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Dear Dr. He,

I am sorry to bring this urgent matter to your attention at such a difficult time. I served as an Executive Editor of the Journal of Asian Economics from 2004 to 2019, and I am now a member of the Advisory Council of the Journal's parent organization, the American Committee on Asian Economic Studies. I am also a faculty member at UC Berkeley and the Dean of the Haas School of Business, a top business school globally. My research areas are predominantly in the area of China and India, and I also served for a number of years at the World Bank, most recently as the Director of Development Policy.

I co-authored a paper published in JAE that was one of [30 chosen by the editors](#) in recognition of the Journal's 30th anniversary.

The Journal of Asian Economics was founded by the ACAES and is defined by its relationship with that organization. Loss of that connection to an academic society would undermine the Journal's stature and its appeal as a publishing venue for authors.

Most importantly, I would like to formally protest the one year contract extended to Editor In Chief Calla Wiemer. I met Calla the last time I was in Manila, but have known of her work for many years. She is doing a phenomenal job; under her editorship the JAE has emerged as the top ranked journal in the field of Asian economic studies based on citation metrics.

I should also point out that Dr. Wiemer has gained respect as a rare female leader in a male dominated profession. I would urge you to reconsider your decision, and reappoint her for a three year term.

Regards,

Ann Harrison