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RE: Paper Entitled: "The Local Economic and Welfare Impacts of Hydraulic Fracturing"

To Whom It May Concern,

I received funding support from the MIT Center for Energy and Environmental Policy Research (CEEPR) for working on this paper.

I declare that I have no relevant or material financial interests that relate to the research described in this paper.

IRB approval was not obtained for the project because the project uses publicly available data produced by government statistical agencies that has been stripped of any identifying information and is therefore does not require IRB approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Bartik'.

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