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Professor Michael Best,
Coordinating Editor, Internet Shakespeare Editions
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Dear Michael, and colleagues,

This is a letter in strong support of the Internet Shakespeare Editions, under the enlightened direction of Professor Michael Best of the University of Victoria. From my vantage as member of the editorial board of ISE, and as editor of *As You Like It* for the series, I can report that I see nothing but good news. Michael Best is brilliant, visionary, hardworking, attentive, unfailingly courteous, and everything that one wants in a senior editor. The project on line is receiving a tremendous number of hits, which will surely grow as the series expands and prospers. The connection with Broadview Press, to provide a companion printed text, is working out beautifully; this is a premier press, and the work with them has been exemplary. Many plays are coming right along.

The idea of this series, to provide newly edited editions of Shakespeare by well-established scholars and critics, and to be on line without cost or charge to any who wish to use these texts, is the inspired idea that prompted me to join in. This is public-spirited scholarship at its very best.

I am proud to be a part of ISE, under Michael Best's leadership;, and I recommend it to libraries and other facilities around the world.

Sincerely,

David Bevington
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Humanities