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Co-Editors, *Communication Research*

Dear Editors,

We hereby submitting the revised version of the manuscript, entitled “The Dynamics of Message Selection in Online Political Discussion Forums: Self-Segregation or Diverse Exposure?,” to *Communication Research*, following the comments and recommendations of the reviewers.

In accordance with the submission guideline of CR, and as we previously disclosed before at the previous round of the review process, we confirm that our manuscript has never been published elsewhere in substantially similar form or with substantially similar content. Yet, we disclose – again as we already disclosed at the previous round of the review process – that another manuscript drawing on the same dataset has been published in CR (article first published online April 20, 2016; <https://doi.org/10.1177/0093650216644020>), entitled "Influencing Myself: Self-Reinforcement Through Online Political Expression,” by the second author of the present manuscript. The published paper (Article 2016) is composed of two studies, the second of which is based on the dataset used in the current manuscript we are now submitting. Although the two studies share the same dataset, they are clearly different in all aspects – theoretical focus, key concepts, hypotheses, the unit/level of analysis, analytical approach, and results – as we have noted before.

Thank you in advance for your consideration; we believe that the manuscript has greatly benefited from the revisions, and we look forward to your reactions.

Sincerely,

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