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RE: Manuscript #10151, *"Proper Replication in the Study of Ticket Splitting"*

Dear Professors Burden and Kimball:

Thank you for submitting your manuscript #10151, "Proper Replication in the Study of Ticket Splitting," as an invited response to the paper, "Reassessing the Study of Split-Ticket Voting," by Wendy K. Tam Cho and Brian J. Gaines. The *APSR* reviews all materials, including responses, and I am enclosing one review for your manuscript.

As you may already know, we also received an independently submitted paper discussing inaccuracies in the way your analysis was replicated in the Cho/Gaines paper, with consequent implications for their discussion of numerical instability in the EI program. Because of the inaccuracies in the Cho and Gaines paper, I ultimately decided to withdraw it from publication in the *APSR*. Obviously, your manuscript was part of what alerted me to these problems but the logical implication of my decision on the Cho/Gaines manuscript is that I would also not accept any commentaries on it.

I am very sorry to have taken so long to get back to you on this matter. As I know you will understand, the issues, both substantive and editorial, have been very significant and the press of other business prevented me from concluding it as promptly as I would have preferred.

Despite the fact that I decided not to go forward with this debate in the *Review*, I hope that the preparation of your response served some other useful purpose or will do so in the future and that you will find the review helpful.

Sincerely,

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