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Dear Dr. He,

I hope that this letter of mine finds you well in this challenging time of extreme hardship. I am writing this letter to share my feeling and thoughts about Dr. Calla Wiemer, the Editor-in-Chief of *the Journal of Asian Economics* (JAE). Frankly, I was very disappointed and shocked when I learned that Dr. Wiemer is not going to be allowed to continue to serve in this important capacity on a long-term contract base. Considering both the long history between the JAE and the American Committee on Asian Economic Studies (ACAES) and the great accomplishment that Dr. Wiemer has made in elevating the quality rank and reputation of JAE in recent years, I strongly support that Dr. Wiemer be offered a three-year renewable contract for her position as the Editor-in-Chief to sustain the JAE's current strong ascending momentum.

When I was in my early academic career, *Journal of Asian Economics* naturally caught my attention and greatly attracted my interest with two reasons. First, it is one of very few Asia-focused economic journal published by a professional society - ACAES; second, the journal provides an influential quality forum for economists to communicate on their studies of the Asian economies and their increasingly important relationship with the rest of the world. For myself, I have had the opportunity to develop my own research into three articles published in JAE thanks to the insightful guidance and effective leadership from the chief editors: one article (2001) when Professor Manoranian Dutta was the Editor-in-Chief, and two other articles (2008, 2009) when Professor Michael Plummer was the Editor-in-Chief. Equally fortunately, another article of mine is currently in the process of being invited for revision and resubmission to JAE under the guidance and leadership of Dr. Wiemer, the Editor-in-Chief since 2015.

Dr. Wiemer is a chief editor with strong passion and in-depth knowledge for economic research of Asian countries and related important issues. She is not only a dedicated researcher herself in this area but also an incredible academic advisor/leader who has both excellent insight and rich research experience with theoretical and empirical issues. During the revision process of my paper, Dr. Wiemer follows a rigorous referee procedure in honor of academic integrity and quality control. Based upon the anonymous referees' reports, Dr. Wiemer's decision is very fair and educational. She never spares or waters down effort in providing her detailed comments and suggestions to authors, and her opinions are always highly constructive, inspiring and helpful. It is such exceptional commitment to success by Dr. Wiemer that has made it possible for the journal's recent significant elevation in rank and reputation in the international academic society.

As a frequent JAE contributor, I am greatly proud of what JAE has accomplished as of today since 1990 when it was launched, particularly I would like to enthusiastically applaud Dr. Wiemer's special contributions since 2015 when she took the baton for the chief editorship of JAE. For the journal's continued success and further advancement, I believe that retaining Dr. Wiemer and offering her a three-year renewable contract is going to help lift JAE to another higher level in the future and add extra credit to Elsevier as well.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at my email [yxwu@salisbury.edu](mailto:yxwu@salisbury.edu).

Sincerely,

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