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Dr. Jeffery Jenkins  
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Dear Dr. Jenkins,

I am pleased to submit a short research article entitled “Minimizing Whose Influence? How Rejecting PAC Contributions Affects Contribution Patterns” by myself, Nicholas Jenkins, for consideration of publication in *The Journal of Politics*. This study offers the first investigation of the effects of candidate pledges to reject corporate PAC contributions.

In this article, I show that refusing to accept corporate PAC contributions is associated with increases in small-dollar individual contributions, as candidates aim for. Additionally, however, I show that candidates who make these anti-PAC pledges also receive more large-dollar individual contributions and contributions from individuals affiliated with business interests.

I believe that this manuscript is appropriate for publication in *The Journal of Politics* because it provides the first examination of this curious, and growing, campaign strategy. I leverage novel data on anti-PAC pledges as well as unique empirical methods to create a foundation for further study.

This manuscript has not been published and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere. I have no conflicts of interest to disclose.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Nicholas R. Jenkins

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