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Disclosure Statement

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I, Katherine Casey, worked as a paid consultant with the Government of Sierra Leone and World Bank-funded Institutional Reform and Capacity Building Project (IRCBP) from 2004 to 2006, and also on several short term assignments from 2007 through 2009. The policy goals of this project relate to supporting decentralized government. The data used in this paper was collected under the IRCBP administrative umbrella, but is not proprietary and all datasets used are publically available. I do not perceive this relationship to present a conflict of interest. I declare that I have no relevant or material financial interests that relate to the research described in this paper.

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Signed,

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