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Dr. Haili He  
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Dear Dr. He,

I am writing this letter to you in order to support the work and future engagement of Dr. Calla Wiemer, as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Asian Economics. You will agree with me and many contributors and readers of the Journal of Asian Economics that Dr. Wiemer has done an excellent job as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Asian Economics and concurrently President of the American Committee on Asian Economic Studies.

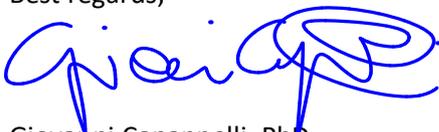
I was shocked when I heard that Elsevier is planning to limit the future engagement of Dr. Wiemer in the journal and I would like to strongly urge you to reconsider your plans. I am not sure about the reasons that are pushing Elsevier to take such kind of action, but I believe this cannot be related to the Journal's performance, which in fact has been constantly increasing under Dr. Wiemer's tenure as editor in chief of the journal.

I have been studying Asian economics for more than 35 years and reading the Journal of Asian Economics since the time it was founded back in 1990. I firmly believe that Dr. Wiemer has been greatly contributing to the Journal's reputation and would like to request you to offer to people like me, who have been enjoying reading and at times contributing to the journal, a convincing explanation as to Elsevier's intention to limit Dr. Wiemer's engagement with the Journal. Perhaps there is something we do not know, which you would find it beneficial to share with us.

I believe Dr. Wiemer's departure from the Journal of Asian Economics would be a great loss to all of us and the Journal. I hope you will reconsider your intended action.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this request.

Best regards,



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Country Director