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Dear Awards Committee:

I would like to nominate Dr. John Gilderbloom for University of Louisville Arts and Sciences Outstanding Research and Creativity Award. I have known Dr. Gilderbloom for over eleven years and I personally can say he is one of the most productive individuals that I know in academia. During his career Dr. Gilderbloom has made a substantial impact not only at the University of Louisville but in the fields of urban affairs, sustainability, housing, and public health.

Dr. Gilderbloom is a rare full package of a professor. Dr. Gilderbloom is an excellent and creative teacher. As evident in his student evaluations and his faculty reviews. He provides excellent service to the institution, whether it is running a research center or serving on committees, he truly has a passion to serve the University of Louisville. But in my opinion, his best quality is his innovative research. He continuously publishes his research in top journals in the fields of urban affairs, housing, sustainability and public health. He has published articles in high quality journals, such as: *JAMA*, *The Journal of Urban Affairs*, *Journal of the American Planning Association*, *The American Review of Public Administration*, *Housing Policy Debate*, and the *International Journal of Sustainable Transportation*. During his extensive and impressive career, he has continued to focus on the use of innovative methodology in his work. He has also has a number of notable books, such as *Rethinking Rental Housing*, *Invisible City* and *Community Versus Commodity* just to name a few. His research has helped to reframe how we think about spatial issues in public policy. In addition to his strong academic publishing recorded, Dr. Gilderbloom has also been very successful at finding research funding and completing community related research. This research connected a number of his policy ideas to practice. His research has been funded at over \$1 million dollars. The University and other organizations have given him awards and accolades for this research, which I argue shows that Dr. John Gilderbloom is an outstanding and creative researcher.

I could continue with Dr. Gilderbloom's accomplishments, but to best sum up John Gilderbloom, he is dedicated to the University of Louisville, the success of his students, and to pushing forward our understanding of urban affairs, housing and public health. In closing, there is no one else that better embodies the creativity and the research mission of the University of Louisville. I give Dr. Gilderbloom my full endorsement without reservations. No one else is more deserving of such an award.

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