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To the Editors of the *American Economic Review*:

I am writing as a co-author of the paper "Long-term neighborhood effects on low-income families: Evidence from Moving to Opportunity," which is scheduled to be published in the May 2013 issue of the *American Economic Review: Papers and Proceedings*.

The paper was presented as part of the session "Neighborhood Effects and Place-Based Policies," January 4, 2013, 10:15am, session chair: Lawrence Katz, Harvard University; discussants: Janet Currie, Princeton University; Greg Duncan, University of California-Irvine; and Matthew Kahn, University of California-Los Angeles.

I attest that:

1. All sources of financial support for the research described in our paper are disclosed as part of the acknowledgement section of the paper itself;
2. Over the past three years our research team has received at least $10,000 in support from two organizations that might be viewed as having some stake in the results of this paper – the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, or HUD (the sponsor of the Moving to Opportunity experiment that we study in our paper), and the MacArthur Foundation (which is heavily invested in efforts to improve housing conditions for low-income families as a way to improve their well-being).
3. I am a member of the Board of Trustees of the Russell Sage Foundation, the Board of Directors of the Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation, and the Panel of Economic Advisors of the Congressional Budget Office.
4. I have no close relatives who have received support or serve in paid or unpaid positions from any interested party or relevant organization.
5. HUD is the only organization that had the right to review our paper prior to circulation; HUD's review was only to ensure that the paper did not disclose any confidential information about participants in the MTO experiment.
6. As indicated in the acknowledgment section of our paper, the research reported on in our study was reviewed and approved by the IRB's at HUD, the NBER, the University of Michigan, Northwestern University, and the University of Chicago.

Sincerely,



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