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A General Empirical Law of Public Budgets: A Comparative Analysis
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Dear Professor Jones,

The American Journal of Political Science is pleased to accept your article, titled "A General Empirical Law of Public Budgets: A Comparative Analysis", for publication. This acceptance requires your careful and prompt reading and attention to the reviews, to any points made in this letter, and to the Guidelines for Articles that are located at http://www.ajps.org/guidelines_for_ms.html. The fuller texts of the reviews can be viewed below. If you have any questions about them or about the points noted below, then please contact me as soon as possible at: mstewart@utdallas.edu. Per the Guidelines for Articles, when your manuscript has addressed the points, as well as elements of formatting, grammar, style, and citation, then it should be sent electronically and promptly to us at ajps@utdallas.edu and, for final copyediting and production, to Dr. Susan Meyer, Assistant Editor at meyer.26@osu.edu.

The points to be addressed in the final manuscript for publication are as follows. The reviewers continue to agree that the research question posed about how to model and analyze the impact of institutional arrangements on budget outputs is important, but they are not totally convinced by the research answer provided in comparative perspective. As you prepare the manuscript for publication as an article, you are asked to attend to three details. First, R1 takes issue with the notion of "empirical law," and you are asked to put your response from your memorandum to me, as succinctly as possible and without reference to EITM, in the text or a footnote of the manuscript. I ask this because I think that it is important that serious consideration of how science can proceed needs to make its way more often into published work. Second, R3 continues to identify parts of the manuscript that read ponderously and/or are in need of better organization - you are asked to improve these parts. Third, you are expected to heed the article style requirements, including the 12-point font, as described on The Journal's website, as well as the instructions given to you by the Copy Editor.

After we and Dr. Meyer review the final manuscript, we will list it as forthcoming on the website. If you address the above points as requested and send the manuscript to our office as well as to Dr. Susan Meyer, in a timely way, i.e. by April 27, 2009, then we will publish the article in the October 2009 (TOC 53.4) issue.

Again, congratulations on your forthcoming article. In thanking you for thinking of AJPS as an appropriate journal of publication of your work, I remain,

Sincerely,

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