To whom it may concern:

This letter is co-written by Hannah Gunderman (Research Data Management Consultant) and Keith Webster (Dean of Libraries) from the Carnegie Mellon University Libraries. The purpose of this letter is to underline the institution’s commitment to long-term global web access to the transcript and media data in TalkBank (https://talkbank.org) using the KiltHub Institutional Repository, built on the figshare platform. Making datasets and all research products publicly available is aligned with the University’s and Libraries’ strategic plan to make research outputs accessible to a global audience and this mission has been endorsed by several faculty senate resolutions.

Provided by the University Libraries, KiltHub (kilthub.cmu.edu) is the comprehensive institutional repository and research collaboration platform for research data and scholarly outputs produced by members of Carnegie Mellon University and their collaborators. Built upon the figshare platform, KiltHub collects, preserves, and provides stable, long-term global open access to a wide range of research data and scholarly outputs created by faculty, staff, and student members of Carnegie Mellon University in the course of their research and teaching. All datasets and scholarly outputs published on KiltHub receive their own DOI, recommended citation, a machine-readable copyright license, and is indexed in Google. Support is offered by the Carnegie Mellon University Libraries faculty and staff in checking permissions, tracking down copies of papers, and uploading versions of the works to the repository on their behalf. KiltHub complies with funder mandates around making data openly accessible and stored in a long-term capacity.

We welcome any questions you have for us pertaining to our KiltHub repository, and general data curation services and commitment to supporting open research on our campus.

Sincerely,

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