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Dear Otto et al.,

It is with some regret that I inform you of my decision to resign as an editor of Climate Research. The recent events regarding CR have not made it easy to defend the quality of the journal and therefore to serve as an editor. CR was a fine journal with a growing reputation, especially in the area of climate applications and interactions. I was pleased to be able to participate in further building the journal's strength in this area. It is thus very unfortunate that CR's reputation has become tangled in climate politics, and I am quite dismayed that so little has been done to correct this problem.

I have waited some time before making my decision, both to avoid hastiness and to see how CR might deal with the issues. As events unfolded, it became clear that CR needed to correct the increasingly widespread perception in the climate community that something was amiss at the journal. I had been hoping for a strong, clear direction in editorial policy with some appropriate changes to the editorial board structure and editorial process, to show the community that CR could address the issues and move onward. The potential Editor-in-Chief changes looked as though they might have addressed this, but at the critical juncture they failed. Since then, no real changes have materialized. As a result, I fear that the journal will suffer even more and that, even if substantive changes were to take place now, the damage is done and any such action will be too late. I believe the status quo is untenable and I cannot endorse further inaction to correct the problems with the journal. I have therefore decided to resign.

I will complete my editorial duties on the manuscripts already submitted to me, unless you indicate otherwise. I will redirect any new ones to IR or the editors.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve the journal and the climate research community.

Sincerely,

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