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Dear Dr. He,

This letter is to support a 3-year renewable contract for Dr. Calla Wiemer in continuation of her status quo as the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Asian Economics (JAE) after the year 2020. I submitted my first paper to JAE in 2018 and came to know her since then. From what I have felt and observed, Dr. Wiemer is a very active and innovative editor of JAE.

As an active author of regular journal papers, I always judge and select a journal for paper submission based on the impact, speed and reach metrics of the journal. Since Dr. Wiemer took over the helm of JAE in 2015, these metrics of the journal have leapt enormously, and most importantly, she has successfully brought JAE into the prestigious SSCI journal list. SSCI is currently the most popular metric of a Social Science journal's quality used by universities across Asian countries, particularly in China. With that, JAE has become a popular choice of high-quality submission for researchers from these countries. These achievements of JAE are indeed strong justification of Dr. Wiemer's hard work and innovation for the journal during her tenure. This positive momentum will come to a halt if she no longer serves as an Editor-in-Chief of JAE.

Speaking of my paper revision experience with JAE, I found Dr. Wiemer very lovely, helpful, efficient, detailed-oriented and insightful. She has personally done a lot of editing work for my paper to boost my paper quality. She has also taught me on how to write a paper in a structure appropriate for an Economics journal. No editors have ever been as helpful to me as Dr. Wiemer. She is amazing!

I will be very disappointed if Dr. Wiemer is not renewed after her contract with Elsevier ends for 2020. It would be very difficult to find a suitable replacement that aims high for an Economics journal focused on Asia. I hope that the journal's performance metrics and stakeholders' words will play a valuable role in Elsevier's consideration of offering Dr. Wiemer a 3-year renewable contract as an Editor-in-Chief of JAE.

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