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Dear Dr. Haili He,

I am writing this letter in support of Dr. Calla Wiemer as editor-in-chief of the Journal of Asian Economics (JAE). I am concerned that a failure to offer her a renewable three-year contract would fail the future of the JAE, which has tremendously been improved in terms of ranking, citation, and importantly more submissions from researchers in many universities since she becomes the editor-in-chief of the journal.

As an active researcher of regular journal papers, I always select a journal for paper publication based on the ranking and the reviewing speed of the journal. JAE is one of my favorite choices because these metrics of the journal exceed my standard. To my knowledge, since, Dr. Wiemer becomes the editor-in-chief of the journal, there are significant improvements of the journal especially the JAE included in the Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI) journal list, which has increased the high-quality submissions from researchers in the field.

In addition to her effort to directly raise JAE quality, her comments and suggestions to the manuscripts submitted to the journal is fruitful. She is not only looking for interesting topics but also provide fruitful suggestions to improve manuscripts' quality. Her capability to provide such comments and suggestions especially in the context of Asian economies comes from long time experience and expertise in the field, which I think difficult to find ones who could have such skills.

Finally, Dr. Wiemer also serves as the president of the American Committee on Asian Economic Studies (ACAES). She is actively promoting JAE in activities organized by ACAES in many conferences (such as the AEA). The strong connection between JAE and ACAES directly promotes the JAE in academic society and the connection is priceless. If her contract is not renewed, I afraid that the connection between the JAE and ACAES will not be continued. Losing this connection and supports from the ACAES will significantly hurt the JAE, and would bring the journal back to where it started.

I believe that Elsevier always find the ways to improve academic journals' quality to better serve academic societies. Renewing Dr. Calla Wiemer three-year contract as editor-in-chief is the way to improve the JAE quality just not in term of the journal impact metrics but also the wildly respect from researchers.

Best regards,

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