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To the Editors of the *American Economic Review*:

I am writing as a co-author of the paper “Achieving Escape Velocity: Neighborhood and School Interventions to Reduce Persistent Inequality,” 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. I have not received support from any party with a financial, political, or ideological stake related to the findings of this article.
3. I do not hold any positions as officer, director, or board member of relevant organizations.
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. The underlying research from the Moving to Opportunity Experiment and Harlem Children’s Zone reported in our paper was reviewed and approved by the appropriate IRB’s.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Fryer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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