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Technical appendix, statistical code, and dataset are available from the corresponding author at [jburgis@stanford.edu](mailto:jburgis@stanford.edu). As a waiver of consent was granted for this study, the presented data are anonymized and the risk of identification is low.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Burgis", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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