as TIF. These policies of land value capture are widely used, particular among local governments, and intersect with other topics such as infrastructure investment and residential sorting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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