

**MS. NO. BJPOLS-D-18-00438 ENTITLED “KEEPING FRIENDS CLOSE,
BUT ENEMIES CLOSER: FOREIGN AID RESPONSES TO NATURAL
DISASTERS”**

Dear Professor Leeman,

Thank you for the opportunity to revise and resubmit our manuscript. We believe the manuscript has benefited from the Reviewers’ helpful and thoughtful comments. We have revised the manuscript, taking seriously each individual point raised by the Reviewers. The revision memo is organized by first responding to your comments and then addressing the reviewers’ points. Our comments and responses are shown in *BLUE* below each point.

We sincerely apologize for the time that it has taken us. Life events intervened, specifically, one of the authors on this project had a child, and that just pushed back our ability to complete and improve the manuscript based on the reviewer comments. However, we have responded to each of the reviewer comments, and very much hope that the work we have put in comes through in our revision letter. Thank you for your consideration of our manuscript.

We hope you agree that the manuscript has improved through this process and we are looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Cindy Cheng & Shahryar Minhas