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Dr. Haili He  
Elsevier Beijing Ltd.

Dear Dr. He:

I am writing in support of keeping the Journal of Asian Economics of the American Committee on Asian Economic Studies (ACAES) with ACAES and with the current leadership of both the Committee and the Journal. It is my understanding that there seems to be some view at Elsevier that Calla Wiemer, the current leader of the Committee and the editor of the Journal is not distinguished enough and that the journal has somehow suffered from that fact. I have been involved in the field of Asian economic studies for six decades and am familiar with most of the leaders in the field. Dr Wiemer has been a consistent contributor of quality research and leadership in the field throughout her career. Her background is somewhat different from that of most academics but that is what has made her particularly interesting. Possibly one of the most distinguished people in the field would be willing to take over the journal and would do an adequate job. It is highly unlikely, in my opinion, that that person would do a better job than Dr. Wiemer. More likely is that the journal, detached from its institutional base, would lose many of the people who have made the journal becoming an increasingly influential publication in the field. I hope you will reconsider any decision to place the journal under new leadership, both institutional and personal.

Sincerely yours,

Dwight H. Perkins