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The project was funded primarily by National Institute on Aging Grant Number 1 R03 AG 031371-01A2, "Estimates of the Value of Life Using Air Bags as a Quasi-Experiment," for which I was the Principal Investigator. The total amount of the grant was $119,720, and the grant period lasted from August 2008 through July 2011. The money was used to pay for access to proprietary datasets, for RA work, and for my own labor (summer months). Syracuse University also provided $10,000 of funding in June 2007 for the purchase of some of the data used in this project.

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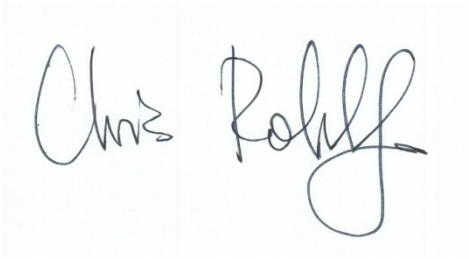

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