READ ME Document for Executing Statistical Analyses for

"Partisan Bias and Performance Improvement Efforts in Program Administration:

Evidence from Unemployment Insurance Programs in the American States"

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The **Admin_Bias.MASTER DATABASE.07-04-2025.dta** database file is the root Stata database file that is retrieved in the beginning of the manuscript program code (**Admin_Bias.MANUSCRIPT.02-01-2026.do**) to perform statistical analyses for this article[1]. This Stata database file subsequently generates some new measures and calculates some statistics defined in the comment codes – and subsequently saves it as a "new" Stata database file (**Admin_Bias.MANUSCRIPT DATABASE.07-07-2025.dta**).

Once the manuscript data analysis has been fully executed, this "new" Stata database (**Admin_Bias.MANUSCRIPT DATABASE.07-07-2025.dta**) is employed to execute the program code for **Appendix B**, **Appendix C, Appendix D,** and **Appendix E.**

All Stata statistical software program and output files were uploaded/submitted to the first author's Havard Dataverse (George A. Krause Data Replication Materials Dataverse: https://dataverse.harvard.edu/dataverse/georgeakrausedvn) on February 2, 2026. In addition, both a data codebook representing the root Stata database (The **Admin_Bias.MASTER DATABASE.07-04-2025.dta**) and this **READ ME** document were also uploaded/submitted to the Dataverse for this article.

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[1] The master dataset is constructed from **Admin_Bias.FINALIZED DATABASE.WithTotalCounts.05-05-2024.dta** and three additional administrative datasets downloaded from the U.S. Department of Labor (**Ancillary Database_Error Detection Total Counts.04-22-2024.dta**, **eta_5130.employerappeals.07-04-2025.dta**, and **pca_bamdetamt_clmt.2002-2021.06-13-2025.dta**). The merging procedures and corresponding outputs are documented in **Data Management Program.02-01-2026.do** and **Merge and Inspection.02-01-2026.smcl**.