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Dr. Haili He
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We all face many difficult decisions in life. Extending Prof. Wiemer's contract for three years should not be one of these.

Sincerely,

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