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I am submitting the attached manuscript “Import competition and local labor markets: The case of Indonesia” for possible publication in the Economic Journal of Emerging Markets.

In this manuscript, we aim to investigate whether a substantial increase in Indonesian imports affect Indonesian local labor markets in terms of manufacturing employment share, non-manufacturing employment share, the unemployment rate, and wages. By using data of imports and 430 districts in Indonesia in the period 2007-2013 from Statistics Indonesia (BPS), we found that import competition has negatively affected the Indonesian local labor markets. Therefore, it is necessary for the government to protect firms and workers.

As this manuscript cover economic studies of Indonesia, one of the strongest emerging markets, and the study on this subject in Indonesia is not abundant, we believe that this manuscript is interesting and appropriate to be published by Economic Journal of Emerging Markets.

I am the sole author of this manuscript, which has not been published previously and is not under submission to any other Journal or Publisher.

Thank you for considering this submission. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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