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Dear Dr. He,

I'm writing this letter to support contract extension for Dr. Calla Wiemer as editor-in-chief of the Journal of Asian Economics (JAE). While serving as President of the American Committee on Asian Economic Studies (ACAES), she has played a role of the editor-in-chief of JAE effectively. ACAES has promoted active research on Asian economies and played an important role in linking up Asian economists with the global research networks. I believe it's important to preserve the strong linkage between ACAES and JAE and Dr. Wiemer is the most appropriate person to do so.

Dr. Wiemer has made visible achievements in JAE academic standing. In various metrics including Elsevier citesscore and impact factor, RePec, and SJR, the Journal has moved higher in recent years. It is made into SSCI. She has been also active in research collaboration on special topics which led to special issues of the Journal. She has promoted the Journal in many networks, inviting many scholars outside academic circles as well. She was very open to topics that are policy oriented and encouraged collaboration between academic and policy circles. I also had fruitful interactions with her in such joint events involving ADB and ADBI and hope to continue our valuable cooperation.

I believe it would be a great loss to Asia's research network and JAE if we let her go. There are many reasons why we need her to stay as editor-in-chief of JAE, but I will just name a few here. First, there is a strong synergy between ACAES and JAE. It is important to maintain and strengthen the connection between them to make the Journal stronger. Second, JAE is making good progress in its academic standing in various impact metrics. Dr. Wiemer has been instrumental in this progress and we need to build this momentum. Third, Dr. Wiemer has been very active in promoting research collaboration through various platforms and broadening the research network for Asian economists. We would still benefit from her intellectual leadership in improving the quality of research and papers to be published in the journal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cyn-Young Park'.

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