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## Editor's Welcome

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**EDITOR'S WELCOME**

Dear Readers,

I'd like to welcome you to Volume 11 of the *American University Legislation & Policy Brief*. The *Brief* holds a place on the Washington College of Law's campus as the only bipartisan, legislative-based publication. In 2018, after a few years of inactivity, a group of students resurrected the *Brief*, and I am proud to say that we are currently in our fourth year back on campus.

After a year of operating the *Brief* entirely online during the COVID-19 pandemic, we returned to campus this year to continue operations in person. While on campus, the Executive Board embarked on one of its most ambitious years yet by creating Volume 11, the largest publication since the *Brief* resurged.

Volume 11 contains a foreword, written by Professor Stephen Wermiel, two student articles, and one practitioner article. These manuscripts discuss the Foreign Emoluments Clause, problems associated with the rise of financial technology ("fintech"), and privacy concerns created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

First, I would like to thank the authors for their exceptional writing on such timely topics. I would also like to thank the Program on Law and Government for its continued support throughout the years. In addition, I would like to give special thanks to Professor Stephen Wermiel for his unwavering support and guidance every step of the way.

Finally, I would like to thank the entire staff and Executive Board for their hard work and dedication to the *Brief*. We hit the ground running this year, and it takes a village to successfully produce a weekly blog, a yearly publication, and an annual Symposium. Thank you in particular to our Senior Articles Editor, Alicia Espinosa, for her commitment to our publication. We would not be where we are today without her.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the Editor-in-Chief for Volume 11. I hope that the *Brief* continues this path of success. Good luck to the future staff and Executive Board.

Best regards,

Kate Brennan

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