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Dear Dr. Haili He,

I hope this letter finds you well in the terrible time. I am writing to you in support of Dr. Calla Wiemer as chief editor of the Journal of Asian Economics (JAE) in the future. I was told that she will be offered a one-year contract of Chief Editor of the journal by Elsevier and do not think it was a proper decision. As I know, she has contributed to significant progress of the JAE since she becomes the chief editor ofthe journal. The journal has considerably improved in ranking, papers quality and academic reputation due to her efforts and hard work. As Dr. Wiemer is an old friend of mine, I have paid attention to the progress of the journal and often recommended it to my colleagues and coauthors and also expected the journal would become one of the best journals in Asian economic studies. My optimistic prediction of the journal in the future is based on my belief in Dr. Calla Wiemer's enthusiasm and competence will raise greatly quality of the journal. She has told me several times about her ambitious plan for the journal in the last year and early this year which is very excited to me. Moreover, she as the president of the American Committee on Asian Economic Studies (ACAES) has always found some ways to promote the journal. For an example, she organized a panel in the ASSA meetings 2020, in which she introduced the journal and held a reception on the behalf of the journal's editorial board. I was invited to present a paper in the panel and participate in the reception with more than thirty other participants. This indicates Dr. Wiemer makes great effort to promote the JAE in academic society. In sum, she is fully qualified and competent for a position of chief editor of JAE. I hope very much her three-year contract as editor-in-chief will be renewed. It would be a good chance for her to make further contribution to the journal and also beneficial to the journal itself.

Yours sincerely

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