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December 2, 2014

Michael Bailey
Electrical & Computer Eng
1308 W. Main Street

RE: *A Scale to Predict Technology Risk*
IRB Protocol Number: 15409

Dear Dr. Bailey:

This letter authorizes the use of human subjects in your project entitled *A Scale to Predict Technology Risk*. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Institutional Review Board (IRB) approved, by expedited review, the protocol as described in your IRB-1 application. The expiration date for this protocol, IRB number 15409, is 12/01/2015. The risk designation applied to your project is *no more than minimal risk*. Certification of approval is available upon request.

Copies of the attached date-stamped consent form(s) must be used in obtaining informed consent. If there is a need to revise or alter the consent form(s), please submit the revised form(s) for IRB review, approval, and date-stamping prior to use.

Under applicable regulations, no changes to procedures involving human subjects may be made without prior IRB review and approval. The regulations also require that you promptly notify the IRB of any problems involving human subjects, including unanticipated side effects, adverse reactions, and any injuries or complications that arise during the project.

If you have any questions about the IRB process, or if you need assistance at any time, please feel free to contact me at the OPRS office, or visit our Web site at <http://www.irb.illinois.edu>.

Sincerely,



Anita Balgopal, PhD
Director, Office for the Protection of Research Subjects

Attachment(s)

c: Matthew Tischer



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WAIVER OF DOCUMENTATION OF INFORMED CONSENT (45CFR46.117(C))

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE TYPEWRITTEN, SIGNED, AND SUBMITTED AS SINGLE-SIDED HARD COPY. PLEASE, NO STAPLES!

Responsible Project Investigator (RPI):

Last Name: Bailey	First Name: Michael	Dept. or Unit: ECE
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Project Title:

A Scale to Predict Technology Risk

To request a waiver of documentation (signature) of informed consent, please provide a response to EITHER of the following questions. Please be specific in explaining why either statement is true for this research.

(1) That the only record linking the subject and the research would be the consent document and the principal risk would be potential harm resulting from a breach of confidentiality. Each subject will be asked whether the subject wants documentation linking the subject with the research, and the subject's wishes will govern. *Note: A waiver of documentation of informed consent is **not permissible under this category if the research is subject to FDA regulation.**

(2) The research presents no more than minimal risk of harm to subjects and involves no procedures for which written consent is normally required outside of the research context. **

The research consists of a single online survey that respondents will complete. The only procedures that subjects must follow involve answering questions on the Amazon Mechanical Turk/SurveyMonkey platforms.

Some questions in the survey ask the respondent whether they have participated in activities that they find morally objectionable (viewing pornographic or adult content) or illegal (purchasing controlled substances over the internet). The posing of these questions could distress participants. If the survey data is compromised and responses are connected to individuals, answers to these questions could damage the subjects' reputations, employability, or could possibly lead to criminal prosecution.

However, given that we are using trusted automated platforms with strong security policies, not collecting IP addresses and transmitting data using SSL on SurveyMonkey, and not attempting to de-anonymize Amazon Mechanical Turk respondents at any point in time, we believe that distress related to answering the questions is the most likely risk that participants will undertake.

In addition, we have provided a "Prefer not to answer" option to all questions in the instrument; participants may choose to omit responses to questions if they so desire.



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** In cases in which the documentation requirement is waived, the IRB may require the investigator to provide subjects with a written statement regarding the research.

RPI Signature: *[Handwritten Signature]* Date: 11/21/14

IRB Member Approval: **APPROVED** Date: _____

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