

Editor's Welcome

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EDITOR'S WELCOME

Dear Readers,

It is my pleasure to present the first issue of Volume 8 of the revived *American University Legislation & Policy Brief*. The *Brief* stands out as the only bipartisan law student-run publication in our nation's capital. This particular issue of the *Brief* includes a foreword, written by U.S. Representative Jamie Raskin, as well as two articles and one student note.

The first article, written by Michael C. Barnes, seeks to advance a policy that ensures health care providers feel confident prescribing or dispensing medication to treat opioid use disorder and other conditions that may require treatment with controlled medications. This policy would require complaints in which medical need and patient care are at issue to be investigated first by licensing boards, which are governed and staffed by individuals with health-specific expertise, rather than by law enforcement.

The second article, written by Fernando R. Laguarda, argues that presidential tweeting not only expresses and explains legal or policy directives, but ultimately frames issues for government action within the confines of a 280-character Tweet.

The student comment, written by Julie Flower, advocates for stronger policy protections to shield the immigration status of individuals affected by domestic violence in the United States.

Further discussion of current policy issues can be found on our blog at legislationandpolicy.com.

Over the past year, the *American University Legislation & Policy Brief* has grown exponentially, from three law students to fifty-one. I would like to thank the Editorial Board and Staff of the *Brief* for their hard work and commitment in putting together this issue. Additionally, I would like to thank the authors for their diligence; it has been a pleasure working with each of you.

Finally, I would like to thank Professor Laguarda for his unwavering support, as well as the WCL Program on Law & Government for embracing (and financially supporting) the *Brief's* mission to bring bipartisan dialogue and events to the WCL community.

It has been both an honor and a privilege to serve as Editor-in-Chief of this *Brief*. Lastly, my gratitude goes to the *Brief's* Executive Editor, Andrew L. Balland, for his assistance and dedication to the *Brief*.

Best Regards,



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