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Notification of IRB Review: Exemption Request

February 21, 2020

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Protocol Title:	**More than Proxy Power: The Determinants of Decision-making Influence Among India's Local-level Representatives**
Protocol #:	**5432X**
Funding Agency:	**NYU-Abu Dhabi; Facebook**
IRB Review Type:	**Exempt (3)**

Dear Professor Brule:

On February 21, 2020, the IRB determined that the above-referenced protocol meets the criteria for exemption in accordance with CFR 46.101(b)(3). Per the protocol, the study involves administering surveys/interviews with participants in Maharashtra, India. The study seeks to learn about disparities in decision-making power among elected officials. Study instruments will be administered by a third-party vendor. The exempt determination includes the use of:

1.) A maximum of 6480 participants
2.) Consent document
3.) Study instruments (2)

Additional review of this study is not needed unless changes are made to the current version of the study. Any changes to the current protocol must be reported and reviewed by the IRB. If you have any changes, please submit the ***Clarification Form*** located at http://www.bu.edu/researchsupport/compliance/human-subjects/. No changes can be implemented until they have been reviewed by the IRB.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 617-358-6117.

Sincerely,

Paul G. Hart
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