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PROTOCOL TITLE: Switches in Electoral Rules and Political Behavior: A Study in Sierra Leone
(IRB-FY2023-7668)

APPROVAL DATE: July 2, 2025
NOTIFICATION DATE: July 2, 2025

Dear Gwyneth McClendon,

The Institutional Review Board (IRB) has reviewed and approved the amendment(s) described in the modification submission as allowed under 45CFR46.110(b)(1). *IRB approved stamped documents are available under the attachments tab in the submission details section.*

Please note that this study, as with all NYU human subjects research studies, is eligible for monitoring under the Human Research Protection Program's (HRPP) Post-Approval Monitoring & Quality Assurance program. Please review its website for additional information and for materials that may be useful when conducting your study.

The research must be conducted in accordance with the IRB-approved protocol and with the NYU HRPP's Standard Operating Procedures. A modification to the IRB protocol must be submitted and approved prior to making any changes to the human subjects research activities, except when necessary to eliminate apparent immediate hazards to participants. These changes include (but are not limited to):

- Revisions to the approved protocol, such as modifications to the informed consent procedures or additions of study sites;
- Termination of your research;
- Additional or removal of research personnel (i.e., any individuals that will interact with research subjects or access identifiable, private information about research subjects).

Any protocol deviations that occur without IRB-approval or any unexpected problems that involve risks to subjects or others must be promptly reported to the IRB by submitting an incident report in Cayuse IRB.

IRB protocols must be closed when all human subjects activities are completed, including interaction/intervention with participants or analysis of identifiable data. If the principal investigator leaves the University prior to expiration of the study, the study must be closed or transferred to another NYU PI. Student-led protocols must be closed before graduation. Closure of student-led protocols which remain open after graduation are the responsibility of the faculty sponsor.

We wish you the best as you conduct your research. If you have any questions or need further help, please

contact the HRPP at ask.humansubjects@nyu.edu. Please remember to use the Cayuse IRB study number listed above on any documents or correspondence with the HRPP concerning your research protocol.

Sincerely,

Scott Fisher, CIP
Director, Human Research Protection Program