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Re: Submission of Manuscript for *International Journal of Communication*

Dear Dr. Gross,

I am excited to resubmit my manuscript to the *International Journal of Communication*. The manuscript is titled *Disclosing Hearing Loss: Managing Boundaries Surrounding a Stigmatized Invisible Identity*. This manuscript explores challenging disclosure decisions individuals with invisible disabilities make as they manage the boundaries surrounding their disability. Although the focus of this study is on individuals with hearing loss, connections are made to broader understandings of boundary management for individuals with disabilities or other invisible stigmatized identities.

The submitted manuscript is a complete text suitable for anonymous review. The word count on the manuscript, all-inclusive, is 7,884 words. The listed author is the only contributor to the manuscript. This manuscript is not under review for publication elsewhere. I received approval from the Institutional Review Board (University of Kentucky) before conducting this study. This study was not funded by any outside agencies or grant-awarding bodies. As the author has no financial interest or benefit from this research, there is no conflict of interest. All the research from the study meets the ethical guidelines, including adherence to all U.S. legal requirements. I have seen and read the copyright guidelines.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

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