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Gary Blasi, Chair Institutional Review Board Economic Roundtable 244 S. San Pedro Street, Suite 506 Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Blasi:

I am writing to request approval of the procedures for protection of human subjects in the UFCW Grocery Equity Analysis that are explained in the attached Request for IRB Approval. The attached application requests that this project be approved for expedited review based on our assessment that the research will pose no greater than minimal risk to human subjects.

We propose to submit reports on protection of human subjects, data security and project design to the IRB semi-annually or more often if requested. Should there be any study-related events that endanger human subjects or compromise data security, these events will be reported immediately to the IRB as well as any organizations whose data is affected.

## The attachments include:

- 1. Request for IRB Approval
- 2. A copy of the funding agreement with the five UFCW locals that are sponsoring this project, including the scope of work

I am available to answer any questions you may have and to provide any further information that may be needed. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Daniel Flaming, Ph.D. Principal Researcher

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