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Regarding the paper entitled "Health Care Centralization: The Health Impacts of Obstetric Unit Closures in the US":

I have received no support (financial or otherwise) from any interested party. I have no conflicts of interest to disclose.

This project (Project # 24-21-0397) has been approved by the IRB at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Some of our data (i.e., restricted-use NVSS mortality and natality files) are not publicly available, so we will be unable to share it with interested researchers. However, we agree to share instructions on applying for the data we have collected and our program files.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. Royer", is written over the printed name.

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