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Dear Dr. Richard Frensch

We are pleased to submit the research article titled “Religious Tolerance and the Implementation of Climate Change Policies: Analysis from the Perspective of Institutional Logic” for consideration for publication in *Economic Systems*. This manuscript addresses a relevant issue concerning the relationship between religious attitudes and climate change policy effectiveness, focusing specifically on the pivotal role of religious tolerance in shaping climate change policy effectiveness.

At the core of our study lies the development of a robust cross-country religious tolerance index, constructed within a methodological framework designed for broad applicability and replicability. The significance of this index not only lies in quantifying variations in religious attitudes across diverse socio-cultural contexts but also in facilitating comparative analysis related to the impact of certain dimensions of religion on the effective implementation of climate change-focused policies at the international level.

We firmly believe that the findings presented in our manuscript hold significant implications for policymakers and scholars engaged in the field of climate change and environmental policy. By highlighting the critical importance of some aspects of religion, such as religious tolerance, as a determinant of climate change policy outcomes, our research contributes to a more comprehensive understanding of the dimensions shaping climate change policy decision-making processes.

I remain available to provide any additional information you may require regarding this study.

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