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Dear Dr. He,

My name is Ryan Zhao and I am an associate professor of School of Business, East China University of Science and Technology. I am writing to ask you to kindly reconsider the decision regarding Dr. Calla Wiemer's contract.

My acquaintance with Dr. Calla Wiemer is mainly through one of my working papers, "Guanxi, Media Coverage and IPO Approvals: Evidence from China", in which I, from the economics department, and my coauthor, from the accounting department, investigate whether "guanxi" and media coverage affects IPO approvals in China. This paper has been accepted for presentation by several conferences. At the submission state, we eventually picked Journal of Asian Economics because we feel that our paper fits the journal's mission best, and in particular, because of Dr. Calla Wiemer.

First, Dr. Calla Wiemer's expertise in economics and her understanding of Asian economies combined probably exceeds anyone else I can imagine. Her first comments on our paper is that it is a very interesting topic but many details need to be clarified. These details, most are what the Chinese researchers like me have taken for granted and thus overlooked. But as Dr. Calla suggests, they probably need to be carefully addressed so that readers outside China can grasp smoothly. I guess her long term experience in reading papers by Asian researchers helped her to identify weakness of the papers quickly, and more importantly, enabled her to provide constructive suggestions for researchers.

Second, Dr. Calla Wiemer's feedback is the promptest I have ever witnessed from my over ten years' submission experience. It is needless to say that how much the authors care about the duration of the submissions and re-submissions. In my experience with Journal of Asian Economics, I have always been amazed by Dr. Calla Wiemer's timely feedback. Unlike some other journals that authors need wait for months, she always tried to look at my responses and provide further feedbacks if needed. This greatly improved I and my coauthor's working efficiency because working on something fresh save a lot time in having to recall what we did in the previous version if the feedback is heard months later.

In short, from my view, Dr. Calla Wiemer's expertise, experience, and her dedicated service, makes her the most ideal candidate as the Editor-in-chief for Journal of Asian Economics. I definitely want to work with later and would like to recommend her affiliated journal to my research fellows. On this occasion, I sincerely request you to offer her a 3-year renewable contract, which is not only what Dr. Calla Wiemer deserves, but also, as I believe, is beneficial

for continuing expanding the influence of Journal of Asian Economics.

Thank you very much for taking time to read my letter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With regards,
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