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Dear Dr. Vasquez,

Thank you and the reviewers for the thorough evaluation of our manuscript, "Scaling Behavior of Sparse Attention Mechanisms in Transformer Language Models" (Manuscript ID JMLR-2026-0412). We have revised the paper to address all three reviewers' comments and summarize the key changes below.

Reviewer 1 requested additional ablations at intermediate model scales; we added results at 350M and 750M parameters in the revised results table. Reviewer 2 asked for clarification of the sparsity implementation; the Method section now includes the exact block-selection algorithm. Reviewer 3 raised a concern about compute-matched comparisons, which we address with a new appendix detailing FLOP accounting for each configuration.

We believe these revisions substantially strengthen the manuscript and thank the reviewers again for their constructive feedback. We look forward to your decision.

Sincerely,
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On behalf of all authors