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Dear Dr. William Barton, Editor-in-Chief

We would like to submit our manuscript entitled “Changes in Illegal Behavior during Emerging Adulthood” for publication in the journal of *Advances in Social Work.* We feel this manuscript may be of great interest to your readers, as it provides unique insight into factors influencing emerging adults’ choices to desist (stop) or persist (continue) illegal activities (i.e., crime and substance use).

This is an unpublished work that is not under review elsewhere, and the research reported here does not present any potential conflict of interest for all three authors. All analyses undertaken for this manuscript were in compliance with the Internal Review Board requirements.

We appreciate your time in reviewing our manuscript and look forward to your feedback. Please feel free to call me by phone (310-767-6329) or email (Badiah.Haffejee@gmail.com) to discuss the manuscript further.

Sincerely,

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