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LETTER OF EXEMPT DETERMINATION

Date: December 2, 2021

To: Professor Robert Musgrave, Political Science

From: Professor Lynnette Leidy Sievert, Chair, University of Massachusetts Amherst IRB

Protocol Title: *Exploring U.S. Public Opinion and Cybersecurity*
Protocol ID: 3087
Review Type: Exempt – Amendment
Review Date: 12/02/2021
No Continuing Review Required

The Human Research Protection Office (HRPO) has reviewed the above named submission and has determined it to be EXEMPT from the federal regulations that govern human subject research (45 CFR 46.104)

Note: This determination applies only to the activities described in this submission. All changes to the submission (e.g. protocol, recruitment materials, consent form, additional personnel), must be reviewed by HRPO prior to implementation.

A project determined as EXEMPT, must still be conducted in accordance with the ethical principles outlined in the Belmont Report: respect for persons, beneficence, and justice. Researchers must also comply with all applicable federal, state and local regulations as well as UMass Amherst Policies and procedures which may include obtaining approval of your activities from other institutions or entities. All personnel must complete CITI training.

Consent forms and study materials (e.g., questionnaires, letters, advertisements, flyers, scripts, etc.) - Only use the consent form and study materials that were reviewed by the HRPO.

Final Reports - Notify the IRB when your study is complete by submitting a Close Request Form in the electronic protocol system.

Serious Adverse Events and Unanticipated problems involving risks to participants or others - All such events must be reported in the electronic system as soon as possible, but no later than five (5) working days.

Annual Check In - HRPO will conduct an annual check in to determine the study status.

Please contact the Human Research Protection Office if you have any further questions. Best wishes for a successful project.