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Dear Dr. He:

I am writing this letter in support of Calla Wiemer, as I heard that Elsevier is planning to terminate her editorship of the Journal of Asian Economics (JAE) at the end of the year. This would be quite unfortunate as a big part of JAE's success derives from its high degree of credibility in publishing high-quality research on Asian economies. Such credibility could not have been achieved without Calla's very able editorship, as she herself is a recognized leading scholar on the Chinese economy and has over the years built quite an extensive network of well-known and well-respected economists, who have contributed to this journal in various capacities – either as part of the editorial and advisory boards, reviewers, or as contributing authors.

It was only during Calla's tenure as Editor-in-Chief that JAE became a Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI) journal and attained a quite high impact factor. These are journal attributes that are very important considerations for young, up-and-coming economists, who are at the frontiers of their respective research fields, and are seeking a convincing platform for which their research may reach a wider audience.

As a member of the Executive Board, and an occasional reviewer, I can attest to her passion, dedication and integrity as the Editor-in-Chief of JAE. She keeps us in line with her gentle yet persistent reminders to meet reviewer deadlines.

On a more personal note, Calla's editorship is an inspiration and her mentorship an encouragement to relatively younger female economists from a developing economy such as myself.

Thus, I believe that it would be a huge loss to JAE should she not be allowed to continue as its Editor-in-Chief.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Daway-Ducanes".

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