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Seth C. McKee, Toby J. Rider, Frank C. Thames, Sophia Jordán Wallace, and David Lay
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Dear Professors McKee, Rider, Thames, Wallace, and Lay:

I am pleased to submit a manuscript, "Voting lines, equal treatment, and early voting check-in times in Florida," to *Political Research Quarterly*. The manuscript is co-authored with David Cottrell and Daniel A. Smith.

In our manuscript, my co-authors and I engage the subject of voting lines. The manuscript considers two aspects of lines, the extent to which a line is a time tax imposed on the voters who must wait in it and the extent to which waiting in line affects future electoral participation. Our research on lines leverages thousands of early voting check-in times from six major Florida counties.

We show that minority voters in Florida bore a greater burden of the waiting time tax in 2012---although the situation was much better in 2016. We show as well that waiting in line has a small but non-zero effect on the probability of turning out to vote in the future. In addition, waiting in line to vote early is associated with a lower likelihood of voting early in the future. Our findings have implications for theories about equal treatment of voters as well as empirical research on election administration.

Thank you for your consideration of my manuscript, and I look forward to hearing from you in the future.

Regards,

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