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Dear Dr. Haili He:

I am writing to you in your capacity as a representative of Elsevier concerned with the *Journal of Asian Economics*. Specifically, I am concerned about the action by Elsevier to limit the future engagement of Dr. Calla Wiemer, as Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Asian Economics*.

Dr. Wiemer is concurrently Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Asian Economics* and President of the American Committee on Asian Economic Studies (ACAES). This is not an accident, nor is it incidental to the two institutions. The two are paired outgrowths of efforts by Dr. Jan Dutta to give a voice those in the economics profession concerned with economic issues central to development in Asia. First under Prof. Dutta, then with Prof. Michael Plummer, and currently with Dr. Wiemer, economists, especially from Asia were given voices; on one side, from the workshops and collegial networks of the Committee and, on the other side, to have their work reviewed professionally by the *Journal*. I was grateful to participate in this multi-faceted process, as workshop participant, a reviewer, an author, and as an executive editor.

Dr. Wiemer has done a fine job, following in the footsteps of her two predecessors, to continue to grow both the ACAES and the *Journal*, both in terms of the quality of the work presented, but also the relevance to issues that affect people in Asia and globally. Failure to continue Dr. Wiemer's contract as Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal* would put this process at risk. On a personal level, I would not be continuing my connection with the *Journal*.

You have the opportunity to continue to play an important role in encouraging the growth and health of two fine institutions by retaining Dr. Wiemer. I urge you to do so.

Respectfully,



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